

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – March 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; PC/ZBA Jon Oberlin; Attorney Atanasoff; ZBA Pozniak; Residents. Commissioner Wills were absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2011 regular meeting. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 154,522.39
Sewer Fund:	\$ 67,945.55
Water Fund:	\$ 258,768.72
Road Fund:	\$ 102,090.70
Liquor Law:	\$

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

**GUEST COMMENTS**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Bates Township Rec Plan - Jeff Bal was present. A copy of the maps and the projected costs were presented to the Board. There will be a public hearing on the matter on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at which time the Board hopes to adopt the plan. Clerk Moncivais will publish the Public Hearing Date.

BATES TWP REC PLAN

WIC Rec Authority/ Windsor Center – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the recently held auction was a great success.

WIC REC AUTHORITY

Sewer Lift Station Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Clerk Moncivais and the employees had both received calls from UPPCO regarding the unexplained low usage at some of the sewer lift stations. The Board feels that this is a result of the newly renovated operating systems of the lift stations. The township will continue to monitor the electric bills.

SEWER LIFT STATIONS

Water Project – Nothing new to report.

WATER PROJECT

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that he issued 1 permit and 0 violations for February. There is a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM to hear a variance request. 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 WTRLN

Rogers Location Alley Abandonment – Trustee Bobnock stated that Resident John Fritsche approached him about what the township had done about an alley abandonment policy in the Rogers Location. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township tabled any action at this time.

ROGERS LOC ALLEY

Iron County Tax Allocation Board – Supervisor Helgemo made a motion to elect Stambaugh Twp Supervisor Gene Pellizaro to the Board. Supported by Moncivais. All ayes. Motion carried.

IC ALLOCATION BD

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Township Property – A motion was made by Moncivais to give the Township Board the authority to sell township property. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TWP  
PROPERTY –  
SALE OF

Rogers Location Lots – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he authorized John Gendzwill to clean up the lots owned by the Township. Helgemo stated that he would like to see the lots listed with a Realtor, sold and put on the tax roll. Clerk Moncivais asked that any action be tabled until the next meeting so that the Board could be clear exactly which lots Helgemo wanted to sell.

ROGERS  
LOCATION  
LOTS

Bates – Gaastra Rd Township Property – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he was approached by a Township resident about purchasing or leasing this property. Helgemo really didn't think that leasing it was a good idea for liability reasons. It was also noted that the Board wouldn't want to sell that property at this time.

BATES-  
GAASTRA RD  
TWP  
PROPERTY

Township Deposit Resolution – A motion was made by Moncivais to continue to keep/use the accounts that the township currently has through the Miners State Bank, Edward Jones and Citizens Bank. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DEPOSIT  
RESOLUTION

Board of Review Dates – Clerk Moncivais stated that 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.

BOR DATES

General Appropriations Act – The Budget Hearing was held at 5:30pm. A motion was made to pass the General Appropriations Act by Franzene. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GEN APPROF  
ACT.

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

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – There has been a waterline break between Helgemo Rd and Wickstrom Rd. This is a 2" line that has been patched many times. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Elmo called Helgemo and he and Marian will be back this year. / 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; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – April 13, 2011 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

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