

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – July 8, 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; Assessor Nelson; Attorney Atanasoff; Zoning Administrator Stowell; Zoning Board of Appeals Pozniak; Zoning Board Kniivila; Constable Demboski; Residents; Commissioner Wills was absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2009 regular meeting. Supported by Wodzinski. 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:	\$	90,029.44
Sewer Fund:	\$	110,191.52
Water Fund:	\$	243,980.46
Road Fund:	\$	150,311.93
Liquor Law:	\$	

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

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

West Iron County Middle School – A presentation was made by Gary Pisoni, Roy Polich and Julie Melchiori about the plans for the WIC Middle School. They were also seeking support from municipalities to help initial operations/maintenance/upkeep for the building in the amount of \$5000. They also stated that they would be forming a non profit authority on which a representative from Bates Twp could sit to help with planning and decision making. The majority of residents at the meeting thought it was a good idea for Bates Township to support the project financially. A copy of the WIC Middle School Building Re-Use Business Plan is on file with the Clerk. The topic was initially tabled until later in the evening after the Board could review the rest of the agenda. At 8:35pm a motion was made by Bobnock to support the project in the amount of \$5000 and to make sure that Bates Township had a representative that would sit on the authority. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WIC MIDDLE SCHOOL BUSINESS PROJECT

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell reported to the Board that there were 4 permits issued, 6 violations and there is a mobile home being taken apart on both Erickson Drive and Bates Amasa Rd. There is a garage on Section 16 Rd that is coming down also. His monthly report is on file with the Clerk. It was noted that the Assessor needs to be notified with Trailers are being demoed.

ZONING UPDATE

Also in attendance were Dawn & Larry Haag from the old Rader's Resort. There was discussion as to why they needed a permit for a 14 x 32 removable building. Helgemo stated that we follow the Iron County Building Code rules. They could remove it and get 2 10 x 20 buildings without need for a permit. Assessor Nelson stated that they are not taxed if it is less than 200 Sq. Ft. Haags felt that the rules didn't make sense to consider their building because it was not permanent and could be removed, in addition they are improving the property and they had abided by the set backs. It was recommended that they should go before the Zoning Board of Appeals if they wanted to keep the building they have.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT'D)**

Sunset Lake Pump house – Nothing new to report. The insurance claim will be filed and the township is still waiting to hear the findings of Darlene Gendron from UPPCO.

SUNSET  
LAKE  
PUMPHOUSE

Residential Garbage Pickup – Several Residents were present and again voiced their concerns over the recent discontinuation of Waste Mgmt’s curbside garbage pickup service. Helgemo stated that GAD was still exploring the possibility of picking up the service; however as an example around Sunset Lake he only had 15 Residents that called. He would need at least 30 to make it worth his while. GAD was exploring a cluster of areas to do garbage pickup. Some residents stated that they would be willing to pay amounts for the services that other residents stated that they would never be able to afford. There was much discussion about possible solutions. Helgemo stated that the Board was not giving up on GAD. The Board was told that Mr. Spears would need at least 60 days to come up with a proposal and we were still within that time frame.

GARBAGE  
CURBSIDE  
PICKUP

Digital Mapping – Some Board Members along with Assessor Nelson attended a presentation by WUPPDR. Although it was felt that AECOM had a better proposal the County had voted to go with WUPPDR. Although the mapping program was approved a few months earlier a motion was by Moncivais to go forward with WUPPDR. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

DIGITAL  
MAPPING

MESC – Clerk Moncivais noted that unemployment is requesting payment in the amount of \$7162.62 for a previous township employee that quit to go to another job. It was the consensus of the Board to see if she could get some further results in not having to pay the bill pending further investigation. A motion was made by Helgemo to authorize payment of the bill if the results were not in the township’s favor. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MESC

Employee Hours – Clerk Moncivais asked for the Board’s support to allow Benson to work a 40 hour work week now that it was summer and there is so much to be done. Some of the Board members wanted to keep the part time hours. Also she asked for flexibility from the 7-3:30 schedule since Benson never get’s overtime anyway. The same Board members said no. Moncivais pointed out that there are a lot of projects that can be done in the summer as opposed to the winter and that Benson was supposed to have been the full time employee in November 2008 but Konoske changed his mind on retirement.

EMPLOYEE  
HOURS

Economic Developer – At a previous meeting it a letter asking for support of this position was received by the township. A motion was made by Wodzinski to support the position with \$2000 (this is based upon per capita). Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ECON.  
DEVELOPER

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff said that Jeff Bonno had questioned the disabled vehicle ordinance but Atanasoff stated that this is a township ordinance not a zoning ordinance. Atanasoff also stated that the township is in a good position regarding any inquiries about exploration mining.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

**CORRESPONDENCE ...**

- Patriot Rally Tea Party July 12 @ 4 PM at Nelson Field
- Moncivais pointed out that there was a nice letter received complimenting the Zoning Administrator.
- Bill Basto thank you for solving the dirt bike issues.

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

Hall – Work is being done by John Hohensee. / Sewer - Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – The insurance company is requiring a park equipment inspection. Currently the playground equipment is sitting on blacktop. Benson turned in some pricing on bringing the playground equipment area up to code. Moncivais will see when the inspection has to be completed by. / Water – Work is being done by John Hohensee. / Cemetery – Helgemo stated that the township has received a lot of compliments on the park and cemetery. The workers are doing a great job.

**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 Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – August 12, 2009 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

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