

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – March 10, 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, Trustees Bobnock and Wodzinski present. Also in attendance were Sewer/Water Dept Konoske (Benson not required to be there); ZA Stowell; Attorney Atanasoff; Marian Volek –The Reporter; Residents. Constable Demboski and Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2010 regular meeting. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 91,334.91
Sewer Fund:	\$ 85,132.11
Water Fund:	\$ 293,801.98
Road Fund:	\$ 201,420.48
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Proposed Water Project – Nancy Roberts with Up Engineers was at the meeting to answer questions about their proposal. Time is of the essence if the township hopes to secure grant monies. Duane Reid of RD thought the township would be able to get the application together. There may be no money available next year so we should act now. There is approx. \$15000 in preliminary engineering costs. If we don’t go forward we will lose the money however if we get the grant the money will be reimbursed. We need a project of equal size to refinance through RD. Attorney Atanasoff thought this was the best thing for the township. Franzene wanted to know further credentials of those with UP Engineers because of a previous bad experience about 16 years ago. Roberts stated that some people are gone and there have been a lot of proactive changes. It’s a different company today. Wodzinski stated this is a great time to do the project because the material costs are low. Roberts stated that they have innovative ways for the township to save money. A motion was made by Franzene to go forward with the information to apply for the grant/loan for this water project. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Clerk has a copy of the proposal on file.

PROPOSED WATER PROJECT

West Iron County Middle School – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Authority is looking for prospective grant money. There are feasibility studies being done. Global North is still a tenant possibility.

WIC MIDDLE AUTHORITY

Sewer Lift Station Projects – Employee’s are still gathering prices. AECOM has been authorized to do engineering on the lift stations (estimated at \$1400-\$2000). Franzene has been working on financing. MSB hasn’t gotten back to us yet. Citizens want us to move our accounts to their bank. Project decisions are tabled to next meeting.

LIFT STATION PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that there were more inquiries in February. There were no permits and no violation letters issued in February. Clerk Moncivais has a copy of the monthly report on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Road Renewal Newsletter - Clerk Moncivais has a rough draft ready. Franzene will have the labels ready by the April Board meeting. We want to let residents know that this is not a new millage but a renewal.

ROAD
RENEWAL
NEWSLTR

Bates Township/Nick Baumgartner Sign – The Board decided to get estimates from local sign makers. The sign will be placed near the Bates School. The sign will be approx. 4 x 6 in size and will read: Welcome to Bates Township – Recreation Paradise – Proud Home of 2010 Snowboard Olympian Nick Baumgartner. It will be a two sided sign.

BATES TWP
SIGN

AED's – Supervisor Helgemo got a list of the first responders. Clerk has on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff provided the Board members with the MTA article of Lawful Expenditures. / Chairman Autio and the Zoning Board have finalized the zoning ordinance corrections. The ordinance will come before the Board for a review. The correction changes will be published and there will be a public hearing.

St Germain Blasting – As a result of an occasional suspicious odor in the water on some north side Sunset Lake residents a motion was made by Bobnock to accept the estimate of \$900 for the inspection of the ground storage tank from St. Germain Sandblasting. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GROUND
STORAGE
TANK
INSPECTION

Summer Youth Workers – Clerk Moncivais will write a letter to Michigan Works requesting two summer youth workers. Also, a notice will be published in the paper. Derrick Grisset will not be back this summer. The township likes to give this opportunity to a qualified Bates Township youth looking for summer part time work.

SUMMER
YOUTH
WORKER

Iron County Community School Program – A motion was made by Franzene to support the program with the request amount of **\$1292**. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

IRON
COUNTY
COM.
SCHOOL

Right to Sell Township Property – A motion was made by Franzene to authorize the Board of Trustees to sell its available township property throughout the year for fair market value. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TWP
PROPERTY
SALES

Bank Depository Resolution – A motion was made by Moncivais to keep all of the current accounts at Miner's State Bank, Edward Jones, and Citizen's Bank. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BANK
DEPOSITORY

Budget Amendment – A motion was made by Moncivais to amend the General Fund Budget from \$234300 to \$241733.73 with a difference of \$7433.73. And to amend the Sewer Fund Budget from \$92,200 to \$107074.59 with a difference of \$14874.59. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BUDGET
AMENDMT

Assessor Salary – Board members agreed that Nelson does an excellent job. A motion was made by Moncivais to increase her salary from \$15,000/year to \$16,500. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Helgemo reiterated that other Assessors are charging the townships \$26,000 or more annually depending on the price per parcel so we're getting off cheap.

ASSESSOR
SALARY

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Zoning Administrator – The Board agreed that he has done a great job and during the year he did not receive any additional salary for becoming the Ordinance Enforcer. A motion was made by Franzene to increase his monthly salary from \$300 to \$400. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. All increases begin April 1st.

ZONING ADM
SALARY

Employee Raises - There was a discussion to increase the employees to 3%. Helgemo recommended "rounding it up". A motion was made by Franzene to increase Full Time Employee Konoske from \$16.50/hour and Part Time Employee Benson from \$14.25/hour. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE
RAISES

General Appropriations Act – A motion was made by Franzene to adopt the General Appropriations Act and budget for the 2010- 2011 year. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GENERAL
APPROP.
ACT

Passamani Wedding – The party will use the township power for an additional cost of \$100. Phil Westphal of Westphals, Inc. will do the hookup. Permission has been granted to extend the curfew of the pavilion from 10pm to 12 midnight. Constable Demboski will be present until 12 midnight.

PASSAMANI
WEDDING

GUEST COMMENTS

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – There is a leak again on West Sunset Lake Rd. We will be shutting the line off. This is Iron River Twp's responsibility to repair as the waterline services their customers. The revenue that we receive is not enough to cover the maintenance and use of the lines. Tabled until next meeting. / Stambaugh Twp is getting closer to tapping into our water on Kofmehl Rd. / Sewer – Rogers Location and the Cascioli Lift Stations need repair. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / 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 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 Wodzinski. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – April 14, 2010 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____