

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 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 Wodzinski and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Assessor Nelson; ZA Stowell; ZBA Oberlin; W/S Dept Konoske (Benson not required to be there); Attorney Atanasoff; Marian Volek, The Reporter; Rec Com-Golas; Residents. Constable Demboski and Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2010 regular meeting. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

General Fund:	\$ 37,738.26
Sewer Fund:	\$ 64,673.99
Water Fund:	\$ 221,862.18
Road Fund:	\$ 136,616.64
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

WIC Rec Authority Millage Language – The millage did not pass in Bates Twp or Iron River Twp. The Rec Authority will continue to explore ways to keep the building going.

WIC R/A MILLAGE

Sewer Lift Station Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there is still some electrical work to be done.

SEWER LIFT STATIONS

Blacktop Projects – Chgn Mine Rd – The lower portion blacktopping has been completed. The upper portion is scheduled to be done next year. The bids for the township hall back parking lot were Northeast Asphalt @ \$12610, Munson Bros @ \$16830 and Midwest Asphalt @ \$21000. A motion was made by Bobnock to go with Northeast Asphalt who will also grade and prepare the area. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Helgemo stated that the project will be done next spring but at least this will secure the price.

BLACKTOP PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that he issued 4 permits, 1 permit denied, 2 violations and he checked on buildings at two camps.

Bates Township Rec Committee – Supervisor Helgemo reminded everyone that the committee was formed to be able to apply for DNR grants. The grant application must be submitted by April 1st. The first meeting was very successful. The Board was presented with a list of potential projects with a priority ranking. The next meeting will be in January.

REC COMM PLANS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS(cont'd)

PLANNING
COMM APPT

Planning Commission Appointment – The Board received 3 letters of interest from Bates Residents. The Planning Commission will be required to have 4 meetings a year as opposed to 2 meetings a year. Clerk Moncivais will contact the current members to have them reapply also. Action is tabled until next meeting. There will not be a call for additional applicants at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he contact John Faccin and told him that Bates Twp needs a formal letter that the County has approved the Township move to becoming a Planning Commission. Attanasoff recommended that the Board pursue even a small water project to take advantage of the interest rates. There was some discussion that the project has to meet certain qualifications and the Board does not want to raise water rates.

Merit Community Outreach Meeting – There will be a meeting November 11th at 9:30am at the Crystal Falls District Library. Public is welcome.

MERIT
MEETING

MTA December Meeting – Clerk Monicvais reminded the Board members of the meeting December 7th @ 6PM at the Crystal Falls Twp hall.

MTA
MEETING

Employee Request – Benson made a formal request to the Board for vacation time off of 40 hours over the next two weeks. Helgemo stated that his position does not have benefits or vacation time. Bobnock stated that he could have the time off but not with pay. Helgemo stated that Konoske will be off all hunting season. Helgemo doesn't have a problem with Benson taking the time off. Wodzinski stated that the Board needs to do something but he's not sure what. Ed is a good worker. Franzene stated that his position should not be compared to that of the summer part time workers. She stated that she agrees that you can't start a precedent but that Benson has been screwed over a few times. Helgemo stated that he did make an offer to Benson to go full time. The Board agreed that he could take the time off but without pay.

EMPLOYEE
REQUEST

Children's Christmas Party - Clerk Moncivais reminded the Board that the Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday December 11 from 11AM – 12:30PM. She will publish an ad. The Board is grateful to the Christensen family and friends for hosting this event.

CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – There have been a few waterline breaks. There was a permanent disconnect put on the line on the Bates Gaastra Rd by McMahons. There are also complaints again about the water from the same residents. They are not homes that are next to each other. Helgemo stated that he is going to have the employees go in and take an inventory of what the homes have for pipes, water softeners, water heaters, etc. The Board is looking for some similarities. There are no complaints from other individuals. The matter will continue to be investigated. / Sewer – There was a problem with Lift Station #1 renovations and there will need to be a repair done. Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – The park is now closed and winterized. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

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 Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – December 8, 2010 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____