

BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2026

Call to Order: Tim Mester called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Mester

Members Present: Brian Johnson, Cindy Whittington, Doug Woodside, Linda McSweyn, and Tim Mester

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda: Additions to the agenda were April 9, 2026, minute, APM, Sewer Rate Study KCI, FOIA, to new business. Cemetery signs, Planning, Porta Johns, to the department reports. Cindy Whittington motioned to approve the agenda with the changes, 2nd by Brian Johnson. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Clerk: Linda McSweyn presented the **April 2026** payables for approval. Tim Mester motioned to accept the **April 2026** payables as presented, 2nd by Cindy Whittington. Roll Call: Brian Johnson - Yes, Cindy Whittington - Yes, Doug Woodside - Yes, Linda McSweyn - Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion Carried. Linda McSweyn presented **April 02, April 09, April 21, and April 29, 2026**, meeting minutes for approval. Cindy Whittington motioned to approve all **April 2026** meeting minutes, 2nd by Tim Mester. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Linda McSweyn gave an update on the cemetery. This month we have started the burials and foundations. Ordered a load of black dirt from Delisles' to fill in around the sinking monuments and other areas from all the water. Jason Kumpelis spook on the seawall. The cap has popped up in 2 more locations, will cost approx. \$2,000.00. The sea wall is rusted out and will need fixing for approx. \$80,000.00. Re-capping the wall will not improve the status of the wall. Possibly a grant to fix the seawall. Discussed caution taping the seawall and signs so no one gets hurt. Jason will need posts to do so and possibly bring in stone for the soil erosion. Cindy Whittington commented about ATVs in the cemetery and the dumpster is being filled with personal trash. Board discussed putting one sign on the dumpster for "Cemetery Use Only", no private dumping and the number to GFL. Cindy Whittington motion to purchase a sign for the cemetery dumpster, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson - Y, Cindy Whittington - Y, Linda McSweyn - Yes, Doug Woodside - Yes, Tim Mester - No. Motion Carries. **New Resolutions:** **Resolution F04112026A Authorizing Installment Purchase Agreement for Fire Truck:** Tim Mester motioned to approve the Resolution F04112026A with the paragraph stating; Billings Township does not have by-laws governing the operation of the Township, 2nd by Cindy Whittington. Roll Call: Brian Johnson - Yes, Cindy Whittington - Yes, Doug Woodside - Yes, Linda McSweyn - Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion Carried. **Installment Purchase Agreement:** -Tim Mester motioned to approve the Installment Purchase Agreement and approve Members First Credit Union to control payment to Front Line Services for the storage fees, 2nd by Cindy Whittington. Roll Call: Brian Johnson - Yes, Tim Mester - Yes, Linda McSweyn - Yes, Doug Woodside - Yes, and Cindy Whittington - Yes. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Woodside gave the **April 2026** Treasurer's Report. Cindy Whittington motioned to accept **April 2026** Treasurers report as presented, 2nd by Tim Mester. Roll Call: Brian Johnson - Yes, Cindy Whittington - Yes, Doug Woodside - Yes, Linda McSweyn - Yes, and Tim Mester - Yes. Motion Carried. Doug Woodside brought forward a request from a resident with personal property past due taxes and monthly interest on these bills. Asking if the Township would consider removing the interest. Linda McSweyn motioned not to remove the interest for back taxes owed 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson - Yes, Cindy Whittington - Yes Tim Mester - Yes, Linda McSweyn - Yes, and Doug Woodside - No. Motion Carried.

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Correspondence: Charter Communications sent a notice on upcoming changes. FanDuel Sports are discontinuing service. APM reported on the Aerial Treatments. There was problem with the fuel module on the aircraft and still have 700 acres in Billings Township to complete.

Guest Speakers: Tami O' Donnell Gladwin County Commissioner for District 3 commented the elevator at the courthouse is currently being worked on. Commissioners meeting will be held at the Lodge on Tuesday May 12th at 9:00 a.m. and on May 26th will be held at the Road Commission at 9:00 a.m. Tami also commented on WLIB, WLA, and MMP. WLIB also needs representation for Billings Township and the County.

Fire: The Billings Township Fire Department had 40 calls from August 1 to August 31, 2026. **Training for the month of May is Pump Oops., & Truck Oops. Training.** Fire Department has one new applicant, Jim Vogt, for the Board to approve. Tim Mester motioned to hire the applicant Jim Vogt to the Fire Department, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson - Yes, Cindy Whittington - Yes, Linda McSweyn - Yes, Tim Mester – Yes, and Doug Woodside – Yes. Motion Carried. Billings Fire Department has a new rescue boat, and the boat will be in service this month. All firefighters' agility has been completed. The drivers coarse rodeo will be coming up in June, and the fire dept. will be needing the Township Parks' parking lot on the weekend of June 27 & 28th. Dale Rottman gave a big "Thank You" to all of the mutual aid that came in support for the structure fire Billings Twp had last month from the following; Beaverton Area FD, Gladwin FD, and Mt Forest Township FD.

WWTP: Andy Gwizdala, Project Manager, reported for Great Lakes Water Operations (GLWO) is pleased to submit this copy of the Monthly Operating Report covering the operations, maintenance, and management of your wastewater treatment facility, along with the collection system. This Monthly Operating Report covers **April of 2026**. The wastewater plant performed well during **April** with no monthly NPDES permits violations. 5.1 million gallons of wastewater were discharged from the wastewater treatment plant and given full treatment during **April 2026**. The average daily flow during discharge from the wastewater plant was 163,870 gallons. The maximum daily flow was 313,945 gallons. We continue to perform weekly, monthly and yearly maintenance on equipment. Alarm/callouts were zero (0) callouts and zero (0) alarm for this month. Andy Gwizdala asked to have a notice put on face book and the website for residents in the sewer district stop flushing wipes down the toilets.

DPW: Jason Kumpelis reported mowing is in full swing. DPW equipment has been moved from the park to the DPW barn. Jason requested bids from two other companies on the DPW driveway, contacted them twice with no response. Fixed the small garage door at the park with help from Scott Wilber. Jason reported that it took him three hours to grade and rake all the stones back into the drive after the ATV incident at the park. Jason stated he is going to put up caution tape and snow fencing as best he can for the seawall. The park is very wet in areas and will mow as it dries up. Jason asked to please stay off the grass. Jason asked for a DPW email. Linda McSweyn motioned to give DPW the email address dpw@billingstownship.org, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johmson – Yes, Cindy Whittington - Yes, Tim Mester – Yes, Doug Woodside – Yes, and Linda McSweyn – Yes. Motion Carried. Cindy Whittington thanked Jason for constructing the stand for the basketballs to keep them out of the water. Good Job Jason.

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Ordinance Enforcement: Sandy Streeter turned in a written summary report. **April 2026** consisted of 329 total complaints (no duplications), 8 new complaints, 32 open complaints, 120 dismissed complaints, 142 resolved complaints, 0 citations issued, and 0 tickets issued.

Constable: Ronald C. Streeter submitted completed Liquor Inspections for the month of **April 2026** for the following businesses: Eagles # 3655, Sandys Market, Nikki's Family Restaurant, Dollar General and Hooks Tavern. Inactive: Wixom Lake Gas and Launch.

Planning Commission: Chris Bloom Co-Chair asked the Board to approve a reduction in members for the Planning Commission from 7 members to 5. Linda McSweyn spoke to the lawyer about this matter and was advised that as long as no one is in those positions the Board can approve the change to the number of members. Linda McSweyn motioned to approve the request to reduce members of the Planning Commission to 5, 2nd by Tim Mester. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Cindy Whittington - Yes, Doug Woodside – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes, and Linda McSweyn – Yes. Motion Carried.

Park & Rec: Linda Wilber reported all of the bands are set for Wednesday nights Music in the Park. Food trucks for Wednesday nights are also lined up. Ask permission to have a float in the parade, the board told her no need to ask to go for it. The Park will have a farmers' market and flea market every second & fourth Tuesday starting May 26th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Brittney has flyers that are being distributed in the area and on Facebook. Building has been totally cleaned. Two grills are to be installed at the park; there will be a galvanized container beside the grill for the ashes and the hot coals. Scott Wilber has volunteered to clean and maintain the grills. The container will be chained in place and reinforced to protect anyone from being burned. Received an offer to buy the mower for scrap value. Cindy Whittington motioned to approve selling the mower for scrap value, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Doug Woodside – Yes, Linda McSweyn - Yes, and Tim Mester -Yes. Cub Cadet is running and can be used at the park.

Old business: B.O.R. and ZBA wage increases: The Board discussed wage changes within the budget. It was stated that B.O.R. received a change to \$15.00 per hour, however nothing was changed for ZBA. Cindy Whittington motioned to the approve B.O.R. an hourly increase rate to \$15.00, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Doug Woodside – Yes. Motion Carried.

New Business: Sewer Rate Study: Brian Johnson handed out the draft sewer rate study to the board for review. Discussed the current quarterly rates, what the quarterly rates the study is showing, and rates for the future. **KCI charges for the Summer 2026 taxes:** Tim motioned to pay the assessors two installments \$1,400.00 for summer & winter tax bill generation, 2nd by Cindy Whittington. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Doug Woodside – Yes. Motion Carried. **FOIA:** Linda McSweyn stated our current FOIA is dated 2018 and the prices are low. Linda McSweyn motioned to contact the lawyer and have a new FIOA drafted, 2nd by Cindy Whittington. Roll Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Doug Woodside – Yes, Tim Mester – Yes, and Linda McSweyn – Yes. Motion Carried.

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New Business (CONT.): Park Porta Johns: There is nothing in our current park rental contract that will allow the township to charge for additional porta johns for large groups. Linda has contacted the lawyer to verify this statement. The lawyer stated that a new contract for the future would have to be drafted with stipulations clearly stated concerning large groups warranting additional accommodations at the park. Linda McSweyn motioned to go forward and have the lawyer make a new park rental contract with the board's input and approval, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Call: Brian Johnson – Yes, Cindy Whittington – Yes, Tim Mester – No, Linda McSweyn – Yes, and Doug Woodside – Yes. Motion Carried. Schedules for cleaning the porta johns before and after large events were also discussed.

Public comment: Chris Bloom thanked the Board for opening the lines of communication. Tami O'Donnell commented on the shed at the hall, FOIA, QR code, charging for porta johns for events, Music at the park and 4th of July parade. Parade Ladies talked about the parade for this year. The ladies will be doing the same last year. Line up at the park at 1:00p.m., judging at 1:30 p.m., parade at 2:00 p.m. and ends at the Eagles Club. The flyers will be out by Memorial Day weekend. Button voting again this year and will have ribbons and trophies again. Lots of throwing candy.

Board Comments: Brian wants popcorn. Doug Nothing. Linda commented following the past FOIA process, but the online idea was a good comment. Cindy commented that the QR code on the taxes linked to the township website was a brilliant idea, thank you. Tasha asked about the permits, Tim stated he will take care of the permits.

Adjournment: Tim Mester adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Minutes taken by Rose Malott, Billings Township Deputy Clerk.

Minutes approved at Billings Township Board meeting _____.

Date