

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2019**

Call to Order: Supervisor Tim Mester called meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Mester

Members Present Per Roll Call: Brian Johnson, Carl Malott, Linda McSweyn and Tim Mester

Members Absent: Len Pytlak, Excused

Public Comments: Larry Aldrich asked what happened to the audio system.

Approval of the Agenda: Brian Johnson motioned to approve the agenda with the following addition of Web Domain, 2nd by Linda McSweyn, 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Brian Johnson motioned to approve minutes for the Billings Township Board meeting July 8, 2019, 2nd by Tim Mester, 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motioned carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid: Brian Johnson motioned to approve the payment of bills for July, 2019, 2nd by Tim Mester. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Board reviewed Treasurers Report that Len Pytlak submitted. Linda McSweyn motioned to accept July, 2019 Treasurers Report, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Annual Meeting with Road Commission for Billings Township is Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Correspondence received from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) announcing a public hearing for the drinking water revolving fund which will be held on August 21, 2019 at 1:30p.m. in Lansing, Michigan.

Fire Chief's Report: Al Vincent reported – Township Fire Department had 41 calls reported from July 5, 2019 to August 9, 2019. Al Vincent brought before the Board that the Hose Testing will be July 18th the amount would be over \$1,000.00. Al asked the Board for the following to be approved. These items are over a \$1,000.00 each. Brian Johnson motioned to approve the payments of the following items as requested by the Fire Chief---Buddy Breathing/Air Pac's, Writ Pac, Jaws testing, Pump testing, and Truck maintenance, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried.

WWTP REPORT: Andy submitted on behalf of Infrastructure Alternatives a written monthly report as he could not attend the meeting. Monthly Operating Report covering the operations, maintenance and management of wastewater treatment facility for July, 2019. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 1.8 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and was given a full treatment during July, 2019. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 58,065

WWTP REPORT (cont.): gallons. The maximum daily flow was 81,695 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. There was 0 alarm callouts this month.

DPW: Nothing to report.

Ordinance Officer Report: Nothing to report.

Zoning Administration Reports: Submitted by Brian Johnson & Justin Schneider - July 2019 Permits – 7 new zoning permits issued, several phone calls dealing with violations, 14 phone conversations pertaining to zoning permits, applications and property. Eight site visits. July 2019 Violations and Appeals – Benaway-Beech Road Appeal/Variance Application Submitted.

Zoning Board of Appeals: On July 22, 2019 Hommel Variance hearing was held the variance was denied. July 11, 2019 ZBA Board elections were held. Larry Grell – Chair, Kelly Miller – Co Chair, and Rose Malott – Secretary. Application was received on Benaway Variance from Zoning Administrator Brian Johnson on August 2, 2019. Brian noted the application is incomplete. Tentative hearing date is September 12, 2019, depending on completion of and documentation needed for hearing. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2019.

Park and Recreation Report: Ron Sherman, Park & Rec Chairperson gave an update on the activities/work at the park that was done. Ron mentioned Larry Woodard, Butch Wenzel and Linda McSweyn worked on the outside toilets. Ron turned the reporting update over to Larry Woodard, Park & Rec Co-Chair. He listed the various projects that were done and what plans for the upcoming months. Pine trees have been trimmed; mowing just about every day with the new tractor, about 50% of the back has been mowed to about 8 inches high it was up to about 14 inches and trying to knock it down, getting quotes on doors and fixtures for outside bathrooms and park building. He spoke with Midland Chemical and they suggested going with the larger rolls of toilet paper and holders at a reasonable price. Larry ordered the necessary items for the bathrooms. Pam Wenzel has been volunteering her time cleaning inside the building and helping wherever she can. Larry also would like the Board to keep in the back of their mind because winter will be here before you know it about changing the use of north end of the building to a storage area. Received one bid and waiting on two more. Levi Yoder is supposed to get ahold of Larry sometime this week, and KGP is going to give bids on cost. Larry asked Brian about the inside work and asked about the petition if we can do it ourselves Brian suggested talking to Justin Schneider. Larry turned back to Ron Sherman and asked if anything else needs to be discussed. Ron thanked Dee Batista about the nice post on the Facebook page. Ron also posted it on Parks & Rec and what we have accomplished and our future plans. Playground inspector came in and said every bit of equipment we have is obsolete and the grounds need some type of cushion should anyone fall off swings. Ron mentioned we have to get donations and grant money. Carl Malott suggested looking into grant. Len Pytlak is working through Lowes and also on getting grants. Carl Malott suggested looking into grants. Len and Larry are on working on the wetlands. Replacement roofs should be put on the bathrooms this month. There are some people in the public would really like us to do the Trunk-n-Treats. If we do the Trunk -N-Treats it will be outside only. Ron is checking into food trucks that we can bring in for this event.

Road Committee: Road Commission meeting for last week was cancelled, rescheduled to Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. Tim mentioned working on some street signs and stop signs.

Commissioners Report: July/August 2019 Joel Vernier reported that he has attended 20 meetings. The agreement between Midland County Commissioners, Gladwin County Commissioners, and the Four Lakes Task Force will be signing an agreement tomorrow which gives them the final authority to make the actual purchase. You can see the paper work on the County website under the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Joel attended meetings on security assessments for the county building eventually metal detectors will be put in approximately the next six months. A grant is out for a new patrol car and hoping that will come in. Gladwin Business Professional Area (GBPA) received a grant Eastern MI Council of Governments (a Board that he is on) for a speaker system program for downtown in the amount of \$16,000.00 it cost about \$57,000.00. When you go downtown for example Festival of Lights, they will be able to play music and spread it throughout the whole downtown area for events, themes and music. It also ties in with Bob North; Emergency Service Manager he will have access for emergency use. A grant was received in amount of \$16,000.00 for the Farmer's Market which will be used to expand the pavilion. A grant was received for the Historical Village and you will really see a real sweeping change going through there. He mentioned he was on the Board of the Mid-Michigan Community Action and will find out in the next week if we will get a multimillion dollar Moderate Income Senior Housing. There is one in Clare. It will be 32 units and rent will be \$1,200.00 a month. This will bring 50 to 60 people that live in the downtown area to go shopping and will be in walking distance of two pharmacies. Fishing Tournament was held for the Dolly Parton Imagination library Food Diner. I went to an all day workshop to oversee some of the grant writings for the county. Received updated information on the census information we had showed we missed the census by 12% in 2010 but according to the census lady (something she pulled up on the computer) we missed it by 22% that is huge. Each person we count in the census is \$1,800.00 a year for 10 years. We are working hard to get this together and get our count better in the future. Thursday night of this week Joel will be appointed to the Four Lakes Task Force. He will be able to update us a little better with accurate information. Joel asked if there were any questions. Brian Johnson questioned the balance approximately \$40,000.00 - \$41,000.00 for the speaker system if it was being allocated by the county. Joel answered remaining money was coming through other grants, foundations, donations and businesses, and no money was coming from the county tax dollars. No county time or effort was involved in this process. All this was being done by the Gladwin Business Professional Association.

Old Business: John Deere financial application was discussed if we should apply for a credit card. During discussion Brian and Carl were in agreement not to obtain another credit card. The Board turned down the idea of having a credit card with John Deere. Brian gave a brief update on our domain Billings Township.org with Go Daddy. Midland Computer Solutions will be working on everyone's Emails and will transfer over everything we have now to the new system. This will be done sometime this month. Emails addresses are \$4.00 a month per Email address. The old system was limited to 10 users and we now have unlimited. They (MSC) will be contacting everyone who has an Email address on the server. A Tower study is being done to see if it will support our current tower to handle the Fire Department, Wireless equipment and Verizon equipment. This will be extra revenue.

New Business: Two applications were received for a position on the Planning Commission Deb Krziok and Gregory Scott. Deb Krziok decided not to apply. She would rather help the Park & Rec. Brian Johnson

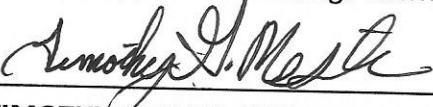
New Business (Cont.): motioned to approve Gregory Scott to the Planning Commission, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried. Tim would like to move the tires and yard waste to Pinconning Road or the Billings Township Park and Rec area. This was tabled until Tim checks into this matter further, figure cost and bring information to the Board to support this move before we move forward. Three tree estimates were turned in by Garry Hunt for the estimate for tree removal in the cemetery. Brian Johnson made a motion to use Mid Michigan Tree Service, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried.

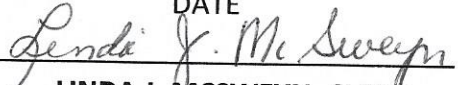
Board Comments: No Comments.

Adjournment: Tim Mester motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Linda McSweyn, 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried. Time: 8:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting


TIMOTHY MESTER, SUPERVISOR

September 9, 2019
DATE

LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK



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