

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – October 14, 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 Konoske and Benson; Assessor Nelson; ZA Stowell; ZBA Pozniak; Attorney Atanasoff; and Residents. Constable Demboski and Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2009 regular meeting. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$	47,995.37
Sewer Fund:	\$	79,221.95
Water Fund:	\$	213,218.47
Road Fund:	\$	107,036.96
Liquor Law:	\$	

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

ROGERS BLACKTOP

Rogers Blacktop Road – The project is to begin on Monday the 19th.

WIC MIDDLE AUTHORITY

West Iron County Middle School – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the current hold up is with the City of Iron River. They are trying to resolve some objections that they have and their Attorney is reviewing the language of the agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that he issued 11 permits. He sent out 21 junk car ordinance enforcement letters. He, Helgemo and Nelson visited a property on Parks Farm Road. Clerk Moncivais has a copy of the monthly report on file.

STAMBAUGH TWP WATER LINE

Stambaugh Twp Water Customers – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the project will be on hold until spring. There are many details that Stambaugh Twp is still working out. Attorney Atanasoff stated that we must make sure that the written agreement requires Stambaugh Twp to collect the delinquencies.

GRANT MONEY

Grant Opportunities – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there seems to be a lot of grant opportunities out there. He would like Clerk Moncivais to begin looking into that. This is beyond the scope of her duties and the Board would have to work out some kind of compensation. Attorney Atanasoff stated that it is wise to use the Clerk because she can report monthly progress at the Board meetings and she is involved in the daily activities of the township. A motion was made by Bobnock to authorize Moncivais to look into grant opportunities. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that Clerk Moncivais indicated she has received a FOIA request for any letters/info that Rich Sloat has given to the Board. Atanasoff has not received a response to the letter that he sent to the Ottawa Nat’l Forest Ranger Office.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Special Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Wodzinski to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on Wednesday Sept. 30th to discuss the WIC Middle School Authority. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SPECIALMTG
MINTUES

Water Hook Up Fees – There was some discussion about the recent waterline hook up fee on Sunset Lake Rd. The township is losing money. Iron River Twp charges \$500 plus extras. Stambaugh Twp charges \$360 plus extras. It was agreed that this homeowner was already given an estimate so we can't charge him the new fee. Supervisor Helgemo recommended that our fees be raised. Atanasoff stated that the township needs to revisit the ordinance. A motion was made by Wodzinski to raise the waterline hookup fee to a flat fee of \$600 PLUS any additional costs involved. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TWP
WATERLINE
HOOKUP
FEES

Timber Cutting – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there is lots of aspen that he's thinking about having cut. We have maps and legal descriptions but we will need the lines physically run. A motion was made by Franzene to publish two ads. An ad for a Forester to run the lines and an ad for the actual cutting of the timber. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried. The Clerk has a copy of the ads and the Prospectus on file.

FORESTER/
TIMBER
CUTTING
BIDS

Three Year Road Plan – The ICRC needs a copy of our plan by October 23rd. It was also noted that the township will have to have an election next year to RENEW the 2 mils for roads which expires 12/31/09. It was noted that the 1 mil expires in 12/2011. The 3 Year Road Plan is as follows: 2010 – Section 22 Rd from Bates Amasa Rd to Shoquist Rd. Shoquist Rd from Hwy US 2 to the top of the hill. Section 14 Rd from Bates Amasa Rd to Orin Nichols Residence. 2011 – Chicagon Mine Road from US 2 to Helgemo Road. 2012 – Wildwood Lake Rd from Chicagon Mine Rd to the Cu de sac. Passamani Rd and Larson Rd. A motion was made by Moncivais to approve this proposal. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

3 YEAR
ROAD PLAN

ICRC Millage Money Recommendation – A motion was made by Helgemo to send a letter to the ICRC with the following recommendation. That the money be spent wisely for general maintenance and that Bates Township roads receive an equitable share of the maintenance. Supported by Moncivais. All ayes. Motion carried. Copy of letter on file.

ICRC
MILLAGE
MONEY

Children's Christmas Party – Clerk Moncivais stated that she spoke with Mary Christensen who will do the party again this year. A motion was made by Wodzinski to approve the \$200 budget. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. Each Board member should provide a treat.

CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

IC MTA December Meeting Reminder - Clerk Moncivais reminded the Board Members that the meeting will be Tuesday Dec. 1st at the Bates Hall.

IC MTA
DECEMBER
MEETING

Propane Bids – A motion was made by Bobnock to call for propane bids. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

PROPANE
BIDS

UPSET Donation Request - A request was received from UPSET for \$1.00 per capita. The Board decided to table any action until the next Board meeting to see what if anything that the other municipalities are doing.

UPSET
DONATION
REQUEST

Camp Ottawa Firewood Giveaway - Supervisor Helgemo gave Clerk Moncivais applications for free firewood. Copies on file.

FIREWOOD
GIVEAWAY

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Sewer - Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

- Jim Brennan – Letter hoping the township will take a leadership role in recycling.
- WUPPDR – Annual Project Survey. No action taken.
- MDOT - 11/5/09 Meeting in Bruce Crossing. RE: Road Funding.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Franzene. 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 7:50 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – November 11, 2009 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____

