

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 11, 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 present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Konoske (Benson not required to attend); Assessor Nelson; ZBA Stowell; Attorney Atanasoff; Residents. Commissioner Wills was absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2011 regular meeting. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 169,322.95
Sewer Fund:	\$ 57,060.76
Water Fund:	\$ 228,559.00
Road Fund:	\$ 142,998.59
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

Parks Farm Rd – Resident Wayne Koski was present to express his concerns about making sure there was dust control put down on the Bates Twp portion of the road. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township had not yet received the quote from the dust control company. Helgemo assured Koski that something will be done with Parks Farm Rd.

PARKS FARM RD DUST CONTROL

Wellhead Protection Program – Rob Anderson from GEI Consultants was present to talk to the board about the DEQ grants available. He stated that the DEQ will do a 50% grant. He stated that GEI will prepare the grant application for free. The township would also have to put together a wellhead team that would consist of 11 members that would have 4 quarterly meetings. The team would need consist of various members from various entities such as a township water system employee, fire department person, business person, someone from adjoining municipality, environmental person, a member of the board, a person from the educational community, someone familiar with agriculture, to name a few. He showed the Board a mock proposal for the township. He explained the DEQ point system. There was much discussion. Supervisor Helgemo stated that MTA talks about the state making many cuts. Treasurer Franzene stated that her concern was there could be a chance that this project would be mandated and no help to pay for it. The Board took no action and tabled the issue until the June meeting.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM

SPECIAL PROJECTS

WIC Rec Authority/ Windsor Center – The millage request passed at the May election. It was determined at the recent Authority meeting that the Auditor DS Rostagno encouraged the Board to amend the By Laws so that the Building Authority and the Rec Authority have the same fiscal year. A motion was made by Helgemo to amend the Bylaws to change the fiscal year from July-Dec to a calendar year Jan-Dec. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WIC REC AUTHORITY

Sewer Lift Station Projects – Nothing new to report.

SEWER LIFT STATIONS

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SPECIAL PROJECTS (cont'd)

Blacktop Project - Supervisor Helgemo stated that we're waiting on the final figures but it appears that the bids may be coming in lower than originally expected.

BLACKTOP
PROJECT

Water Project - Supervisor Helgemo stated that he was contacted by UP Engineers. Duane Reid/Rural Development indicated that the township could probably go ahead with its water project without the refinance portion of the project. One contingency would be that the township would have to raise the water rates by \$8.00/month. Helgemo told UP Engineers absolutely not. The Board would never approve the rate increase.

WATER
PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update - Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that he issued 2 permits. There was one ZBA meeting to hear a variance request. There were no violations. Clerk Moncivais will keep a copy of the reports are on file.

ZONING
UPDATE

Dust Control - The township is still waiting on the final amount.

DUST
CONTROL

Passamani Rd Waterline - Nothing new to report.

PASSAMANI
RD WTRLN

Cemetery/Veteran Marker Project - Supervisor Helgemo did some additional research and there would be extensive maintenance involved with the individual marker/flag holders. Clerk Moncivais did not order them yet, however the flags were ordered. Helgemo suggested a large memorial with the Veterans names might be a better idea. There will be additional research done by Helgemo, Henschel, Stoychoff and Austin Atanasoff. Tabled until the next meeting.

CEMETERY
VETERAN
MAKERS

Memorial Day Ceremony/Refreshments - A motion was made by Moncivais to approve a budget of \$200 for Evelyn Javoroski and her Assistants to put on the Memorial Day Refreshments. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

Rogers Location Lots - A motion was made by Wodzinski to offer the Rogers Location lots available on 3rd and 4th Streets up for sale at a price of \$3000 per lot with some deed restrictions. The township will not go with a local real estate office. The lots will be listed For Sale by Owner. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROGERS LO
LOTS

Township Hall Maintenance - The call for bid ads are in the paper. For the roof the township is seeking a bid for tear off, put on 30 year shingles, with gable vents on each end. The township is seeking commercial grade carpeting and flooring. No action will be taken until the June meeting.

HALL
MAINTENANCE
BIDS

Audit Bid - There was discussion about a misunderstanding on the original presentation of the 1 year bid and the 3 year bid. It was thought that the 3 year bid had to be paid in full for all three years at once. There was also research done and it was determined that the bid price is much less than other Auditors. A motion was made by Franzene to rescind the motion to accept the one year bid and to make a motion to accept the three year bid from DS Rostagno. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

AUDIT

Iron County Allocation Board - Supervisor Helgemo stated that he attended recent meetings and it appears that the townships will be moving towards getting more of their money back.

IC
ALLOCATION
BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he has heard nothing further from Avoca Land regarding the requested Quit Claim Deed. He has also been answering Planning Commission questions from Sara Basso.

OPERATING
MILLAGE
RENEWAL

General Operations Millage Renewal – There was some discussion as to when to hold the election for the General Ops Millage RENEWAL. Clerk Moncivais pointed out that the township has never requested an increase for well over a decade. No action was taken as to when to hold the renewal election. Clerk Moncivais and Supervisor Helgemo will do further research into election dates/cost.

Consumer Confidence Reporting – Konoske will advise Clerk Moncivais as to when the reports will be ready.

CONSUMER
CONFIDENCE

Merit – A motion was made by Helgemo to approve the request from Merit for easement access for fiber optic cable. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MERIT

MERS – The Board is actively pursuing ways to sever the deal with the devil. The Board will contact MTA for advice about hiring an Attorney that specializes in cases where a municipality no longer wants to participate in a MERS program.

MERS

HSA – A motion was made by Wodzinski to make the \$5000 annual contribution to Konoske’s health savings account. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes; Monicvais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

HSA

IC MTA – Clerk Moncivais reminded the Board that there will be a meeting of the Iron County Chapter of the MTA on June 7th @ 6PM at Mansfield Township.

IC MTA

Kofmehl Road Speed Limit – Resident Glenn Lunn stated that he has spoken to the State Police, the ICRC about the speeders on Kofmehl Rd. He has had no luck. Supervisor Helgemo pointed out that this is a county road, not a township road. Lunn will pass a petition regarding the speed limit and get it to the township. Clerk Moncivais will then write a letter to MSP Sholander and ICSD Valesano regarding the concerns of excessive speed on both Kofmehl Rd and the Bates Amasa Rd.

KOFMEHL
ROAD SPEED
LIMIT

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 – Elmo and Marian will be back soon. / 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 Wodzinski. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – May 11, 2011 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____