

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Franzene, Trustees Bobnock and Wodzinski were present. Also in attendance were Sewer & Water Dept’s Konoske and Benson; Attorney Atanasoff; Zoning Administrator Stowell; Residents; Commissioner Wills was absent.

ATTENDEES

Bobnock moved to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2009 regular meeting. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

MINUTES

General Fund:	\$	68,864.04
Sewer Fund:	\$	112,762.33
Water Fund:	\$	251,815.89
Road Fund:	\$	148,000.28
Liquor Law:	\$	

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

West Iron County Middle School – Supervisor Helgemo gave a brief overview of the recent meeting that he and Trustee Wodzinski attended. Attorney Don Powell will be creating the authority. It appears that Global Response is committed to moving to the building and they will have 40 new jobs. Grant monies are available in the amount of \$10000 per new job. With the \$400,000 there will be money to do renovations, maintenance etc. It’s possible that the township will not have to participate with the \$5000 or some/all monies that we do participate with may be reimbursed back. Also the auditorium and gym will be kept as public facilities thereby opening the doors for other grants. A motion was made by Moncivais to appoint Helgemo and Wodzinski as representatives from Bates Township to sit on the authority. This will be on a temporary basis. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

WIC MIDDLE SCHOOL BUSINESS PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell reported to the Board that there were 6 permits issued, 2 violations of which one has been resolved and there has been no response at this time on the other. Supervisor Helgemo asked Attorney Atanasoff to go further with a letter to a resident that is operating a salvage yard on Section 14 Rd. To date the resident has not responded to the Zoning Administrator’s letter sent a couple of months ago.

ZONING UPDATE

Sunset Lake Pump house – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Midwest Claims Svc had contacted him and they are assigning an Adjuster to the case. He was certain that a meeting will probably set up in the near future with all parties involved.

SUNSET LAKE PUMPHOUSE

Residential Garbage Pickup – GAD started service Monday the 10th to some Residents around Sunset Lake, Rogers Location and Bates Amasa Rd. Clerk Moncivais noted that there is also GAD information available on the township website.

GARBAGE CURBSIDE PICKUP

Digital Mapping – Treasurer Franzene gave an overview of the mapping discussion from the MTA picnic. She also had an extended conversation with the CF Twp Assessor who is familiar with AECOM. It appears that the other municipalities will be choosing AECOM over WUPPDR also. Bates Twp will go with AECOM. Supervisor Helgemo will confirm with the county that they are going to do partial payment as in the initial proposals.

DIGITAL MAPPING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Rogers Blacktop Road – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he learned at the ICRC meeting that they might not blacktop Bates Amasa Road or West Sunset Lake Rd this year. Also the blacktop bids came in less than expected so the township will probably do all of 4th Street in Rogers as well as the original plan. This is recommended because of wash out problems on the corner of 4th & Rogers. The RC will begin prep work in the Rogers Location this coming week.

ROGERS
LOCATION
BLACKTOP
PROJECT

Rogers Location Sewer Manholes – There was only one bidder for the projects. The township decided to do two repairs and one new manhole. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the bid from T & T for \$8847. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROGERS
LOCATION
SEWER
MANHOLES

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff reviewed the park ordinance which was adopted in 2002 which states that infractions are punishable by civil fine. He also stated that he had been looking for a source for citation forms. Clerk Moncivais will see what she can find also. / Supervisor Helgemo stated that he had gotten a call that someone had cut their foot on glass at the Sunset Lake Park Beach. After further investigation it is believed that there was no glass however there are alot of sharp shells. Atanasoff recommended that the township do signage that says wear shoes/sandals. The township can't be held responsible for natural conditions.

Cemetery Lot Buy Back – The Board gave Clerk Moncivais permission to buy back a lot that was sold for \$30 in 1980. The township will make the lot available for resale.

CEMETERY
LOT BUY
BACK

Hall Rental / Non Profits – Per Treasurer Franzene a new issue has arisen. It seems some non-profits want the hall for free on weekends which have been reserved for paying customers. A motion was made by Franzene that non-profits can use the hall for free on Monday- Thursday. They will pay like everyone else for Friday, Saturday and Sunday use. Also Hall Coordinator Richards is to provide the Board with a list of the non-profit so that the Board can re-determine who qualifies as non-profit. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

NON PROFIT
HALL
RENTAL

Stambaugh Twp Water Customers – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Supervisor Pellizaro had contacted him about taking over some water customers on Kofmehl Rd. After some discussion it was determined that the Board would not be interested in taking over the customers. There are issues regarding the size of the waterline involved, the meters and no way to collect from non paying customer via tax roll.

ST.TWP
KOFMEHL RE
WATER
CUSTOMERS

Zoning Permits (Square Footage) – ZA Stowell talked to Jerry Anderson and Mr. Anderson stated that there's the Michigan Code and the International Code. Mr. Anderson goes by the International Code which is anything over 120 sq ft must have a permit. The Board decided to remain with the Michigan Code which is anything over 200 sq ft. must have a permit. That is what the township has been using so why confuse the issue.

ZONING
PERMITS
SQUARE
FOOTAGE

GUEST COMMENTS

Shoquist – Willie Shoquist asked for the Board to pay for a new bush at an estimated cost of \$240. (BekkaLawn Co.) He stated that the dust control truck ran the bush over. Employee Grisset stated that the truck did not damage the bush. They were extra cautious because they had destroyed the mail box last year. Shoquist also said that the ICRC told him they did not have any trucks in the area spraying during that time. Konoske stated that the path of the tracks don't look like the dust control truck. It could have been a UPS truck. Shoquist stated that he didn't get UPS. Clerk Moncivais will write a letter to Team Svcs and see if they will participate in replacing the tree.

SHOQUIST
TREE
REPLACMNT

GUEST COMMENTS (cont'd)

Exploration Mining – Rich Sloat had given the Board a letter. (A copy of the letter on file). Helgemo stated that he is comfortable that the Zoning Ordinance will protect the township. Sloat stated that he had been contacted by the Perch Lake Assn and they have some concerns. ZA Stowell stated that he just had a conversation with them also and he explained the township's position and ordinance information. Sloat stated that if Kennecott approaches the Board there is a group of Detroit Attorneys that do pro bono work that will give legal advice is needed. The Board thanked Sloat for providing the information and for his diligence in following up on the mining.

EXPLORA-
TION MINIG

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Sewer - A motion was made by Moncivais to have Jim Javoroski cut the grass at the lagoon. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

Helgemo stated that the Employees have completed a lot of projects and have done a good job. There are many things left to do. Some notables were the Bates Township Park and Forest signs. Clerk Moncivais stated that she has received email compliments on the cemetery too.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

- Wilma Olson had corresponded that someone stole the Koski Drive sign off of Parks Farm Rd. The ICRC told her they don't have Koski Drive on their map. Helgemo was going to let her know that she would have to proceed with the RC to get the name changed. It was also noted that Parks Farm Road was not done with dust control. The employees will go there and drop a few bags.
- DNR – Letter regarding 2 parcels going into commercial forest.
- MI Tax Tribunal – Thomas Haight is seeking a change in the taxes he is being charged.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Wodzinski. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – September 9, 2009 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____