

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday, June 11, 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; Attorney Atanasoff; Zoning Administrator Rybicki; Zoning Board of Appeals Stowell; Zoning Board Helgemo; Constable Demboski, Park Host Elmo, Marian Volek – The Reporter and Residents. Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2008 regular meeting. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND:	\$	48,562.74
SEWER FUND:	\$	136,737.22
WATER FUND:	\$	222,285.55
Road Fund:	\$	185,478.72
Liquor Law:	\$	

Due to a miscommunication both the County and the Township were taking an allocated mil intended for the General Fund and depositing it into the Road Account. The General Fund will be reimbursed back by the Road Fund this year.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

ROGERS LOCATION TV SEWER

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Bates School – Schmidt stated he had a meeting with Superintendent Burby. The letter that the township received as a result of that meeting sounded like the township would do all the work for nothing. Schmidt read his drafted letter to Burby. After another meeting with the committee WIC schools has decided to keep Bates School hearted and they intend to maintain it. Maybe there will be an enrichment program in the schools. Schmidt stated that the township entered into this with it appeared that the building would be abandoned. Now various people are expressing interest in renting rooms. Clerk Moncivais requested do we have a guarantee that they won't sell the building. Schmidt stated that it sounds like there will be an authority set up to over see the school. Maybe 2 or 3 members from the school, a representative from the EDC and Township. Schmidt said that the township will have to pursue this so that this doesn't happen again. Volek stated that at an earlier interview Burby gave an opinion that Tinti's opinion was that the school belongs to the WIC schools. Atanasoff stated that legally it is named the Township of Bates School District. A motion was made by Moncivais for the letter to be sent to Burby. Supported by Demboski. All ayes. Motion carried. A copy of the letter on file.

BATES SCHOOL

Sewer System – Rogers Location - Schmidt stated that the tipping fees will be \$0. The roots must be cut. Franzene stated that next year the prices will go up. Benson stated so far there's no break in the sewer line by Rippey's it all roots? A motion was made by Moncivais to hire Tunnel Vision for an estimate of \$9800 to cut the roots. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Demboski, yes; Schmidt, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

ROGERS LOCATION SEWER SYSTEM

Manhole Covers – Rogers Location – The township asked T & T for a bid to do 3 manholes. Franzene said that we always bid out and he always beats everybody. Schmidt said that he does good job and he did the other ones for the township. Konoske said it's a good price. A motion was made by Franzene to have T & T do 3 man holes for a price of \$7095. Supported by Demboski. Roll call vote: Demboski, yes; Franzene, yes. Moncivais, yes; Schmidt, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROGERS LOCATION MANHOLE COVERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Rybicki stated that there are normal summer permit requests. There are something's happenings with the Basto/Krist situation regarding the motor cross track. Activity had ceased for a while but now it is resumed. It is an issue because this residential property in a residential neighborhood. There is noise and this is a nuisance. The use of the property was not approved by Zoning Board for a motor cross. This requires a special use permit. The township can civilly pursue this. The Constable can be involved to write reports, but the attorney takes the action. The idea is to get the activity to stop without actions. /In another issue Franzene stated that the old Hwy 2 Goriesky place is looking bad with long grass and the cut down trees that haven't been removed. Schmidt said that the property owner has been cooperative. Rybicki will send a letter. Franzene said that it's not great for the adjacent neighbors. On another issue Tenant Aaron Montgomery was at the meeting with Landlord Gloria Pollock. Schmidt asked how the property was coming and Rybicki stated that he had not driven by the property that day. Gloria said that the big pile that was there was burnt. The truck is gone. The van in back is used as a tool shed. The tenant felt that the board was picking on him. He said that the deer carcass was gone come and see for yourself. He said that the van is being used as a tool shed and that if he has to get a license plate on it then every vehicle in the township should also be licensed. He said that he could go through the township and find numerous violations. Schmidt and Wodzinski countered that he should do a written complaint then. The tenant said that his dog is a normal dog he just barks. Atanasoff said that if there is excessive noise then it violates the noise ordinance. Franzene stated that although you feel you are singled out you are not. We will act on any written complaint. Gloria said that the complaints just seem to be getting worse. The tenant said that nobody seems to stop by and verify that things are taken care of. Schmidt said that he would go by at the Tenants requested time of 6:00am the next day. Make sure the dog is in the house.

Chicaugon Lake Boat Landing – Per Atanasoff Alex is making contact with Swenski and Andreski so the sign should soon be in the works.

CHGON LAKE
BOAT
LANDING

Dust Control – Schmidt told Moncivais that he would need the list of roads. Team Svcs was coming on June 19th.

DUST
CONTROL

Township Website – Moncivais said that it was also completed. Atanasoff said have the web designer index the zoning ordinance.

TWP WEB

Memorial Day Program – Schmidt said a huge thank you to all who participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony. Moncivais said that Schmidt did a great job as guest speaker and the Board agreed.

MEMORIAL
DAY
PROGRAM

Nick Baumgartner – Schmidt will look into the exact details of what should go on the sign.

NICK
BAUMGART-
NER SIGN

ICRC – Schmidt stated that the RC finally dropped the 9% admin fee. Schmidt will work on the road bids. Atanasoff stated that at the request of the Board he wrote a letter seeking written consent from the RC to seek our own bids and then we can take over our own projects. We wanted to seek consent in advance of the projects so that we have a written record. We wanted to see where it said in black and white that we have to go through the road commission with road projects. / Also, now the RC is not going to blacktop further on the Bates Amasa Road in 2008. Schmidt said that somehow we will have to get Stolbergs driveway done. Wodzinski questioned wasn't the Bates Amasa Road project part of a 5 year grant?

BLACKTOP
ROAD
PROJECTS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atanasoff stated that at the Zoning Board Public Hearing on June 2 the ZB voted to prohibit multi family dwellings from all waterways. The new ordinance has been drafted and is currently being reviewed by the ZB. After that it will go to the County Planning Commission and then to the Township Board. Schmidt stated that he is glad that the issue is resolved. The township could not afford to spend anymore money on the issue. / UPPCO – Correspondence was received that there will be a public hearing. They overcharged the public and they are seeking a rate reduction. / Enbridge Energy – Correspondence was received and they are seeking a reduction in personal property tax. Atanasoff stated that it is his opinion that the township have been sold out by the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Twp Hall – Schmidt asked the employees to get a hold of Jerry Dunn to assess the foundation of the town hall where the mortar is crumbling.

TWP HALL
FOUNDA-
TION

Westside Veterans – A motion was made by Schmidt to donate \$50 towards the annual Memorial Day and Fourth of July Fireworks Celebrations. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE
VETERANS

Iron County Fair Ad – A motion was made by Schmidt to pay \$80 annual ad. Supported by Moncivais. All ayes. Motion carried.

IC FAIR AD

ICEDC – Schmidt stated that Julie is working real hard. She has been very active in the Bates School efforts. Atanasoff advised that the Board should be able to act upon the request for \$250 sponsorship. He stated that there is a little county allocation for the EDC but no revenue source. A motion was made by Schmidt to approve the \$250 sponsorship. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Demboski, yes; Schmidt, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ICEDC

Water Pipe – A motion was made by Schmidt to sell Stambaugh Township some of our water pipe surplus at \$3.50/ft. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Demboski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes; Schmidt, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SALE OF
WATER PIPE

Waste Management – Schmidt stated that the bottom line is the price that Waste Mgmt negotiated with us last year was not implemented. We received a bill for \$731. The reason we stayed with WM is because they were going to beat GADS price. So Schmidt cancelled the service and called GAD. We will now use GAD.

WASTE
MGMT/ GAD

Township Trailer – Konoske stated that the township paid \$150 for the trailer. Zinger offered \$50 for the trailer. The Employees will handle the sale of the trailer and maybe use it in negotiations of the delivery of the Pipe Rack.

SALE OF TWP
TRAILOR

GUEST COMMENTS

Iron County Sheriff Candidate – Mark Valesano, Candidate for the office of Iron County Sheriff introduced himself and gave a brief history of his background. He invited everyone to attend a meet and greet at Kermit's Wed. 18th @ 6PM.

IC SHERIFF
CANDIDATE

WIC Library – Marian Volek of the Library Board gave a brief update on the Library's expansion. She stated that the library has been processing about 20-50 new cards a month. The expansion should be open by August. The

WIC
DISTRICT
LIBRARY

Wildwood Lake Dust Control – Resident Hynous asked about dust control. Residents did not want candy striping. Schmidt stated that this year the township is doing 100% of its roads.

DUST
CONTROL

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Sewer– Lagoon grass needs to be cut and the SE corner fence needs reinforcement. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Elmo said the campgrounds been full most weeks. / Water – A motion was made by Wodzinski to purchase a pipe rack from Raymond Iron and Metal for \$400. (Mike's Crane Svc was \$500 delivered.) Benson stated that Mike Willis would deliver the \$400 rack. Supported by Demboski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Schmidt, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Demboski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

- WUPDA – Grant availability for mapping. Table until next meeting.
- IC MTA meeting in July.

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 7:45 PM. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The next regular meeting to be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday July 9, 2008 @ 6:00 PM.

Ernest Schmidt, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____