

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – February 9, 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 and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were ZA Stowell; Assessor Nelson; W/S Dept Konoske (Benson not required to be there); Attorney Atanasoff; ZBA Pozniak; ICBC Wales; Constable Demboski; Residents. Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Supervisor Helgemo asked for the correction of one word/Pg 2/PI from “are to not” in the January minutes. Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2011 regular meeting with Clerk Moncivais making the correction. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 150,708.93
Sewer Fund:	\$ 79,160.93
Water Fund:	\$ 254,488.73
Road Fund:	\$ 84,375.45
Liquor Law:	\$

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

**GUEST COMMENTS**

ICBC Wales - Mr. Wales gave the Board some information and explained how the ICBC came up with their new formula for allocating monies amongst the area Senior Centers. He stated that it is the Boards intention to put the money back where it belongs. He also stated that there was approximately \$10000 being paid to DICSA for admin fees and now that money is being kept in Iron County.

IC SENIOR CENTERS

Don’s Road Fire – Resident William Adams was present with his Mom-Diane. She stated that on January 20<sup>th</sup> there was a house fire at her son’s residence on Don’s Road. She stated that the fire hydrant closest to the home was not working and in her opinion that is why the house could not be saved. She wanted to know why the hydrant didn’t work. Supervisor Helgemo stated that he was there and the home was fully engulfed prior to the fire department arriving, Attorney Atanasoff stated that he was there and the home was fully engulfed prior to the fire department arriving and it was also stated that when the 911 call came to the fire department the dispatcher stated that the home was fully engulfed therefore there was no way the home could have been saved. Adams wanted to know who was going to pay the fire department bill of \$1125? Attorney Atanasoff pointed out that this would be an insurance issue. He is a renter and had no renters insurance. Gloria Pollock is the home owner/landlord and he didn’t think she had insurance. Adams said that the cause of the fire was electrical in nature. The fire department did use the hydrant at the other end of the block that did work. Attorney Atanasoff pointed out that the township doesn’t have a liability. After much more discussion the Board told Adams he can submit a copy of the bill to the township and we will forward it to our insurance company but that this is not intended to give an indication of liability on the townships part. The fire hydrants are maintained but there is always a possibility that they will malfunction.

DON’S RD FIRE

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Bates Township Rec Plan - Jef Ball was present. A copy of the Rec Plan is available at the twp hall, the library and on the township website. It is posted for a 30 day review. There will be a public hearing about the plan on Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm at the hall. Bal will place an ad in the paper on behalf of the township publishing the hearing date. / On a side note ICBC Wales said that if the township has an interest in the Paint River Lots as part of their plan they should bring their ideas to the board soon. In the meantime he will bring up to the County Board that they should put a freeze putting those lots up for sale and/or take them off the market because Bates may have an interest in them for a future project.

BATES TWP  
REC PLAN

WIC Rec Authority Millage Language – Nothing new to report.

WIC REC  
AUTHORITY

Sewer Lift Station Projects – Raymond Iron & Metal completed the lift station stands. There are little things to be done to complete the project that will be done over the upcoming months.

SEWER LIFT  
STATIONS

Water Project – Nothing new to report.

WATER  
PROJECT

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that he issued 0 permits and 0 violations for January. He also measured a lot that may require a variance. No additional information at this time. Clerk Moncivais will keep a copy of the reports are on file.

ZONING  
UPDATE

Passamani Rd Waterline – Tabled until next meeting. None of the residents were present. They are still exploring their options.

PASSAMANI  
RD  
WATERLINE

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff nothing new to report. Wondered if Clerk Moncivais received anything from the County acknowledging the Bates Rec Plan, which the township has not. ICBC pointed out that John Faccin is no longer on that Board and that Carl Lind would be the one to talk to.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment – There was one letter of interest received. Supervisor Helgemo then appointed Chet Benson to the ZBA. A motion was made by Wodzinski to approve the appointment. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZBA MEMBEF  
APPTMT

Bates Township Signage – Supervisor Helgemo spoke with Ted Pasternak who had been ill. He will be giving the township a sample of the improvements that he will propose so that the signs can be easier to read. This is a followup to what he was going to do last fall prior to becoming ill.

BATES TWP  
SIGNAGE

Planning Commission Organizational Meeting – The meeting will be held Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

PLAN.  
COMM. MTG

Board Members Budget Workshop Date – The Board will have its workshop on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM.

BUDGET  
WORKSHOP

Board of Review Dates – The organizational meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9AM. The public meetings are Monday-March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 & 1-4; Tuesday-March 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 & 1-4; and Wednesday-March 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 & 6-9.

BOARD OF  
REVIEW  
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Nick Baumgartner Resolution – Be it resolved that the Bates Township Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge the recent achievement of resident Nick Baumgartner as a Gold medal winner of the 2011 X Games in the snowboard division. A motion was made by Moncivais to pass the resolution. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried

NICK  
BAUMGART-  
NER

Planning & Zoning Meeting – Clerk Moncivais pointed out that ZBA Stowell would like to attend the seminar in March. She will find out who else would like to go.

PC SEMINAR

MERS – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township is exploring other options to this retirement plan. Clerk Moncivais stated that the township's plan is "like having made a deal with the devil." No action taken.

MERS

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

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – There has been some maintenance work done on some of the fire hydrants. / Sewer – Konoske stated that their was a repair done to the meter at pumphouse # 3. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – The park is now closed and winterized. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE ...**

- Iron County Airport – A letter of invitation to residents from Manager Krist Atanasoff to stop and see what the facility has to offer.

ICBC Wales stated that he wanted to add that the Airport Committee had to be disbanded. It was determined by the Prosecutor that the committee formed illegally. It is now reformed and working on proposals to bring to the public.

**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; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Wodzinski. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – March 9, 2011 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

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