

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Schmidt called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Schmidt, Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Franzene, Trustees Demboski and Wodzinski were present. Also in attendance were Water Superintendent Benson; Sewer Maintenance Konoske; Attorney Atanasoff; Zoning Administrator Rybicki; Zoning Board of Appeals Pozniak, Stowell and Linna; Zoning Board Autio, Helgemo and Stolberg. County Commissioner Wills. Residents. Constable Demboski was absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2007 regular meeting. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of December was submitted. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND:	\$	147,546.46
SEWER FUND:	\$	128,861.16
WATER FUND:	\$	196,324.25
Road Fund:	\$	122,476.61
Liquor Law:	\$	

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was present. He reminded the Board about the January 15th election. He stated the importance of the Health Department proposal. Franzene questioned as to what they were asking for again. Will stated that they are asking for .10 more mills than what it was. It was .25 now they want .35 to keep the health department open. He informed the township that 2 of the recall petitions for 2 people on the county board were thrown out. He stated that the recall scheduled for May could be cancelled. He stated that the Parks and Rec Committee has come up with a plan for milfoil. They are going to try and get all of the local Lake Associations together. There is a meeting for Feb. 13th 9am. Schmidt asked if there was any new proposal regarding the road commission. Wills stated that any money raised in your township will be used in your township. Schmidt stated that it's that way already. The township has to pay for their own work. Wills said that if any proposal comes up it will be in the November election.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

S 2 Grant – Schmidt asked Konoske to go to a meeting with him Thursday @ 1:00 at STS.

S2 GRANT SEWER

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – The residents that Rybicki was supposed to contact are out of town. Nothing new to report.

SHORELINE PROJECTS W/OUT PERMITS

Don Autio gave a brief recap of Condo proposal meeting that was held on December 16th. There were enough questions raised that there were a lot of answers needed. Water/sewer/high ingress/egress concerns. He'll compile comments received and then he'll send the concern to the project head. Schmidt asked if the biggest concern was the 28 boat slip? Autio said that there are other things in addition. He just got DEQ permitting requirements. A marina permit and dock permit are requested. Autio also personally feels that not all 28 families will have a boat. Also, there is a problem with the right of ways closer to the lake. There were questions about the right away with the pipe one. Atanasoff said that there are not structures allowed on the pipeline. The drawings showed that there were a couple of driveways across the pipeline. Autio stated that there are people for and against the projects. Based on the letter he's not sure of the general consensus at this time. The ones against it are mostly against the boat traffic. Atanasoff stated that it's a good use of the property but most are concerned over the marina and the lake usage. Atanasoff

SUNSET LAKE / 28 CONDO UNIT

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Zoning Board (cont'd) - stated that the residents input is important. Autoio and Schmidt agreed that yes it is. Atanasoff personally stated that he felt that 1/2 of the slips or less should be fine especially with the boat landing so close by. Stowell asked are the stakes within the lot line. Atanasoff said as best as he can tell they are. Atanasoff stated that the riparian rights owner has rights to the use of the water in front of their land. A primary concern of the Zoning Board should be that the rights of the neighbors cannot be impaired. The Zoning Board will have to provide the condition for the use of the water. Autoio stated that's why he's asking the Zoning Board members to get back to him with comments. Atanasoff said that every deal is different and unique. This will not set a precedent.

Chicagoan Lake Boat Landing – Atanasoff stated that Alex will get a hold of the Andreskis. If they would supply the sign Alex would install it in the spring when he's back from college. Schmidt stated that maybe Bates should pay for material. The school said that they would engrave the sign. Maybe the school would get us a design and a price.

CHICAGON
LAKE BOAT
LANDING

January Election – Clerk Moncivais also did a reminder about the January 15th election. She asked residents to not be hard on the election inspectors as they are only doing their job. They will be asking for picture identification. Also in this election you must request your specific party ballot.

JANUARY
ELECTION

Ground water Permit – Schmidt stated that he, Benson and Konoske got the application filled out and in the mail. Konoske will hold the townships original copy.

GROUND
WATER
PERMITT

Task Force Meeting – December 18th at ICRC. Schmidt stated that nothing will be done this year on West 651 (Sunset Lake Road). They will try to go to the bridge on the Bates/ Amasa Road but they'll get as far as Paulson Road if they're lucky. They will redo US 2 from Holiday gas station down past the plaza to Sunset Lake Road.

ICRC 2008
ROAD
REPAIRS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report other than the Condo project on Basto's land.

Cemetery – A question was raised as to how many urns were allowed per cemetery lot. There are 5 urns allowed per casket. (They would be put in the ground like 5 on a dice). If the plot holds two lots for 2 caskets then there would be a total of 10 urns allowed, etc.

CEMETERY
URNS LIMIT

Spring Clean Up Crews – Schmidt asked how the Board felt about hiring the senior class to do the raking of the park and cemetery in the spring. The prisoner work crew is no longer doing this work and the employees won't have the time. They could do it on a Saturday and bring their own rakes. The money that was previously paid to the prison work crew could be donated to the class. The employees stated that they also need a dump truck. Schmidt stated he will try to squeeze something out of the budget. Wodzinski asked if the township could rent a truck. Franzene asked what kind of trailer the township has. Benson stated that it's hardly adequate to even haul the lawn mowers at this time. The Township would be better off to sell this one and get a better one.

SPRING
CLEAN UP
CREWS

Garage Copy Machine – Benson stated that the copier is barely working. He asked the Board if they want a tech to look at it or what they would like to do. Franzene stated that it's about 15 years old. Not worth repairing. Schmidt stated that if it's junk throw it away. The employees can use the hall copier for now.

GARAGE
COPY
MACHINE

Guest Comments

Front Parking Lot - Stolberg stated that the front lot was very slippery and need salt. Schmidt asked the employees to monitor the lot for the next Board meeting.

Section 16 Road Residents / Problem with water – Resident Virginia Donati stated that their water is terrible and still full of rust. Schmidt stated that he believes that after the blacktopping the vibrator shook loose a lot of debris in the lines. STS was puzzled as to why there would be this problem also, especially since the employees had been flushing the line on a regular basis. Donati stated that their water is dirty all of the time. Schmidt told the employees to flush everyday. Schmidt told Franzene to put a “let run” on Donati’s and the other resident on Erickson Rd. Franzene asked if the water line can be checked for leaks. Schmidt said it was checked and there are not leaks. Wodzinski stated that if this was the problem you would think 1 or 2 flushes would do it. Schmidt stated that maybe the residents will have to flush their house lines.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Sewer– Nothing new to report. / Constable – Demboski absent. / Park – Schmidt stated that he talked to Elmo. Elmo was not feeling good and his mother had passed away a few days earlier. He stated that if things don’t improve he won’t be coming to host the park this summer. / Water – Konoske stated that a letter was received about local municipalities going together on a spin doctor. He stated that Caspian and Gaastra are already on Board. Schmidt questioned as to how often we would use. Konoske stated that maybe he would go and see the demonstration. Schmidt questioned about the PRV station on 16 Rd that the water was bad. Konoske will flush every 2 weeks. It’s the end of the line.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

- Plat Book Ad – No action taken.
- Team Christmas Card received.
- James Brennan letter received regarding Condo project. – No action taken.
- Caspian Event Announcement – No action taken.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Demboski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Demboski. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. Unanimous. Motion carried. The next regular meeting to be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday February 13, 2008 @ 6:00 PM.

Ernest Schmidt, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____