

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday, May 14, 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 Maintenance Konoske; Attorney Atanasoff; Zoning Administrator Rybicki; Zoning Board of Appeals Stowell; Zoning Board Helgemo; Constable Demboski, Marian Volek – The Reporter and Residents. Benson and Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2008 regular meeting. Supported by Demboski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND:	\$	40,390.64
SEWER FUND:	\$	132,742.02
WATER FUND:	\$	207,438.74
Road Fund:	\$	183,384.30
Liquor Law:	\$	

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Wills was absent.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Sewer System – Rogers Location - Tunnel Vision found some cracks or inlets throughout the sewer line. It looks generally good, but the cracked pipes need to be fixed. A lot of tree roots have found their way into the system. Tunnel Vision has a sewer root cutting tool. Their estimate for 5000' would be \$9800 and Bates to assume tipping fees. Atanasoff asked if it will damage the pipes? Wodzinski questioned as to whether Northern Septic could do it. Schmidt stated that Northern Septic can't carry the waste. Atanasoff said that \$10000 is not a big expenditure for this. Schmidt proposed tabling the subject until next month. Konoske will talk to Tarsi regarding the manholes in Rogers.

ROGERS LOCATION  
TV SEWER

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Rybicki stated that there are some permits happening. There may be a possible variance meeting soon. He has also talked with the residents with the docks in question. Public hearing for the Condo Ordinance is on June 2. Don's Road looks 100% better. There were complaints about dogs ramming into passing cars, barking and blithe. Per the owner the burn pit is all cleaned up and the deer carcass is gone.

Chicagoan Lake Boat Landing – Nothing new to report.

Bates School – Schmidt stated that the EDC was working with a possible tenant and that will probably not happen now. We believe the school is ours. We have a lot of ground work to do. Franzene stated that the township shouldn't have any problem getting tenants. Moncivais pointed out that everything that Burby says is contrary to the school board vote to close the school. Per Atanasoff Burby stated that they won't abandon Bates School. They have a tenant for the school which is IDS, which is half the cost of maintaining the school for the year. Helgemo questioned the amount of the grant. The roof estimate was for a \$150,000 repair. The grant is for \$50,000 with matching funds. A motion was made by Schmidt to have Atanasoff do a letter to Burby saying that the township wants the school or we'll petition the new school board to rescind the close motion and to keep the kindergarten and daycare at Bates. In addition it will require WIC to fix the roof with daycare there (The grant follows daycare.) Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Demboski, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Schmidt, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BATES SCHOOL

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Ground water Permit – Nothing new to report yet.

GROUND  
WTR PERMIT

Township Website – There was a review of three proposals for a website. A motion was made by Franzene to go with Ken's Designs. Ken is a West Iron County High School graduate that went to school for web design. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Demboski, yes; Schmidt, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TWP WEB

Brey's Waterline – A reminder that the employees will be working on the Brey's waterline. (Chicagon Mine Road) It freezes each year.

BREY  
FROZEN  
WATERLINE

Memorial Day Program – Just a reminder about the Memorial Day Ceremony.

MEMORIAL  
DAY  
PROGRAM

DS Rostagno CPA Audit – A motion was made by Schmidt to accept the SAS 101-112 bid from DS Rostagno not to exceed \$2000. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Demboski, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Schmidt, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

AUDIT 2007-  
2008

Nick Baumgartner – Per Atanasoff he spoke with Baumgartner and he is an official member of the US Snowboard Team. Schmidt will work with the MDOT to see about getting a sign.

NICK  
BAUMGART-  
NER SIGN

Park/Cemetery Cleanup – Schmidt stated that there were about 15 seniors, Konoske, Benson and about 10 of Schmidt's relatives that raked and cleaned up the park and cemetery. It took about 5 hours in the rain. Everyone did a great job. A big thank you to the Senior Class of 2008.

PARK/  
CEMETERY  
CLEANUP

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Atanasoff stated that the Public Hearing will be on June 2. He has received letters now form Perch Lake property owners. The current proposal limits the frontage from 150-100 for the next family. There is consideration to prohibit multi-family on select lakes such as Ice, Chicagon, Emily, Sunset and Perch.

CONDO  
MEETING

Summer Youth Worker – The Township just received notification that Seth Stromberg would not be returning to the position. A letter of interest was received from Derek Grisset for the position. Schmidt stated that this was his nephew. Grisset's father has been serving in Iraq in the military and will be back home soon. Wodzinski stated that there is not time to advertise the position. A motion was made by Moncivais to hire Grisset at the minimum wage to begin immediately. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Demboski, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Schmidt, abstain. Motion carried.

SUMMER  
YOUTH  
WORKER

Dust Control - It was decided that the township would do 100% dust control this year. Konoske stated that maybe Iron River Twp would go in on the dust control. Schmidt said that it wouldn't be any cheaper it would be the same price. A motion was made by Wodzinski to authorize Schmidt to contract with the vendor for up to \$10,000. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

DUST  
CONTROL

Insurance Audit – Schmidt reminded Konoske that the audit would be May 21 @ 1:00pm with Tom Lindeman.

INSURANCE  
AUDIT

Road Bids – Schmidt reviewed the bids that he had gotten from the Road Commission. Sec 22 Rd was for \$175,570 which included a \$14,496 Admin fee. Forsberg Rd Bid was for \$238,807 which included a \$20,000 Admin fee. A motion was made by Schmidt to have Attorney Atanasoff write a letter to the Road Commission Attorney requesting to see in black and white where it states that the township can not get their own bids, hire their own contractor and pay the contractor direct. Supported by Demboski. All ayes. Motion carried.

ROAD BIDS

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ELECTIONS/  
CANDIDATES

Elections – Schmidt acknowledged the township races. Helgemo, a new candidate running unopposed for Supervisor. Clerk Moncivais and Treasurer Franzene running unopposed. Constable Demboski running unopposed. Incumbent Wodzinski and new candidate John Bobnock running for Trustee. Trustee Demboski and Supervisor Schmidt are not seeking re-election in the township. Schmidt is running for Road Commission.

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

**Hall** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer**– Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – A dumpster will be delivered to the park. / **Water** – Monday the pipe will arrive for the project at US2 and Sunset Lake Rd. The pipe needs to go in before the new blacktop. Helgemo questioned as to why the township is using Tarsi. Schmidt stated because he's worked for us in the past, he's reasonable, he's good and this is a quick job. We have to get in and get out.

**CORRESPONDENCE ...**

- County Allocation Board minutes.
- Letter acknowledging our abandoning of the S-2 Grant project.
- Hannula Policy review letter.

**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 June 11, 2008 @ 6:00 PM.

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Ernest Schmidt, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_