

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 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, Len Pytlak, Carl Malott, Linda McSweyn and Tim Mester

Members Absent: None

Public Comments: Colleen Kuehnel, Growth Manager gave a brief presentation on MERS 457 investment/retirement program. Colleen asked Tim Mester if it was alright to do a follow up with him. Roger Arvo questioned why Martin Rd going North of Estey has never been completed and where did the funds go that were allocated by Gladwin County over 20 years ago. He has contacted past supervisors on this matter. Roger Arvo commented more than once that twenty years has been long enough. He was not going into why the road was never done because he might not want to hear the comments/excuses. He would like to move forward and request that the board prioritize fixing Martin Rd. I have handed the paper work to Larry Grell, Tim Mester and Linda McSweyn on this subject. John Pattenham was here to recruit workers for the 2020 census. He left information on how to apply for 2020 Census jobs.

Approval of the Agenda: Len Pytlak motioned to approve the agenda as revised, date changed of monthly board meeting and added items, 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Brian Johnson motioned to approve minutes for the Billings Township Board meeting November 11, 2019, 2nd by Len Pytlak, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer's Report: Len Pytlak informed the board; Billings Township received the delinquent taxes from the county. Board reviewed Treasurers Report, Brian Johnson motioned to accept November, 2019 Treasurers report, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak - Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: 2020 Recycle Calendar was received from Republic. Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce 2020 Annual Directory/Advertisement was received. Received correspondence from ISO which is Public Protection Classification (PPC) Al Vincent, Fire Chief will give explanation when he gives his report. Letter submitted by Len Pytlak Treasurer, on Wixom Lake Improvement District concerning the weed control assessment not being on the taxes.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief, Al Vincent, reported - Fire Department had 35 calls from Nov. 7, 2019 to Dec. 07, 2019. Two people are in the fire academy and the cost is \$500.00 person. The Fires Chiefs Association is going to try and recoup the money for training. ISO is an insurance rating for the fire

Fire Chief's Report (cont.): departments. We are rated at 8B. This is as low as we can go because we have no hydrants. Al continued to explain on how the ratings were determined.

WWTP REPORT: Andy Gwizdala, Plant Manager was unable to attend tonight. A report was submitted by Andy on behalf of Infrastructure Alternatives covering maintenance and management of wastewater treatment facility for November, 2019. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 2.9 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and was given a full treatment during November 2019. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 95,100 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 131,872 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. Winterizing of equipment for the year is completed. 0- Alarms during the month.

DPW: Nothing to report.

Ordinance Officer Report: Nothing to report.

Zoning Administration Reports: Zoning reports were submitted by Brian Johnson for the months of September, October and November 2019. Violations: Shed & Storage Container on Wieman, Storage Container on E Knox and House on Beech without permit.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Rose Malott, Secretary turned in a monthly report stating no meetings/hearings scheduled in November. A variance request was received from the Zoning Administrator on October 17th. A hearing was not scheduled due to incomplete applications. ZBA Chair worked with Zoning Administrator to acquire missing documents and information. The hearing schedule date has not been determined. ZBA needs one board member.

Park and Recreation Report: Ron Sherman, Park & Rec Chairperson stated he had nothing to report.

Commissioners Report: Joel Vernier was unavailable.

Road Report: Tim attended the last Road Commission meeting and brought up the issue of Martin Rd and two other roads. A lengthy discussion took place between board members.

Old Business: A discussion took place on the road ends. Tim explained what we can and what we cannot do on the disposal of them.

New Business: A lengthy discussion took place on the millage for Mosquito Control that failed to be placed on the ballot for renewal. Further discussion took place to determining the taxable amount to charge the tax payers. The Board looked over the ballot verbiage and Resolution #T12092019. Brian Johnson motioned to set the millage at 0.65 for Mosquito Control, 2nd by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak - Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried. Tim Mester motioned to approve Resolution #T12092019 for the new Mosquito Control Millage Ballot Language, 2nd by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak - Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried.

New Business (cont.): Brian Johnson motioned to renew the policy with EMC, 2nd by Tim Mester. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak - Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried. Assessor Michael Hauserman asked the board to approve Application and Resolution #A12092019 for Poverty Exemption 2020. Brian Johnson motioned to approve Application and Resolution, #A12092019 for Poverty Exemption, 2nd by Tim Mester. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak - Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried. Len Pytlak explained about parcels that were forfeited to the county treasurer and ultimately foreclosed upon. Unless the Gladwin County Treasurer hears back from us, the property (562 E Knox, 1284 Denton Creek, and 1260 Denton Creek) will be deeded to Billings Township by December 31, 2019. Brian Johnson motioned to rejected the properties and let them go back to the county land bank, 2nd by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak - Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried. Tim Mester stated that the 2020 Board of Review training is required yearly by the State.


Board Comments: All board members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and do not forget all our Armed Forces and Veterans.

Adjournment: Len Pytlak motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Brian Johnson, 5ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 8:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting

January 13, 2019
DATE



TIMOTHY MESTER, SUPERVISOR


LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK

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