

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP**  
**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 9, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Tim Mester called meeting to order at 7:03 p.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:** Glen Turskey had Zoning Permit complaints/questions about property on Mallard Ct. Brian Johnson stated he was still waiting on information and updated Glen on what he already acted upon. Brian also suggested other departments to contact on complaints that this township does not handle. Brian thanked Glen for coming and getting involved. Karen Patterson commented/questioned about the ordinance for the island and campers. She questioned if a seawall permit was applied for. Brian said the ordinance is on our Billings Website. He said as far as the seawall it is not our department. It is DEQ. If there are more than four campers they would have to go to DNR for a permit.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Len Pytlak motioned to approve the agenda with the following addition of the Zoning Board of Appeals Report, 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 August 12, 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 August, 2019, 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.

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

**Correspondence:** Tim mentioned a reduction of rates from Charter for unreturned equipment. Republic Service is holding a Customer Appreciation Day/Landfill Tour at the Whitefeather Landfill in Pinconning on September 19, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Four Lakes Task Force updated pamphlets for 2019 are available at the township hall if you have not received one in the mail. Consumers Energy study correspondence was received by the board. Tim thought he would invite Consumers to come out and give an explanation on the study. Tim would like the board to think about the study in the next month and give their opinion. Brian Johnson asked when the new furnace is being installed. Tim said he's been on him. Brian said it would save tons of money.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Al Vincent reported – Township Fire Department had 37 calls reported from August 11, 2019 to September 8, 2019. Al Vincent Fire Chief mentioned one person taking Medical First Responders in Midland and two persons coming back to the department. Hose testing was done.

**WWTP REPORT:** Andy gave his Monthly Operating Report covering the operations, maintenance and management of wastewater treatment facility for August, 2019. No monthly NPDES Permit violations. 1.4 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and was given a full treatment during August, 2019. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was 45,645 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 57,224 gallons. Andy continues to perform scheduled weekly, monthly, and yearly maintenance on equipment. There were 6 alarm callouts this month, 3 power outage related, and 3 return sludge issues and were the same weekend.

**DPW:** Nothing to report.

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

**Zoning Administration Reports:** Submitted by Brian Johnson & Justin Schneider – August, 2019 Permits – 12 new zoning permits issued, 4 phone calls dealing with violations, 11 phone conversations pertaining to zoning permit applications and property. 9 site visits. August, 2019 Violations and Appeals – Benaway-Beech Road Appeal/Variance Application scheduled for 09-12-19. Yorks Appeal/Variance Application submitted.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Rose Malott, Secretary submitted August ZBA activity: Received a Benaway Variance application from Zoning Administrator Brian Johnson on August 2, 2019. Brian noted that the application is incomplete. Tentative hearing date is September 12, 2019, depending on completion of application and documentation needed for hearing. ZBA did not have meeting/Variance Hearing in August. September 12, 2019 at 6 p.m. is the Benaway Variance Hearing as mentioned above. Received from Brian Johnson on September 4, 2019 a Variance request from Carl & Tamara Yorks. No Hearing date has been discussed or determined at his time.

**Park and Recreation Report:** Ron Sherman, Park & Rec Chairperson gave up date on camera installation and internet is now inside of building and still working on getting internet on the outside. Contacted a scrap dealer and all refrigerators, stove and other scrap items were removed. Larry Woodard continued on with update accomplishments. Everything has been mowed that needs to be mowed and some areas mowed twice. Chemical Bank is doing their community workday on October 14, 2019. Larry stated that he has made a list of projects for not only outdoors but in case of rain indoor projects. Larry asked the board for a decision shortly on the north part of the building to be used for storage for the tractor, tables, etc. Larry contacted several contractors and with everyone's heavy schedule they would not be available to next year. Larry stated need to find a place for the tractor. Linda asked what the plans are for the tractor this year. Brian asked the Waste Water Treatment plant manager if he had room. Andy replied there is plenty of room to store the tractor at the plant. A discussion took place between Brian Johnson and Larry Woodard on the size of the door needed to be installed on the north end of the park building.

**Road Committee:** Tim Mester gave update that only thing he has is Brushaber and Middle road have been resurfaced. Brian questioned the completion. Tim said, no I do not think it is done. Tim mentioned he has not had a chance to get back with them.

**Commissioners Report:** August/September 2019 Joel Vernier gave update on the heating and cooling system at the county building. Veterans County Credit card was approved it will only draw money from the grants no tax funds will be used. Basic Needs Gladwin County Council meeting had funds that were distributed about \$5,000.00 to the Sacred Heart Mission and \$8,500.00 to the Shelter House. Four Lakes Task force seemed to be moving in a very positive way. He also met with the Census Coordinator. Joel attended a tabletop exercise on dam failures at Homer Michigan. Senior Housing moderate income program was corrected from \$1,200 a month to \$500.00 a month plus utilities around \$50.00. At the meeting of Gladwin Association of Government one of the topics was county wide point of sale. Michigan Public Works approved 2 scholarships for Gladwin Leadership Program. Family Fall Festival is Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Old Business:** Tim is setting up a meeting with Gary Hicks- Republic Services on fighting blight. Garry Hunt – DPW made arrangements with Mid-Michigan to have trees removed from the cemetery.

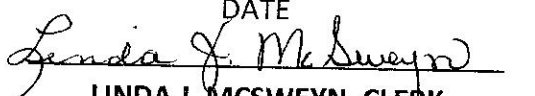
**New Business:** Mike Houserman – Assessor requested the board to remove the garbage assessment from parcel 030-023-200-002-61. Brian Johnson motioned to approve the removal of garbage assessment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Len Pytlak. Roll Call: Brian Johnson –Yes, Len Pytlak -Yes, Carl Malott – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion carried. Received a letter from AT&T on our contract at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the plan is obsolete however AT&T will honor current plan until we change. Brian Johnson will check into this matter. Tim mentioned the kitchen sink drain needed to be repaired because of deterioration. Brian asked is this (sink drain) been taken care of. Tim said not yet working on it.

**Board Comments:** Linda asked would like to go back to the AT& T plan at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Does the Board need to do anything (like a motion to continue with AT&T) and the answer was no. The current plan is still honored until we change it.

**Adjournment:** Tim Mester motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda McSweyn, 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. Motion carried. Time: 7:50 p.m.

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

  
TIMOTHY MESTER, SUPERVISOR

October 14, 2019  
DATE  
  
LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK