

Agenda

Billings Township Board

Meeting Monday November 13, 2023

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comments (Agenda Items only 3 minutes Comments only)
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Approval of Bills to be Paid.
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Correspondences
10. Department reports: **A) Fire Department B) *WWTP C) Constable D) *DPW E) OEO**
11. Committee reports: **A) Park & Recreation B) Road Committee**
12. Guest Speakers: **A) Tami O'Donnell, District 3 Gladwin County Commissioner with Gladwin County Sheriff B) * FLTF/WLIB Don Zakat) C) *APM**
13. Old Business: **A) Road Plan 3/5 B) Mosquito Milage passed C) Still working on date)D) Pudlo Sub Special(update)**
14. New Business: **A) Road Mileage improvement signs B) Treasure Account# C) Park Committee member request D) Special Assessment Road accounts # E) From Clerks Department Raises F) Sign out front G) Driveway/parking lot H) Elections**
15. Public Comment (Open to any topic 3 minutes comments only)
16. Board Comments
17. Adjournment

***COLG: (Council of Local Government)**

***WWTP: Wastewater Treatment Plant**

***DPW: Department of Public Works**

***APM: Advanced Pest Management**

***MDARD: Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development**

***OEO: Ordnance Enforcement Officer**

***CMDHD Central Michigan District Health Department**

***FLTF Four Lakes Task Force**

***WLIB Wixom Lake Improvement Board**

**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2023**

Call to Order: Supervisor Tim Mester called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Mester

Members Present Per Roll Call: Tim Mester, Cindy Whittington, Linda McSweyn, Brian Johnson and Len Pytlak absent.

Public Comments: Airbnb's were brought up during public comments and asked the board to look into these.

Approval of Agenda: Tim Mester made correction regarding #13a on agenda to read Special Assessment Pleasant. Cindy Whittington made a motion to accept agenda with correction, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Motion carried. Roll Call: Tim Mester – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Brian Johnson – Yes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Cindy Whittington made a motion to accept the October 3rd, 2023, Special Meeting to adopt Resolution #2 and proceed with assessment roll for Pleasant Drive, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Motion carried. Cindy Whittington made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid: Cindy Whittington motioned to approve the September 2023 payables, 2nd by Tim Mester. Roll Call: Tim Mester – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Brian Johnson – Yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Linda McSweyn made a motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented, 2nd by Cindy Whittington. Roll Call: Tim Mester – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes and Brian Johnson – Yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Charter Communications is in discussions with Walt Disney Company on renewing their carriage agreement.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief Dale Rottman gave report for the month of September 2023. Fire Department had 25 calls from September 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023. Training for the month of October is **Hurst Tools Jaws of Life Training**. The new suburban for Bentley Twp is down getting a slide out tray at Front Line Service and will hopefully be in service this month. **Macqueen Emergency** will be bringing the trailer with all electric Jaws of Life to training, all neighboring Twp Fire departments will be invited to check out and try the new equipment. **Tanker 20** has all new tires and is now fully in compliance with the N.F.P.A. requirements. **Engine 14** will be next to get new tires so it will be in compliance. The New Tanker specs are due any day after being revised. Dale said the Open House is October 21st from 10am to 3pm and that EMS will also be there.

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WWTP REPORT: Andy Gwizdala, Plant Manager, reported on behalf of Infrastructure Alternatives covering the operations, maintenance, and management of Billings Township Wastewater Treatment Facility, along with the collection system. **WWTP REPORT:** This Monthly Operating Reports covers **September 2023**. The wastewater treatment plant performed well during **September** with no monthly NPDES Permit violations. 1.8 million gallons of wastewater was discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and was given full treatment during **September 2023**. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater treatment was 61,000 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 87,592 gallons. We had 0 alarm call out this month.

Constable: Liquor inspections were done at the following businesses with no issues: Eagles #3655, Sandy's Market, Nikki's Family Restaurant & Dollar General and Off the Hook Tavern. Wixom Lake Gas and Launch is inactive.

DPW: None

Zoning Board of Appeals: Nothing to report.

Ordinance Enforcement: Sandy Streeter gave a lengthy typed report on all complaints, letters that were sent, citations issued, complaints on hold, complaints resolved, complaints dismissed, and court dates set. 8 new complaints, 7 court cases pending, appeared in District Court on 4 cases in September and 3 pending cases. Waiting for an additional 2 court dates for pending violations.

Park and Recreation Report: Larry Woodard gave an update on a playground toy that was not properly installed and under warranty and after 12 hours of waiting, the toy is repaired. A Pontoon Alley group of committee members and volunteers did a can and bottle drive and collected \$418.10. Poker Run made \$2207.00 for park events. The first food distribution for the district is Friday October 13th, 2023, at the park.

Road Report: Sid Hansen gave an update of the 5-year road plans. Meeting on October 17th, 2023.

Commissioners Report/Guest Speakers: Tami O'Donnell, District 3 Gladwin County Commissioner talked about 3-month balanced budget. Four Lakes Task Force said MDOT will be closing M30 Bridge for 2 weeks starting October 18th, 2023. Tami introduced Gladwin County Sheriff to talk about the much-needed Gladwin County Law Enforcement Millage vote on November 7th, 2023. WLIB Bill Sova mentioned getting bids out for canals and needing more funding.

Old Business: Josh from Mosquito Control gave Synopsis of the 2023 season. Billings Township is looking for qualified bids for Cemetery Maintenance. Cindy Whittington made a motion to get proposals, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Tim Mester – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes and Brian Johnson – Yes. Motion carried. Billings Township received two bids to replace the kitchen and storage floors. Brian Johnson made a motion to hire Supreme Floor Covering, 2nd by Cindy Whittington. Roll Call: Tim Mester – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes and Brian Johnson – Yes. Motion carried. Publo was tabled till November meeting.

New Business: Sid Hansen said October 17th, 2023, Road Committee will meet to finalize plan for Gladwin County Road Commission for 23/24. Tim Mester made a motion to add S Tittabawassee River, Beaverton, MI 48612 Parcel 030-023-200-007-00 to the Garbage Collection Roll, 2nd by Cindy Whittington.

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Roll Call: Tim Mester – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes and Brian Johnson – Yes. Motion carried. Tim Mester made a motion to grant **Gladwin Land Access and Authorization** permission to perform all testing and clean-up on the newly purchased Cemetery Property's, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Motion Carried. **Billings Owned Property** located at 3895 Birchwood was tabled at this time.

Public Comments: Juanita Eaton said she would check with county on a Speed limit sign for Brushaber. Monte Wiseman stated he was not for or against short-term rentals as long as they follow the law.

Board Comments: Cindy Whittington asked if they were illegal, and Brian Johnson said best to talk to township lawyer.

Adjournment: Tim Mester motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8.40 p.m., 2nd by Cindy Whittington. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken by Lorraine Hedrich, Township Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting _____

DATE

TIMOTHY MESTER, SUPERVISOR

LINDA J. MCSWEYN, CLERK

****REVISED DUE TO NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION****

ORIGINAL TO: County Clerk(s)
COPY TO: Equalization Department(s)
COPY TO: Each township or city clerk

L-4029

2023 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2023)
MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory. Penalty applies.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes

2023 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 5-22-2023

Gladwin

115,158,799

Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy

For LOCAL School Districts: 2023 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties.

Township of Billings

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2023 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election Charter, etc.	(5)** 2022 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(6) 2023 Current Year "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2023 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy *	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
Allocated	Operation	1/7/2	1.000	0.6820	1.0000	0.6820	1.0000	0.6820			NA
Voted	Fire	3/8/16	1.5000	1.5000	1.0000	1.5000	1.0000	1.5000			12/26
Voted	Roads	11/3/20	1.5000	1.5000	1.0000	1.5000	1.0000	1.5000			12/24
Voted	Mosquito	11/7/23	0.6500	N/A	1.0000	0.6500	1.0000	0.6500			12/26

Prepared by **Michael Houseman** Telephone Number **(989) 435-8430** Title of Preparer **Assessor** Date **11/08/2023**

CERTIFICATION: As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.121(3).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<i>Linda McSweyn</i>	Linda McSweyn	11/08/2023
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> President	<i>Timothy Mester</i>	Timothy Mester	11/08/2023

* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

**** IMPORTANT:** See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).

Local School District Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See STC Bulletin 2 of 2023 for instructions on completing this section.

Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)	Rate
For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag, Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal	
For Commercial Personal	
For all Other	