

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

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

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2011 regular meeting. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 96,130.24
Sewer Fund:	\$ 42,574.80
Water Fund:	\$ 229,715.41
Road Fund:	\$ 142,206.09
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

Invasive Species Chicaugon Lake Ordinance – Public Hearing was held at 5:30 pm to hear public comment on an ordinance to prevent and control the introduction, propagation and infestation of invasive species in Chicaugon Lake and to provide funding therefore and to establish penalties for violation. A motion was made by Bobnock to pass the ordinance. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. (Copy of Ordinance on File with Clerk.)

CHICAUGON LAKE ORDINANCE

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Blacktop Project - Supervisor Helgemo stated that he is still waiting for estimate of costs for seal coating. Bates tax payer Wayne Koski stated that he agrees with ICRC Ernie Schmidt that the money would be better spent than on blacktopping dead end roads. Helgemo stated that he disagreed. Clerk Moncivais questioned who is responsible for gravel? Is it the ICRC or the township. Helgemo stated that it is the ICRC. They are responsible for maintenance. Wodzinski added that the township could never afford to gravel the roads. Helgemo stated that the ICRC says that they don’t have the money. Wodzinski stated that pretty soon everyone will feel the effects of the no money issue.

BLACKTOP PROJECTS /GRAVEL

DNR Grant / Bates Park – Nothing new to report.

DNR PARK PROJECT

Water Project – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he received a letter from Miller Canfield the bonding counsel and the actual fee for the township will be \$21,000. To date there has been testing done, surveying and the township provided easement information to UPEA.

WATER PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that there was 1 permit issued, zero violations and several phone calls. Mr. Rossi from Midsummer Drive is going t o wait until spring to get his permit. Clerk Moncivais will keep a copy of the report on file.

ZONING UPDATE

Veterans Memorial Update – Treasurer Franzene stated that to date the donations have totaled \$1550. Supervisor Helgemo stated that he would really like to see this project moving forward. He would like to see Atanasoff, Buzzy Stoychoff, Mike Henschel any other interested parties move forward with the research and estimate of costs and ideas so this could be done in the spring..

VETERANS
MEMORIAL

Election – Clerk Moncivais stated the Board would like to thank the residents of the township for passing the recent millage renewal. She stated there have been many positive comments about the road improvements to date as well as other improvements that the millage has allowed the Board to go forward with. She added that she would really like to thank the Election Inspectors who work so hard and have a very big responsibility. They consistently do a great job! Supervisor Helgemo added that Moncivais should be thanked for the good job that she does also.

MILLAGE
RENEWAL

Bates School – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the he feels that it the Boards responsibility to look out for the residents of Bates and their initial investment in the Bates School. It's important that at the very least the Board gathers all available information for review to make the best decision in this matter where the resident's interests are concerned. A motion was made by Clerk Moncivais to do a letter under the FOIA regarding the Bates School and all adjoining and non-adjoining properties. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

BATES
SCHOOL

Paint River Lots – Nothing new to report.

PAINT RIVER
LOTS

Children's Christmas Party - The Children's Christmas Party will be held Saturday December 10th from 11:30AM to 1:00PM. Moncivais asked for \$100 more than previous years because they ran a short last year. They would like to make sure that there is enough treats. Moncivais also stated that the Board is very grateful to the families of Mary Christensen & Julian Hernandez III and Ann Christensen and Don Homa for volunteering and doing this program the last few years. They do such a great job and there have been many compliments. A motion was made by Franzene for a budget of \$300. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Monicvais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff has been working with Assessor Nelson on some Tax Tribunal issues.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Another leak on the Bates Amasa Rd was repaired. / Sewer – The Rogers Location Lift Station pump motor is being repaired under warranty. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- UPSET – A letter thanking the township for the donation.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____