

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

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

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2009 regular meeting. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL
REPORT

General Fund:	\$	58,228.92
Sewer Fund:	\$	74,588.83
Water Fund:	\$	257,672.67
Road Fund:	\$	148,114.86
Liquor Law:	\$	

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

Exploration Mining – The President of the Perch Lake Assn, Hal Petrimoulx, presented the Board with a letter opposing mining. (The Assn Attorney was also present.) Perch Lake is a pristine lake and one of the township's largest. The Assn understands that a special variance would be required and they wanted to rise in support of that. Helgemo again stated that the Board has gone on record as opposing mining exploration in this area. To date no one has contacted the Board about mining.

EXPLORA-
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SPECIAL PROJECTS

Rogers Blacktop Road – The Rogers blacktop project should be done in October. There was some discussion about the Board preparing its 3 year Road Plan for the ICRC. Also the ICRC is requesting that the municipalities write them a letter with recommendations on how to use their millage. RC Ernie Schmidt was present. He stated that he would like to see the blacktop bids be requested in February so that we know in March what will be done. He thinks it would be cheaper than waiting until later in the season.

ROGERS
LOCATION
BLACKTOP
PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell was absent. Supervisor Helgemo reviewed Stowell's monthly report. (Copy on file.)

ZONING
UPDATE

Sunset Lake Pump house – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there is nothing new to report at this time. He has not heard back yet from the Claims Investigator.

SUNSET LKE
PMPHSE

Digital Mapping – Clerk Moncivais stated that she has the contract from AECOM. They prefer that the township pay them in full and then collect from the County for the counties portion.

DIGITAL
MAPPING

West Iron County Middle School – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the authority papers were drawn up by Attorney Powell. Attorney Polich was supposed to review them. Now it appears that the school wants to get out of their portion of the obligation. Per Julie Melchiori everything is stalled at the moment. It appears that Global Response may rent for the months of October – December.

WIC MIDDLE
SCHOOL
BUSINESS
PROJECT

Hall Rental / Non Profits – H. C. Richards had turned in a list of non-profits that use the hall. The Board reviewed the list. At this time the list of names is acceptable. The non-profits will pay for Friday-Sunday use like everyone.

NON PROFIT
HALL
RENTAL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Stambaugh Twp Water Customers – There was discussion about taking over some of Stambaugh Twp's customers. There would be 9 individual hookups and these residents would pay our water rates. . Stambaugh Twp would pay all expenses to do the hookups. Stambaugh Twp will have to pay Bates for any water amounts that could be turned over to tax roll. Then they would be responsible for collecting from the residents. No work to be done until the agreement is final and in writing.

ST.TWP
KOFMEHL RE
WATER
CUSTOMERS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff reviewed a letter that he had sent to a resident on Section 14 Rd. He stated that Stowell is doing a good job. He also met with Assessor Nelson a few time regarding a couple of tax appeals.

Cemetery Decorations – Clerk Moncivais will publish the ad for the removal of all cemetery decorations by October 1st.

CEMETERY
DÉCOR.

Park Closing – The Freeland's left on September 9th. The park is now closed for the season. The swimming area is closed. Konoske will call GAD and put the dumpster on seasonal hold.

PARK
CLOSING

Citgo Credit Card – Citgo is discontinuing their open accounts. The twp will apply for a Citgo house credit card. There will not be a card for any township employee to carry. There was some discussion about seeing if anyone else had open accounts but Helgemo stated that the Atanasoff's are big tax payers in Bates.

CITGO
CREDIT
CARD

IC Fire Board – Ernie Schmidt is a Bates representative on the Fire Board. He stated that the FB is making progress. They have no bills and they just purchased 10 new air packs for the fire fighters.

IC FIRE
BOARD
UPDATE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Clerk Moncivais will have Gwen contact Clean Kill. / Sewer - Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Water – There was a request for a service hook up on Sunset Lake Rd. There was some discussion on running a line from Javoroski Road to Carlson's on the south side of the road, however it was determined that it would be cheaper to do the individual hook ups as they are requested and bore under the road. / Cemetery – Decorations must be removed by October 1st. The Clerk will have the notices published.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

- Gifts from Santa – A motion was made by Moncivais to give \$25. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Fire Prevention Week Ad – A motion was made by Moncivais to place the ad for \$30. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Eagle Scout Project/Mark Bofinger – For the purpose of Veterans Memorial Restoration. – A motion was made by Wodzinski to give \$100. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.
- ICRC Meeting – Helgemo attached the meeting which was to include info on GAD and a landfill by Wetmore. No one from GAD or Waste Mgmt showed up.

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 Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – October 14, 2009 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____

