

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 11, 2010 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 and Trustees Wodzinski and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Sewer/Water Dept Konoske (Benson not required to be there); Zoning Administrator Stowell; Assessor Nelson; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Marian Volek – The Reporter; Attorney Atanasoff; Residents. Constable Demboski and Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Bobnock moved to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2010 regular meeting. Supported by **Franzene**. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

General Fund:	\$ 61,325.03
Sewer Fund:	\$ 102,194.03
Water Fund:	\$ 279,481.48
Road Fund:	\$ 136,361.51
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

GEI Consultants – Jeff Bal told the Board that there should be grants available through the DNR Trust Fund program. Some of the monies could be used for walking trails, fishing piers, park changing houses, campground upgrades, etc. Some are 50/50 grants and some are up to 70% grants. The township must have a rec plan. Then do a wish list, prioritize it and get the estimate of costs. Then there must be a public hearing to adopt the plan and it must be filed with the state by April 1st of any year. Grant guidelines usually come out in March. Helgemo stated that the park pavilion is shot. Maybe the township could think about grant monies for that and maybe a walking trail, fishing pier and campground improvements. A motion was made by Moncivais to seek out volunteers to form a rec committee. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. Those who will be named to the committee will be done so at the next meeting.

GEI CONSULTANTS – DNR TRUST FUND GRANTS

Iron River Twp Resident – On West Sunset Lake Rd it is no longer cost effective to maintain the line to the Sprinkles residence. A motion was made by Moncivais to send the abandonment letter with the customary 2 year deadline with an effective date of September 1, 2010. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Helgemo and Konoske attended a meeting with Iron River Twp and they pledged more cooperation in maintaining the line to their residents. This is the West Sunset Lake Rd line that Bates Township has been maintaining.

IR TWP WTRLINE ABANDONMENT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Proposed Water Project – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the project grant idea is dead. They are out of stimulus money. UPEA provided the Board with some figures if the Board decided to refinance the old loan and do the new project. Wodzinski stated that he is reluctant to put anymore money out on these things because we pay for the grant applications to be done then there is no money available. Action tabled until next meeting so the board can review the information from UPEA.

WATER PROJECT

SPECIAL PROJECTS (cont'd)

West Iron County Middle School – Supervisor Helgemo presented the Board with a Resolution to place language on the November ballot. The WIC Rec Authority is asking for ½ mill for 5 years. Helgemo read the resolution. All 4 entities must adopt the resolution and file it along with the meeting minutes to the County Clerk. The millage request must pass in all 4 jurisdictions involved. Wodzinski questioned as to the original plan which was for the building to support itself. The Joint Building Authority owns the building. The Rec Authority is completely separate from the Joint Bldg Authority. Helgemo stated that the income so far is not sufficient. Resident Stolberg asked about Global Response as a renter. Helgemo said there is nothing solid as they have not generated enough jobs yet. He also said that it's only been 7 months since the Authority was put in place. Ernie Schmidt stated that the Authority might have done better with a 2 year millage request. Stolberg agreed that it will be hard to support a 5 year request. Franzene stated that this is just ballot language. Bal stated that anyone that wants to see what they've done with their GEI offices in the building is invited to do so. Helgemo said if the millage request doesn't pass there is enough money in the pool to last until next fall. A motion was made by Franzene to adopt the resolution. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WIC REC
AUTHORITY
MILLAGE
PROPOSAL

Sewer Lift Station Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the project should get under way within about a month.

SEWER LIFT
STATION
PROJECT

Blacktop Projects – 22 Rd/Sec 14 Rd – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Sec 22 Rd is pretty much done. A couple of yards need to be repaired. Ernie Schmidt stated that Bates Amasa Rd to Paulsen will be done. Phase 4 & 5 which will go to about Fire Lake will be done next year. Wodzinski questioned the trucks using Sec 16 Rd. Helgemo said that they're running empty there and full on Reiman Rd. Franzene & Bobnock noticed a problem with the blacktop in from of Orin Nichols home on Sec 14. / Helgemo stated that because the bids were coming in low (almost 35% less than expected) he got an estimate from the ICRC to do a portion of Chicagon Mine Rd from US 2 to the "fork" and then do just past the two driveways on Old US2. The estimate came in around \$42000-\$43000. Then the project would be completed next year. A motion was made by Bobnock to do that portion of the project this year. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BLACKTOP
PROJECTS

Hall Blacktop – GEI Consultants did a design, construction administration and oversight proposal for getting the township hall parking lot blacktopped. Wodzinski thought blacktopping the hall was okay but why do we need engineering. Moncivais thought it would be good for handicap accessibility. Helgemo stated it's a good time to get it done because the costs are low. Action was tabled until next meeting so the Board could review the information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that he issued 1 permit. There were 2 violations, 1 car and 1 horse. Clerk Moncivais has a copy of the monthly report on file.

Rogers Location Alley Abandonment – Attorney Atanasoff received a letter from Attorney Omdahl who had been hired by Resident Jump to request abandonment of the alleyway between her and Ron Webber. Atanasoff informed Omdahl that the Board will not be taking any action on that matter. Clerk Moncivais clarified that no action will be taken at this time on that stretch of alley. Atanasoff said correct. Supervisor Helgemo stated that he hadn't received any information yet from Resident Fritsche so that action has been tabled until the next board meeting.

ROGERS
ALLEY
ABANDONMENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT'D)

St Germain Blasting/Groundwater Storage Tank – Work to begin August 12th.

GROUND
WATER
STORAGE
TANK

Cemetery Veteran Markers – Tabled until next meeting. The Township is waiting on more information from Mike Henschel.

CEMETERY
MARKERS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Researched horses on US2 for ZA and responded to Omdahl alleyway letter.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Bates sign should be installed by Friday. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – Lagoon was cut. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

It was noted that Bates Township may be helping out Iron River Township in the absence of Ron Froblem.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Wodzinski. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – September 8, 2010 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____