

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – October 13, 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; Attorney Atanasoff; Marian Volek – The Reporter; Residents. W/S Dept Konoske (Benson not required to be there): ZA Stowell, Constable Demboski and Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2010 regular meeting with a change to page 2 Hall Blacktop. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

General Fund:	\$ 55,875.34
Sewer Fund:	\$ 69,673.59
Water Fund:	\$ 214,447.76
Road Fund:	\$ 136,529.68
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

WIC Fire Board - Ernie Schmidt of the ICRC and the Bates Twp Representative on the WIC Fire Board stated that the Fire Board is purchasing an adjacent property to the current Fire Dept Hall. They will then tear down the house which will allow for additional parking or building expansion as needed in the future.

WIC FIRE BOARD

SPECIAL PROJECTS

WIC Rec Authority Millage Language – No action taken. The Millage will be voted on in November. There will be an open house for the public to see the building and what’s happening there on October 23rd.

WIC R/A MILLAGE

Sewer Lift Station Projects – The renovations should be finished around October 14th. There will still be some electrical, cleaning and painting to be done. There is also some bad ground water infiltration into a couple of the stations that will have to be dealt with.

SEWER LIFT STATIONS

Blacktop Projects – Chgn Mine Rd – There was enough money in the road fund to do a partial project on Chgn Mine Rd. This will be completed the week of October 18th.

BLACKTOP PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell was not present, however he filed his report. He issued 5 permits and followed up on some previous violations. Clerk Moncivais has a copy of the monthly report on file.

Zoning – Fence Issue – There is a fence issue currently happening on Sunset Lake between residents. A resident is now asking to be able to put up a fence according to the 2009 fencing ordinance. The Zoning Board will review the request.

FENCE ISSUE – SUNSET LK

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS(cont'd)

Bates Township Rec Committee – There are 3 volunteers – Mike Golas, Bob Pozniak and Chet Benson. They will meet on Friday October 22 with Jef Bal. Al Wodzinski will be present on behalf of the Twp Board.

BATES
REC COMM
SPL MTG.

Planning Commission Resignation – Don Autio Chairperson of the Planning Commission will be moving out of the area so he submitted his letter of resignation. Clerk Moncivais will publish an ad for Bates Residents that might be interested in becoming a member of the Planning Commission.

PLAN COMM
RESIGNA-
TION

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – There is a car violation and the Resident continues to ignore the township. Attorney Atanasoff spoke with the resident and he states that he has health issues. The Board tabled the issue until next month when ZA Stowell is back. / Atanasoff spoke with John Faccin asking for proof of certification on the Planning Commission for Clerk Moncivais's records. / Atanasoff reviewed the fence issue between Sunset Lake Residents and the Residents request to go by the 2009 ordinance.

Avoca Land Request – Teresa Cornelia representing Avoca Lands was present at the mtg. She stated that they are land developers that purchased land from Howard Carlson on the Bates Amasa Road. They have/are select logging the land, building roads and they will be dividing the acreage to sell off either a spec home(s) or vacant parcels. There was a Bates Twp easement indicated on the plat book and an old deed from the 1930's. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board had the title company do a search and after the Board members review the Board feels that Bates Twp has no interest in the parcel. A motion was made by Franzene to have a quit claim deed executed that will release the twp from any legal interest in the parcel. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

AVOCA LAND
REQUEST

Three Year Road Plan – There was much discussion regarding the roads to consider. A copy of Supervisor Helgemo's proposal is on file with the Clerk. Ernie Schmidt voiced his concerns about blacktopping dead end roads. Treasurer Franzene stated that she would at least like to see some shouldering done on Section 14 Rd. Every year the road on the hill by Erickson's gets washed out and becomes very dangerous. Supervisor Helgemo stated that he doesn't think the township should have to pay for gravel on these roads. Schmidt stated that the township should look into seal coating the roads. This could last about 15 years, no dust control is required and it could be much less expensive solution to some roads. There was discussion about how much traffic Forsberg and Little Finland Rds get. The Board reminded everyone that the 3 year road plan was just a suggestion and could be changed from one year to the next. A motion was made by Wodzinski to do the road plan as follows: 2011 - finish Chgn Mine Rd and complete the Bates Twp portion of S. Ice Lake Rd. To be reviewed again next year proposed plan 2012 - Wildwood Lake Rd and Shoquist Rd. 2013 – Larson Rd and Passamani Rd. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

3 YEAR
ROAD PLAN

Children's Christmas Party – A motion was made by Moncivais to approve the \$200 budget which is the same budget that has been set aside for the party for over 10 years. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. Moncivais will talk with Mary Christensen about doing the party again this year.

CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

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** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

- The Capitol Currents had an article regarding the upcoming ballot proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision of the state constitution. A motion was made by Moncivais to have the Board go on record as to opposing this proposal. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. 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 7:09 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – November 10, 2010 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____