

BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
Special Budget Workshop Meeting
March 12, 2018

Call to Order: Supervisor Larry Grell called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Brian Johnson, Larry Nelson, Carl Malott, Linda McSweyn and Larry Grell

Members Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Grell

Approval of the Agenda: Brian Johnson motioned to approve the agenda, motion 2nd by Carl Malott, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Larry Nelson stepped away for a period of time). Motion carried.

Budget Workshop 2018-2019: Supervisor Larry Grell stated he went off the numbers from last year's budget. Supervisor Grell went over account line items and listed new dollar amount to be budgeted for each. He started with the account titled **Zoning Board of Appeals** stayed the same as last year, than **Roads and Bridges** which will have three new line items (Ditching, Road Building for Paving, and Rental with County on Equipment will be added). After a lengthy discussion the new line item of Rental with the County on Equipment was scratched by the board and the use of monies from line item called **County Maintenance Fee** will be used with an additional of \$600.00 to be added to the already existing amount of \$6,000.00 making the total \$6,600.00. **Governing Body** Supervisor Grell increased line item Computer Software because of upgrading BS&A software. The amount of this line item is \$4,000.00. There was a discussion on the phones, internet, etc. and looking into Charter. Supervisor Grell mentioned he and Fire Chief Al Vincent is checking into this. AT&T is getting way too expensive for phones and board members felt this would be cost effective and better service. Supervisor Grell explained on how the supervisor's salary will be broken down with the additional pay of \$250.00. Larry Grell added new line items for FICA/Medicare for each of the three Deputy Clerks. A discussion on Larry Grell finding a Deputy Clerk for his office was brought up and at this time he has not appointed one. Larry Nelson mentioned it is difficult to find people that are qualified. A new line item for postage will be added to the **Clerks budget**. The Treasure's mileage has been raised do to bank closing in Edenville and longer distance to drive to handle business. Assessor's wages are still low compared to other surrounding areas according to Larry Grell. Larry Grell would like to raise their wages by .50 (cents) this would be \$11.50 per parcel. Board members all agreed the Assessor's do a great job and there have been no complaints from anyone. A change under **Elections** is a new line item to be added called Capital Outlay for new voting equipment, etc. Discussion on township roof and ceiling tiles in the hall area were discussed it was tabled for later discussion. **Cemetery Fund** was designated \$3,000 for Computer Equip/Software. **Public Works** stayed the same except for additional \$200.00 added to gas and oil and property insurance was also increased. **Planning and Zoning** stayed the same. **Park and Recreation** budget was submitted by Rose Malott with the following changes postage, printing and publishing was reduced. \$30,000 was an increase to Capital Outlay for future development and equipment purchases. Larry Grell asked an for update on plans for the park. Rose Malott stated the committee is putting that together. Rose Malott mentioned a need to purchase a tractor for mowing. Brian Johnson mentioned we need to start bringing in revenue. Larry Grell mentioned Fire **Department** needed two line items added Plaques and New Truck. Clerk said the line items were already added. **Garbage Fund** both Larry Grell and Larry Nelson said we may need to increase charge per parcel to \$110.00. Larry Grell commented the increase would not be for at least 2 years?

Discussion on **Ostlund Drive** needing two additional line items called Ostlund Drive Paving Loan and Ostlund Drive Paving Payback and the same two line items (replaced with the words Janice Lane) added to **Janice Lane**. Larry Nelson stated that the lines have already been added. He also said he would give the General Ledger numbers that was in cash receipting to the Clerk. Linda McSweyn will find out why they did not show up on the Expenditure Report.

Budget Workshop: Sewer Operations Fund needs five new item lines (Capital Outlay Scade Update, Capital Outlay Power Barn and Work, Capital Outlay Ferric Tank Building, Capital Outlay Pull Wires to UV Building and Capital Outlay Update DO Meters. If a new pump is needed the funds will come from RRI Fund.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Good Job said by the Trustees.

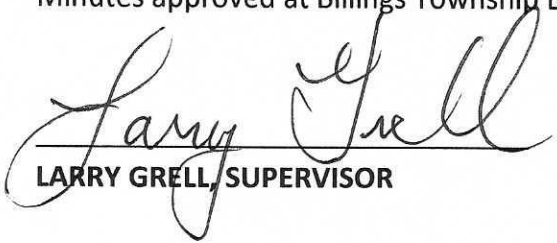
Adjournment: Larry Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting, motion 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 6:50 p.m.

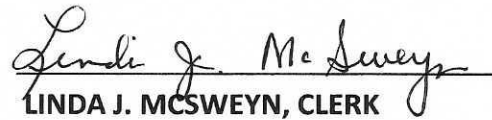
Minutes taken by: Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting

April 9 2018

DATE


LARRY GRELL, SUPERVISOR


LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK