

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – December 9, 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 present. Also in attendance were Sewer/Water Dept Benson & Konoske; ZA Stowell; Attorney Atanasoff; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Residents. Constable Demboski and Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2009 regular meeting. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$	30,358.84
Sewer Fund:	\$	86,791.66
Water Fund:	\$	242,177.63
Road Fund:	\$	107,162.21
Liquor Law:	\$	

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Rogers Blacktop Road – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the shoulder will be done in the spring. Ernie Schmidt, ICRC, stated that the repair will be done where the paver went off the road. The Township will hold back some funds.

ROGERS BLACKTOP

West Iron County Middle School – Supervisor Helgemo stated the township will only have to pay a proportional share at a time. There is approximately \$6500 rental income money sitting there and approximately \$8000 in expenses so far. The EDC Board doesn’t want Julie Melchiori to manage this project. Her hours will be limited to 10 hours. Dawn Pisoni will handle the day to day operations. The Nursing Program will be tenants as of January 1st. Global North is still interested in the third floor. The Township’s participation of \$5000 is a one time thing. All profits will go to the building. Trustee Bobnock made a motion to accept the agreement as it reads today. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WIC MIDDLE AUTHORITY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that he issued one zoning permit and 1 junk car ordinance enforcement letter. He also went to a maps/zoning meeting. Clerk Moncivais has a copy of the monthly report on file.

Children’s Christmas Party – The Children’s Christmas Party is on Saturday December 12th between 11-12:30 at the hall. Santa will be there also.

CHILDREN’S CHRISMTAS PARTY

Timber Cutting – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the project is moving forward and John Gendzwill will finish the project in the spring.

TIMBER CUTTING

Sunset Lake Pumphouse – The Township received notification that our insurance will cover the claim of \$24,600 minus our \$1000 deductible. We will receive a loss form to complete and mail back. Supervisor Helgemo stated that there was a lot of help from various entities on determining the problem/liability. A motion was made by Franzene to compensate Don Autio in the amount of \$500 for his expertise/letters/attendance at several critical meetings. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SUNSET LAKE PUMPHOUSE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

Employee Christmas Bonus – A motion was made by Bobnock to give the employee's a \$75 Christmas Bonus. (Konoske, Benson, Richards). Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE
CHRISTMAS
BONUS

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water - There was a waterline break on US 2 across from Comish's in the Reiman yard. There was some discussion about how many employees need to be on the job for safety reasons. A ditch box should be looked into. The corrective landscaping on the hill will have to be finished in the spring. Helgemo mentioned that Jim Javoroski might a possibility of an Independent Contractor to call out when extra man power is needed. Gale Stowell also volunteered himself. Insurance and liability will need to be looked into. / Sewer – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the sewer system is just about 30 years old. We need to get down and clean, sand blast, steam clean, paint whatever it takes. The lift stations should also have maintenance schedules that are followed. Benson stated that if we sand blast and paint we could prolong the life. Konoske stated that the check valve on this one is rusted through, but some may not be as bad. Helgemo stated that the employees need good respirators for working in these holes. Let's do this right and get the right equipment because this is a safety issue. It was also discussed about bringing in a company that specifically refurbishes lift stations and contract out the immediate repairs. The employees will also look into the cost of some additional equipment. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

- WIKB – A motion was made by Franzene to pay \$59 to sponsor ads for Christmas greetings. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.
- KSK – A letter from Krist Atanasoff about his company being available for various contractor work.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. 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 6:56 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – January 13, 2010 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____