

## BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 10, 2011 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 present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Konoske (Benson not required to attend); ZBA Stowell; Assessor Nelson; Attorney Atanasoff; Marian Volek, The Reporter; Mike Golas, Bates Rec Committee; Residents. Trustee Bobnock and Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2011 regular meeting. Supported by Wodzinski. 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.

FINANCIAL  
REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 131,404.70
Sewer Fund:	\$ 69,792.75
Water Fund:	\$ 266,696.23
Road Fund:	\$ 154,994.46
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

### GUEST COMMENTS

Sunset Lake Assn Mtg – Mike Golas representing the Sunset Lake Assn reminded everyone that there would be a meeting at the hall on August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM. There were several items that would be discussed including the Park boat launch, invasive species and signage.

SUNSET  
LAKE ASSN  
MTG

Township Millage Renewal – Assessor Nelson expressed the importance of the upcoming millage “renewal” being passed. The allocated money that the township receives goes along way and the cemetery is just one of the many things that needs to be maintained. Utility expenses are going up and that is out of the township's control.

MILLAGE  
RENEWAL

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

Blacktop Project - Supervisor Helgemo stated that we are waiting to hear back from the Road Commission on the “double seal coat” process. Also he is waiting to hear from Gene Mottes.

BLACKTOP  
PROJECT

DNR Grant / Bates Park – Supervisor Helgemo stated that at this time the township is getting letters of support for the project from various organizations.

DNR  
PARK  
PROJECT

Water Project – Jim Koskineimi was present to discuss the process with the board. Rural Development has approved our loan. The Board will not have to raise water rates. There will be a lengthy process and he reviewed the checklist of things that will have to be completed along the way. Miller Canfield will be involved as the bonding council also.

WATER  
PROJECT

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that there was one violation and no permits issued. There were several calls pertaining to permits. There is a continuing property line dispute on Noren Rd that is not an issue that the township can address/enforce. Clerk Moncivais will keep a copy of the report on file.

ZONING  
UPDATE

General Operations Millage Renewal Ballot Language – Clerk Moncivais stated that the millage will be up for renewal at a special election in November. This is NOT or a NEW millage. This is a RENEWAL of the millage that has been in place over 10 years.

GENERAL  
OPS  
MILLAGE  
RENEWAL

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Anderson Rd/US2 Waterline – Supervisor Helgemo stated that since the letters were sent out both residents responded. They will use the same contractor and hook into the line at the same time. The township will handle the shut off installations.

ANDERSON  
RD/US  
WATERLINE

Veterans Memorial Update – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there has been a lot of questions as to who qualifies to have their name on the memorial. At this time the pricing is being researched. There will be another meeting with Helgemo, Buzzy Stoychoff, Mike Henschel and Austin Atanasoff as soon as there is more information gathered.

VETERANS  
MEMORIAL

Bates School – The Township will remain vigilant on watching to see what will happen with the school and the forest.

BATES  
SCHOOL

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff reviewed the information that the Board had received previously regarding ownership of the Bates School and reverter clauses, etc.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Bates Township Magnetic Signs – Assessor Nelson stated that for safety reasons it would be nice to have vehicle signs. Clerk Moncivais will order a few sets to be used by the Assessor, Zoning Administrator and a spare set for other township officials.

MAGNETIC  
SIGNS

Clinton Otto / Water meter – Resident Otto was present to complain about his water bill and “let run.” Township policies were explained to Mr. Otto. Treasurer Franzene reminded Mr. Otto that she is “always” prepared to work with residents when they need help.

WATER LE  
RUN

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

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – More hydrant extensions are being done. / Sewer – The lagoon will be cut. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Trustee Wodzinski questioned where the “grills” went to at the park. Many have been missing for a long time. Host Elmo stated that the campground attendance was down a little this year. Supervisor Helgemo will look into bringing electric to some of the campsites. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE ...**

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Wodzinski. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – September 14, 2011 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

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