

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 12, 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); Assessor Nelson; Attorney Atanasoff; Residents. Constable Demboski and Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 130,528.57
Sewer Fund:	\$ 89,289.75
Water Fund:	\$ 246,956.44
Road Fund:	\$ 191,936.33
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Wills was absent.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

Resident Jim Nelson stated that the dust and condition of the Chicagon Mine Rd is affecting his quality of life. When will the road be blacktopped. Franzene stated that it was a request by the residents in the ½ of the road to have the old pavement broken up and turned to gravel. It was Mr. Nelson’s opinion that this made more of mess. Supervisor Helgemo explained that originally the delay was because the township was going after a grant to extend the sewer system. Since the grant fell through Chicagon Mine Rd has been put on the township’s blacktopping list for next summer. Last year the township made several extra passes with dust control on Chicagon Mine Rd. Helgemo stated that they will try that again this year. Nelson’s other complaint was that the dust control was being wasted on areas where there were hardly any houses.

CHICAGON MINE RD DUST

Water Problems –Three Residents from Sunset Lake - Trybom Drive came to discuss the problem with their water. It comes and goes and has a funny taste and smell. Helgemo pointed out that he had a problem with plastic pipes. One Resident stated that if that if were the problem then why does it come and go and not be all the time? Helgemo stated that he discussed the problem with Kleiman and 99% of the time it’s an internal problem inside the home. Helgemo stated that they will continue to work on the problem.

TRYBOM DRIVE WATER PROBLEMS

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Proposed Water Project – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Clerk, Treasurer and employees are still gathering information for the engineers. Nothing new to report.

PROPOSED WATER PROJECT

West Iron County Middle School – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there may be a recreational authority formed that will go after ½ mill. The millage would have to pass in all municipalities.

WIC MIDDLE AUTHORITY

Sewer Lift Station Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that in a special meeting the Board approved the project. The pumps and valves have been ordered. The price was brought down from approx. \$180,000 to \$137,000 with another \$25,000 for labor. Delivery will probably be around July 1<sup>st</sup>. Heberts and Ahlbergs part would be done in approx. 1 month.

LIFT STATION PROJECT

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Blacktop Projects – Dust Control -By doing Section 22 Rd from Bates-Amasa Rd to Thunander Rd instead of all the way to Shoquist Rd brought the cost down from \$143,000 to \$118,000. The left over funds will be used on Chicagon Mine Rd next summer. Dust control will be done the end of the month.

BLACKTOP  
BIDS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell was absent. Helgemo stated that the Zoning Board will have a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to work on fences and mapping. Moncivais has a copy of the monthly report on file.

Road Renewal Newsletter - The Board thanked the Residents for passing the road millage. Clerk Moncivais placed a thank you ad in the Reporter.

ROAD  
RENEWAL  
NEWSLTR

Bates Township/Nick Baumgartner Sign – Clerk Moncivais stated that on Election Day of the 158 votes cast 28 were AB voters. That resulted in 130 physical people coming to the polls with 110 casting an opinion on their favorite Bates Township sign. # 5 sign by Wolf Track Design was the favorite. Also, the nick Baumgartner committee sent the township a donation towards the sign of \$893.50. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the donation and to purchase 1 double faced sign and one single faced sign as well as have the vendor install the signs. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Bobnock is supposed to talk to Andreski about putting a sign on the Andreski property at the east end of the township and get back to Helgemo.

BATES TWP  
SIGN

St Germain Blasting – Nothing new to report.

Summer Youth Workers – Supervisor Helgemo pointed out that we may not get a Michigan Works worker this year because last year there were 75 and this year there will only be 28. Clerk Moncivais filled out the worksite application. / In the meantime there were 3 letters of interest received for the township summer youth worker position. Helgemo stated that all 3 applicants were impressive. We have so much work that the township could hire all 3. Since there is immediate work and two of the workers can start immediately a motion was made by Bobnock to hire the 2 to start Monday. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, abstain, Franzene, abstain. Motion carried. It was agreed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> applicant will possibly be hired at the end of the school year if needed and if he is available.

GROUND  
STRGE TANK  
INSPECTION

SUMMER  
YOUTH  
WORKER

DNR Notice Violation – The pier is back out and turned out real nice. The swings and slide still have to be done to meet the DNR's requirements.

Memorial Day Ceremony – A motion was made by Moncivais to approve a budget of \$300 for Evelyn Javoroski to do the brunch with. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The cemetery ceremony starts at 8am.

PARK  
REPAIRS

Stambaugh Twp Waterline Hookups – The agreement was signed by both Boards.

MEMORIAL  
DAY  
CEREMONY

US 2 Waterline Leaks – There have been 6 leaks on the line on US 2 between Helgemo Rd and Krans Rd. There was discussion about the Residents putting in a common well. The Board agreed to send a notice to the Home Owners and try to arrange a special meeting to let them know the situation and to see if together a resolution can be reached. If the township gave the customary 2 years of free water to allow them to put in individual wells, it would be \$2520. Franzene will do a letter.

STAMBAUGH  
TWP  
WATERLINE  
HOOKUPS

**NEW BUSINESS**

Planning Commission - Attorney Atanasoff drafted the Resolution changing from a Zoning Board to a Planning Commission. A motion was made by Wodzinski to sign and adopt the Resolution. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PLANNING  
COMM.

Attorney Report - Atanasoff provided the Board with the Legal Svcs agreement for the water project that must be submitted as part of the application process for the grant.

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Elmo will be arriving next week. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE ...**

- IC MTA June Meeting in Amasa

**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 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 – June 9, 2010 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_