

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 11, 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; Assessor Nelson; ZA Stowell; Attorney Atanasoff; Marian Volek/The Reporter and Residents. Sewer/Water Dept Konoske, Constable Demboski and Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the October 14 2009 regular meeting. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$	33,521.56
Sewer Fund:	\$	82,737.90
Water Fund:	\$	228,177.82
Road Fund:	\$	107,102.65
Liquor Law:	\$	

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS - Mike Golas reviewed information from a recent Lake Invasion Species Meeting. Some of the high points were that the lake association groups are trying to work together to save on costs. They are stressing education of the public through posters/pamphlets/meetings. A lot of none lakeside owners don't know how severe the problem really is. It seems that Chicagon Lake has a large contingency at their meetings. There is a mandatory boat wash at Chicagon Lake that is \$5/wash or \$20/seasonal. Bates Township may want to consider what could/should be done at the north end boat landing.

INVASIVE SPECIES - LAKES

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Rogers Blacktop Road – The project blacktopping is done. Shoulder work needs to be done.

ROGERS BLACKTOP

West Iron County Middle School – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there is another meeting scheduled for November 12. It’s been a fiasco. Very cumbersome and frustrating with the changes and the city’s lack of cooperation.

WIC MIDDLE AUTHORITY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that he issued no new permits. He sent out 1 new junk car ordinance enforcement letters. He is also following up on previous violation letters. Clerk Moncivais has a copy of the monthly report on file.

Zoning Board Update – Supervisor Helgemo stated that they are working on a new zoning map. There were also more discrepancies found in the zoning ordinance. The Board will be working on both.

ZONING MAP

Digital Mapping – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he spoke with AECOM. We should send in the contract and they will bill us later. The Township is stilling waiting for confirmation from the County. But other municipalities are going forward.

DIGITAL MAPPING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

<u>Children's Christmas Party</u> – Clerk Moncivais reminded all that Mary Christensen will be having the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday December 12 th between 11-12:30 at the hall. Santa will be there also.	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
<u>IC MTA December Meeting Reminder</u> - Clerk Moncivais reminded the Board Members that the meeting will be Tuesday Dec. 1 st at the Bates Hall.	IC MTA
<u>Forester Line Bids</u> – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township received no bids. He spoke with Gary Pisoni who agreed to do the job for \$925. A motion was made by Franzene to pay Pisoni \$925. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.	FORESTER LINES BIDS
<u>Timber Cutting</u> – There was only one bid received from John Gendzwill. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the bid of \$ 3185. \$1125 for the Bates Gaastra Rd project and \$2060 for the Sewer Lagoon. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.	TIMBER CUTTING BIDS
<u>UPSET Donation Request</u> - Helgemo stated that it's a great program. The Township will wait to see what the other municipalities are doing. Action tabled.	UPSET
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
<u>Assessor Report</u> – Assessor Nelson gave an overview of the year. There were 29 zoning permits issued, 30 Building permits, 10 garage/pole building permits, 2 additions, 3 new homes, 3 cabins, 4 lean-to's onto garages, 1 pavilion, 7 renovations and 1 mobile home.	ASSESSOR YEARLY REPORT
<u>Attorney Report</u> – Attorney Atanasoff reviewed a few items from the Water Ordinance. He stated that it was done in 1988 and that the township may want to revisit it and add updates. He also stated that the ordinance could be added to the website. He noted that the cost of the hookup is from the main and is the homeowner's responsibility. The homeowner can contract with the township to do the work for a fee.	
<u>Grant Writing Seminar</u> – A motion was made by Franzene to pay the \$59 seminar cost plus meal and mileage for Clerk Moncivais to attend this seminar. Supported by Bobnock. Moncivais abstained. Motion carried.	GRANT WRITING SEMINAR
<u>Water Con-Ed</u> – The Board approved the two employee's attending a Con Ed class in Marquette on Dec. 14 th . The class is \$150 per person. The employee's will use the township truck. Their meal will be provided.	EMPLOYEE CON-ED
<u>Veteran's Day</u> – Supervisor Helgemo wanted to acknowledge that it was Veteran's Day and go on record that Bates Township appreciates the service of all past and present Veteran's.	VETERANS DAY
<u>Fire Board Meeting</u> – Jim Stolberg stated that the Fire Board needed a list of the water pressure on the hydrants. Benson will get that to him.	FIRE BOARD
<u>Road Sign Inventory</u> – Benson will turn into Supervisor Helgemo a list of the roads that need signage.	ROAD SIGNS
<u>ICRC Update</u> – Schmidt stated that the Road Commission voted to allow the townships to get their own bids. The Contractor will do everything and the County will only add supervision. This should help the townships save money.	ICRC UPDATE

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

IC Recreation Planning Committee – There will be a meeting on Nov 12th at 6:30-8:30 pm. All are welcome with plans, ideas, etc.

Handheld Meter Reader – The township is currently using an old loaner. Our handheld is broken and obsolete. Moncivais pointed out that funds were appropriated for a new handheld a few years ago. The township will have a credit of approx. \$2800 from returning some unused pipe. The approx. cost of a new hand held a couple of years ago was \$5000. Now it's \$7500. A motion was made by Wodzinski to go forward with the purchase at approx. \$7500 minus our credit. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Sewer - The Employees will create a sewer motor maintenance schedule. The system is nearly 28 years old and the Electrician recommended that this be done along with thinking about replacement. Benson has a rough draft of what they need. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Helgemo questioned about some timber cutting at the park. Schmidt recommended that the township wait. Timber is not going for much right now. / Water – Benson suggested that the township may want to think ahead about it's water line next spring before any blacktopping. There was discussion about open cutting on Demboski Rd. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

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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 7:26 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – December 9, 2009 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____