

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday, July 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 Sewer & Water Dept's Konoske & Benson; Constable Demboski; Attorney Atanasoff; Zoning Administrator Rybicki; Zoning Board Helgemo; Marian Volek – The Reporter and Residents. Commissioner Wills was absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2008 regular meeting. Supported by Demboski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND:	\$	38,292.25
SEWER FUND:	\$	126,521.25
WATER FUND:	\$	236,048.71
Road Fund:	\$	194,239.28
Liquor Law:	\$	

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

Audit Presentation – DS Rostagno CPA PC presented the annual 2007-2008 audit. She stated that the township's assets were impressive with not much in liabilities. The General Fund had a 12 month reserved over the 9 month reserve from last year. The Water Fund was in comparable shape. The Sewer Fund remained pretty close to the previous year. Supervisor Schmidt questioned so the bottom line is that all funds look good? Rostagno said "yes a very good bottom line." A motion was made by Moncivais to approve the audit. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Bates School – Schmidt stated that Julie Melchiori EDC is working on bringing in an extensive nurse's training program. Atanasoff said that the state has the money to certify nursing instructors. Schmidt stated that he will go to the next school board meeting. We haven't seen anything yet where the school owns the building so the township wants to stay involved.

BATES SCHOOL

Sewer System – Rogers Location - Schmidt stated on July 21st Tunnel Vision will begin root cutting in the sewer lines.

ROGERS LOCATION TV SEWER

Road Projects – The blacktop project has begun on Forsberg/Demboski Roads. Schmidt stated that Jim Stolberg's driveway will be completed as agreed. Atanasoff said that West Sunset Lake Road should be a priority for the ICRC. Schmidt stated that it's a primary road. Franzene stated that we need to get Schmidt onto the Road Commission so Schmidt can represent the townships and get the job done.

BLACKTOP ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Schmidt stated that the township along with Team Svcs completed 26 miles of road with 25000 gallons of dust control with 2 trucks in 2 days.

DUST CONTROL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Rybicki stated that he had just come from a meeting with Krist Atanasoff and his family. As of this evening 7/9/09 the dirt bike track will cease. Rybicki said he was assured it wouldn't be used as a track again. Schmidt said that the township received another written complaint. And that the track was used as recently as that morning. Rybicki said that if Krist has to he'll bring in a bull dozer and level it. Schmidt said than maybe he should do that.

DIRT BIKE TRACK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update (cont'd) - Wodzinski said tell him to do it. Atanasoff stated the Rybicki needs to write a report on the conversation at the meeting. Moncivais asked for a copy to be given to her. Schmidt said what if he doesn't bulldoze it and tomorrow morning they're using it again. Atanasoff said that Rybicki should tell Krist that the township received additional complaint and we want it bulldozed. Schmidt told Mr. Basto that if they're on the track tomorrow call and we'll issue a citation. Wodzinski asked how many written complaints does Basto have to do to get some action from the township. / Schmidt said that Don's Road looks 100% better. Rybicki said that the van was removed that was being used as a tool shed. / Schmidt asked Rybicki if anybody had contacted him about a shooting of a 22 near the school. Schmidt said that it might be more of a DNR issue, or Sheriff or State violation. The Township has no prohibition of discharging firearms except what the state requirements are. Some thought the DNR had a 450' rule from occupied homes or buildings. Helgemo thought it might be 300'. / Rybicki is working on the dock/deck issues at Sunset Lake as well as permits as usual.

Chicaugon Lake Boat Landing – Nothing new to report.

CHGON LAKE
BOAT
LANDING

Nick Baumgartner – Schmidt talked with MDOT and for 4 posts/2 signs green with reflector tape and 2 men to do the labor the cost would be \$1200. They suggested that the Bates School has less right away and to check with the school as that might be a good place to put the sign. Schmidt will talk to Burby. Moncivais will talk to Mary Baumgartner about the Board's position. Perhaps we should wait because everyone is confident he will make it to next year's Olympics and then the sign will not be "complete."

NICK
BAUMGART-
NER SIGN

Twp Hall – Schmidt asked Konoske if he contacted Jerry Dunn to assess the foundation of the town hall where the mortar is crumbling. Konoske said that he talked to John Hohensee and he said that he would do it. But he recently injured himself. Wodzinski asked will he just mortar it in. Schmidt asked Konoske to get contact Jerry Dunn.

TWP HALL
FOUNDA-
TION

WUPPDR-Mapping - Assessor Nelson said that the proposal on mapping is a good one. It will help with plat books and equalization and planning/zoning. It is mandatory to have a land value map. That's what the state really wants. This program will come with electronic software that is free. They will install and track basic usage. Bates price would be \$1443.91. If the township did this on their own we could never get by for anywhere near this price. There will be topos, aerial photos, etc. The public will have access to it by request. Schmidt asked if the basic mapping could be attached to our website. Nelson didn't know. Schmidt will take to Ken Marshall and inform him that we're interested. Maybe he would come to a board meeting to explain further. Nelson's recommendation was that the township goes with it.

MAPPING
PROGRAM

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atanasoff stated that there wasn't much new. The ZB is on the final stretch of the multi family issue. There has been no final meeting set yet. This will prohibit all water fronts from multifamily dwellings. There will be a public hearing, then to the Planning Commission then to the township Board. Schmidt stated that he's glad it's over. The Township was spending a lot of money. Atanasoff said had we known where we would end up we could have stopped it right away.

Fire Extinguishers – The insurance company recommended that the township have a documented program for recertification of the fire extinguishers. The employees will contact Perlongo and get this done.

FIRE
EXTING.

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Playground Equipment – The Insurance Company recommended that the township have a documented program for the park playground equipment that would include an annual inspection.

PARK
PLGRND
EQUIPMENT

Section 22 Road – Schmidt received a call from a resident wondering if his name could go on a road so that he has an official address. Schmidt said that it's in the plat book and looks like a long driveway. Is it a county road? Schmidt said if it's not seasonal then the county should plow it. Wodzinski said that they abandoned a lot of those roads. Assessor Nelson said that maybe the county has an old road map and maybe the road already has a name.

SECTION 22
ROAD

GUEST COMMENTS

Iron County Prosecuting Attorney Candidate – Melissa Weston Powell introduced herself and gave a brief history of her background.

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HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Sewer– A motion was made by Schmidt to have Jim Javoroski cut the lagoon grass. Supported by Demboski. All ayes. Motion carried. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Elmo said he continues to have problems with the DNR going into the water without washing off their boat. / Water – The Kapusta/Brey waterline has been repaired. Two other leaks are Helgemo Road and Kranz Road.

The township needs to get a trailer and a used dump truck. It's not safe for the riding tractor to be driven down the road. The dump truck will work well in the cemetery for diggings and burials.

An invoice should be sent to Stambaugh Township for the water pipe that they purchased from us. 2220 feet at \$3.50/ft = \$7770.

SALE OF
WATER PIPE

Benson stated that he spoke with UP Concrete and they may have an interest in purchasing the remaining pipe. Benson stated that the township could keep a couple of lengths but that other than that the township is better off to get rid of it. A motion was made by Franzene to give authority to Schmidt to talk to Steve at UP Concrete and negotiate a selling price. Supported by Moncivais. All ayes. Motion carried.

SALE OF
WATER PIPE

Bill Basto talked about dividing up his acreage into lots for sale. He had general questions about infrastructure.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

Because the health insurance rose from \$1456/month to about \$2000/month Schmidt asked Konoske if it was okay if the township did some shopping around for rates. Konoske said it was okay.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Demboski. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The next regular meeting to be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday August 13, 2008 @ 6:00 PM.

Ernest Schmidt, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____