

BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 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: Karen Avery community member commented they attended a Billings Township Park and Recreation Committee meeting and was very impressed with the progress and all the projects that are lined up in the future. She said the park board is doing an awesome job. Jerry Leigem from Midland has a vacant lot on Anderson asking if there is anything he can do because when the Health Department came out to do a Perc test. The Perc test could not be done because he could not meet the 50' requirement from the neighbors well. Brian Johnson advised he needs to appeal to the state. It is a health department issue. We have no jurisdiction. We have no say. Gary Wenzel explained his near death experience and wanted to thank his dear friend Larry Woodard for saving his life.

Approval of the Agenda: Len Pytlak motioned to approve the agenda with the following corrections and additions - Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) reports and Ordinance Enforcer Officer (OEO), 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 June 10, 2019, 2nd by Len Pytlak, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motioned carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid: Brian Johnson motioned to approve the payment of bills for June, 2019, 2nd by Tim Mester. 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 gave treasurers report. Linda McSweyn motioned to accept June, 2019 Treasurers Report, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received an updated synopsis report for the 2019 season from APM. Gladwin County sent out correspondence on the 2019 Chamber Event Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities. Chamber dues were already paid in the amount of \$50.00.

Fire Chief's Report: Al Vincent reported – Township Fire Department had 36 calls reported from June 9, 2019 to July 5, 2019. Al Vincent brought before the board that the Hose Testing will be July 18th the amount would be over \$1,000.00. Brian Johnson motioned to approve the payment of Hose Testing, 2nd by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried. DEQ was contacted concerning a possible gas and oil leak.

WWTP REPORT: Andy was unavailable to give a verbal Monthly Operating Report which covers June, 2019. Written reports were supplied to the board members and copies out on the table for public view. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 2.6 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and was given a full treatment during June, 2019. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 86,233 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 110,140 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. There was one alarm callout, due to a brief power outage at the plant. Pumps and equipment were restarted. We had a sludge pump quit working. The pump has been removed from the pit and taken to have the damaged assessed. Two quotes were submitted one to rebuild the pump and the other was to replace. Brian Johnson motioned to have the pump rebuilt for \$4,100.00, 2nd by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried.

DPW: Nothing to report.

Ordinance Officer Report: Nothing to report.

Zoning Administration Reports: No report this month

Zoning Board of Appeals: Rose Malott, Chairperson reported no meeting scheduled for the month of June. Zoning Board of Appeals received a variance application from the Zoning Administrator. ZBA has scheduled a hearing for July 11, 2019. ZBA will be holding their regular meeting following the hearing. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 8, 2019.

Park and Recreation Report: Larry Woodward, Park & Recs Vice-Chair gave report on the Park & Recreation. Doggie Do Stations are installed. Finish cleaning up behind the buildings and Garry Hunt (DPW) helped and we are working pretty close with him. One of the children's spring rides broke in the playground area. A certified park planner/state inspector is coming out to check the playground for safety, suggestions on what equipment to purchase and suggestions for improvements. Message boards are up on the sign and the sign has been painted. The new sewage pump has been hooked up. Ron Sherman, Park & Rec Chairperson talked about the 3 ponds in the back which Larry and Butch decided to call Reflective Lakes. Ron gave update on projects being implemented on the five year plan and additional additions being discussed at the Planning meetings. The outside bathrooms repairs are going to be done by donations which include material and labor.

Commissioners Report: Joel M Vernier reported that the Gladwin County is in the process of doing improvements to the County Building and two annex's buildings. County is redesigning their Web Site with Stearns Marketing. A Grant app went out for a new patrol car. Joel mentioned he is co-chairing the census report with Bob Balzer this year. They estimate the census is 10 to 15% low in our count. This is huge. He was not sure if Billings Township has anything to do with the Brownfield project grants but if you have any gas stations with leaky tanks there is grant money available. Mid-Michigan Community Action (MMCA) is still taking applications for the weatherization program. Mobile Home Park in Gladwin lost their license because they did not renew their license. Baby Pantry also loss their building. Community Health discussed infant death sleeping with parents.

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Old Business: Tim Mester stated still working on a common Noise Control Ordinance agreement that the sheriff department will approve and support. MiDeal purchase program is in place. Brian Johnson motioned to approve the purchase of the John Deer Tractor, loader, and mower for the Park & Recreation through the MiDeal in the amount of \$27,133.67, 2nd by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried.

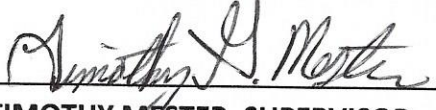
New Business: Tim Mester brought to the boards attention that the Blue Flame Propane Price Protection Agreement is up for renewal. Brian Johnson motioned to purchase the Platinum Pre-Buy of propane for the Waste Water Treatment Plant from July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020 heating season, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried. Brian Johnson was approached by Verizon and will be contacting them again about a Verizon tower.

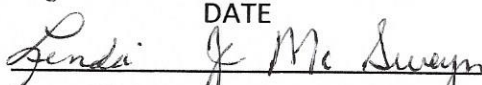
Board Comments: Linda asked if the person who donated the money to the park for the fruit trees was contacted about using the money on something else such as the boat ramp. Ron Sherman said he did speak to him and he said to use it for whatever we want. Linda suggested getting a letter signed by the donator stating the approval. Linda mentioned her son will be coming up this weekend (if the material can be bought for the picnic table skids) he will pick it up. Tim asked if anyone is having any continued problems with Republic (large items) please let him know and he will invite Gary to come and explain why we have these issues.

Adjournment: Len Pytlak motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Linda McSweyn, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 7:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting


TIMOTHY MESTER, SUPERVISOR

August 12th, 2019
DATE

LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK