

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 11, 2017**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Larry Grell called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Carl Malott, Brian Johnson, Larry Nelson, Larry Grell and Lydia Goschke.

**Members Absent:** None

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Grell

**Approval of the Agenda:** Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of REU's Lydia Goschke 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Brian Johnson made a motion to approve the August 14, 2017 Board Meeting minutes with the following corrections would be under the Fire Chief's report change received air packs to ordered and under approve agenda Brian Johnson made the motion to approve the agenda and Carl Malott 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills to be Paid:** Larry Nelson made a motion to approve bills to be paid, Brian Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call Vote: Brian Johnson-Yes, Larry Nelson-Yes, Carl Malott –Yes, Lydia Goschke –Yes, Larry Grill – Yes. Motion carried.

**Audit:** Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the audit as it stands and Larry Grell 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Carl Malott read from the audit schedule of findings and felt that we should get the reconciliation done as soon as possible as well as getting our policies in place.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Al Vincent read the fire chiefs report on runs and other business. Also, presented a new firefighter Stephanie Zalba for the board approval. Brian Johnson made a motion to approve the new firefighter, Carl Malott 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motioned carried.

**WWTP Report:** Larry Grell read Project Manager Andy Gwizdala's report.

**Roads – Dave Pettesch:** Larry Grell made a motion for a resolution to find grant monies equal to 10% of our budget to help road repairs on Burling Dr. Lydia Goschke 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motioned carried. Larry reported that Jones Rd is done with Pinconning and Anderson, we also had some roads graveled, and if we get the millage passed we can do more.

**PARK AND RECREATION REPORT:** Rose Malott went over repair work for septic at the community park. Need to replace 800 gallon tank and possibly a new pump. The estimate was approximately \$3,000.00. Larry Grell made a motion of purchase of new pump, Brian Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Roll Call Vote: Brian Johnson-Yes, Larry Nelson-Yes, Carl Malott-Yes, Lydia Goschke-Yes, Larry Grell-Yes. Motion carried. Pancake breakfast was successful. Rose suggested to apply for a yearly food permit for the township hall to cut cost. Larry Grell said he would get a price on a food permit for the hall. Trunk or Treat is being held

**PARK AND RECREATION REPORT (cont.)** October 28, 2017 the Saturday before Halloween. Rose Malott brought forward a proposal to start a farmer's market for Billings Twp. Rose introduced Linette Smith a market vendor who approached the park committee asking if we would be interested in starting a Billings Twp Farmer's Market. Rose briefly explained the functions along with Linette such as: Startup and closing times for the seasons, applying for a USDA (Food Stamps) program. A discussion occurred between Larry Nelson and Rose on the setting up an account for the handling of food stamp deposits. Carl Malott made a motion going forward with the farmer's market endeavor Brian Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call Vote: Brian Johnson-Yes, Larry Nelson-Yes, Carol Malott-Yes, Lydia Goschke-Yes, Larry Grell-Yes. Motion carried. Surveillance cameras and warning signs purchased. One Roadside sign was stolen. Kitchen stove will not be purchased at this time. Larry Grell asked about insulation for the building. Rose has not received any responses from contractors and she will get back to him.

**Correspondence:** None

Larry Grell recesses the board meeting at 7:50 p.m. to open a public meeting on paving Janice Lane.

Sid Hansen (Spokesperson) handed out paperwork explaining process. Cost would be \$2,586 per parcel spread over 3 years at \$862 per parcel. Bob Fraiser supports paving of road. Property owner stated it caused a financial burden and she is on a fix income. She questioned if a large lot pays the same as a small. Also noted that the road height presently allows water to drain into her driveway, will this be corrected? The Larry Grell explained the township is involved financially with the loan and not with the actual paving. A property owner mentioned three year loan is not long enough. Carol McDonald has a lot but no house and feels \$862 is a large amount of money. Sid Hansen talked about extension of 5 years instead of 3 years. Sid said their committee will need to talk about it to extend it to 5 years. They will have to submit another proposal at the next public meeting to set monies, percentages, etc. Floyd McDonald said the present crowning on the road is not correct recommends R. Hawkins to raise the crown. He also said he prefers 5 years of the loan is better.

Larry Grell closed public meeting on Janice Lane at 8:15 p.m.,

Larry Grell opened public meeting on paving Oslund Dr. at 8:15 p.m.

Phil Fusco (Spokesperson) said he received 17 out of 31 property owner signatures to approve bid from Hodgins Asphalt Paving Inc. of \$53,100 to pave Oslund Dr. They will remove the gravel and rebuild the base properly before paving. Ron Wagner has lived there a year and said the road is terrible and supports paving. John McBeck wanted to clarify the responsibility of the township board role as banker. Phil Fusco received 3 quotes and took lowest bid. Petitioners questioned who would be responsible to oversee the work and who is responsible to inspect the work.

Larry Grell closed public meeting on Oslund Dr. at 8:30 p.m.

Larry Grell re open the township board meeting again at 8:30 p.m.



**Old Business:** Discussed garbage and recycle days. Larry Grell asked people to call if they did not receive new carts. Yard waste and tire dumpsters at the plant are still available. Discussion of the tax and property software (BS&A) information on line. This current tax information will be made available to the public online reducing amount of calls to Treasurer Office. The approximate cost is \$1,595. A phone message will be left for people to look at the Website and information will be updated daily. Larry Nelson made a motion to try the BS&A program out, Brian Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Problems with the township well at the hall have been corrected. Galvanized pipe and the bladder tank replaced. The ladies room has a new toilet and new faucet. Stop the REU's on the parcel number 26-030-070-042-00. Lot became vacant.

**Senior Lunches:** Lunches will be coming back in October per Larry Grell.

**Public Comments:** Sid Hansen was wondering why we not recognized Sandy Aultman (Commissioner). Larry Aldrich asked us to post senior luncheon on the sign outside. Rose Malott noted a pot hole on Knox Rd and also noted township hall kitchen needed a splash guard on the drain. Lloyd McDonald mentioned he had a prospective renter and someone from the township told her she could open her business due to it being manufacturing.

**Board Comments:** Larry Nelson announced final Summer Tax payment due day Thursday, September 14, 2017. Business on the corner of Brushaber and Middle Road was formerly Hooks Landing has a new owner will be opening before Memorial Day 2018.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Larry Nelson to adjourn the meeting, Brian Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Time: 9:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Lydia Goschke, Township Clerk  
Transcribed by: Lydia Goschke and Linda McSweyn, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting \_\_\_\_\_  
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LARRY GRELL, SUPERVISOR

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LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK