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**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 14, 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:** Ben Seago, Regional Manager, APM North gave update on APM Mosquito Control. Karen Avery asked why her property was not sprayed in the spring when requested Ben took her name, address and number to check it out. Len Pytlak asked about EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) outbreak problem in this area? Ben replied not in this area.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Len Pytlak motioned to approve the agenda as revised, one spelling error, add (F) to New Business (Farmland Open Space), 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 September 9, 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 September, 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 mentioned he contacted the bank on three CD’s not reporting interest but has not heard back as of yet. Board reviewed Treasurers Report submitted by Len Pytlak, Brian Johnson motioned to accept September, 2019 Treasurers report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak - Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Mid-Michigan Community Action looking for volunteers for this year’s income tax season to aid the seniors. Tim offered if they would consider using the Billings Township Hall for the above services. The Four Lakes Task Force has applied for a preliminary energy permit. Gladwin County Road Commission “Fall Ride-Around” to show the 2019 completed road projects on October 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. RSVP by October 9, 2019 to 426-7441 or @gladwinroads.com. Charter Communications provided information informing the changes to our channel lineup for customers in Billings Township. Gladwin County Board of Commissioners’ met and discussed “Time of Transfer Ordinance” (Point of Sale).

**Fire Chief’s Report:** Jennifer Mason reported - Fire Department had 15 calls reported from Sep 8, 2019 to October 10, 2019. Jennifer mentioned they received a thank you card from a resident with a donation. Jennifer handed out a proposal in the amount of \$2,189.96. She mentioned the State added a mandatory medical report in addition to the fire report. Jennifer Mason submitted an itemized proposal asking the Board for the following to be approved, 1 LENOVO IC 520 23.8 All-In-One Touch Screen Ryzen Processor 8GB Ram 256GB SSD/ Mouse KB, Office 365 Home (6 users) 12 months, 2 Samsung Galaxy Tab A 10.1.32GB Wi-Fi Tablet, 5 On-Site Service & Set Up and 3 Prontoform per device 6 Mo Subscription. Brian Johnson motioned to approve

**Fire Chief's Report cont.:** the payment of the following above items as requested in the proposal submitted by the Billings Fire Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried.

**WWTP REPORT:** Andy Gwizdala, Plant Manager submitted on behalf of Infrastructure Alternatives a monthly report covering maintenance and management of wastewater treatment facility for September, 2019. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 1.5 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and was given a full treatment during September 2019. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 51,333 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 71,283 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. There was 4-Alarm callouts this month, 1-power outage at the plant and 3-return sludge issues.

**DPW:** Nothing to report.

**Ordinance Officer Report:** Nothing to report.

**Zoning Administration Reports:** Being that Justin Schneider was on vacation, a complete Zoning Report was unable to be submitted at this time. Brian Johnson mentioned an appeal application was received as of today. Benaway decision is most likely going to court.

**Park and Recreation Report:** Ron Sherman, Park & Rec Chairperson gave an update on the activities/work at the park that has been completed. Outside Internet is available at the park. A sign has been put up with the user name **clubhouse** and **password 4401**. Chemical Bank had there Cares Workday at the park and township hall. It went very well. Ron turned the reporting update over to Larry Woodard, Park & Rec Co-Chair. Larry mentioned we appreciated Chemical banks hard work. Both outside bathrooms were painted on the outside and the ladies were mostly painted on the inside. Butch Wenzel and I took the fiberglass roof off the bathrooms and the OSB boards were put on. Tore rotted boards off the back garage and shingled. Larry met with a HVAC person from Wilds and they suggested we totally close off the vents at both ends of the park building to help prevent sweating. Someone backed into our dock at the park launch and it will need repairs. Bleachers are 90% down and removed. A "Trunk-n-Treat" will be at the park on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Road Committee:** The question came up at our last board meeting concerning Brushaber and Middle Rd. Tim explained tonight that the contract has not been re-negotiated with operators. This is reason the top coat has not been done, etc.

**Commissioners Report:** September /October 2019 Joel Vernier reported the heat still not working at the county building. Last board meeting of the commissioners voted to move the process forward to "Time of Transfer" commonly known as the Point Sale. Tim Mester, Billings Township Supervisor supported this and Joel thanks him. Gave update on many other programs and issues pertaining to Gladwin County.

**Old Business:** Tim mentioned the Fight Blight campaign and spoke with Gary Hicks from Republic and he is on board with putting another 40 yard dumpster at the Waste Water Treatment plant. Tim will work with Andy where it needs to be placed and looking at ways to be accessible to people. Looking at next spring or fall to budget a Flight Blight weekend which will cost at least \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 whether or not we have volunteers.

**New Business:** Resolution #G10142019-Garbage Assessment Amount was discussed. Brian Johnson motioned to approve, Resolution #G10142019-Garbage Assessment of \$90.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Mester. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried. Hemlock Rd end complaint was received on trees dead in center leaning toward and over buildings onto 4291 S Lake Rd. A lengthy discussion took place. Brian Johnson moved to leave it alone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - No. Motion carried. Council on Aging Gladwin County Contract was signed by Tim Mester on September 17, 2019 without getting board approval so he brought it forward. Brian Johnson motioned to approve the contract with Council on Aging, 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester – Yes. Motion carried. Gladwin County EDC requested a 2019 yearly contribution. Len Pytlak motioned to declined participation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester –Yes. Motion carried. Waste Water Septage money has been put into sewer operation fund. State requires a separate revenue account for keeping track for the money received and spent. Linda McSweyn motioned to set up separate Revenue and Expenditure accounts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried. Gregory Leuenberger is requesting a Farmland agreement for T17NR1E Section 15, Martin & Estey to remain Farmland for 90 years. Brian Johnson motioned to ensure 90 years designated to Farmland future income, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Len Pytlak – Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried.

**Board Comments:** Len Pytlak mentioned the auditor is here tomorrow. Brian Johnson brought up the Air Boat Carport that is on Al Vincent's property from a complaint received. A lengthy discussion took place and Len Pytlak suggested to be tabled to next month. Linda McSweyn mentioned that UPS was looking for a building for a distribution center for Christmas. Tim Mester mentioned that the new furnace and air conditioning is up and working.

**Adjournment:** Brian Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Len Pytlak, 5ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 8:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by Linda J. McSweyn, Township Clerk  
Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting \_\_\_\_\_

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TIMOTHY MESTER, SUPERVISOR

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LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK