

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – October 12, 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 Water/Sewer Konoske (Benson not required to attend); ZBA Stowell; Assessor Nelson; ZBA Pozniak; Attorney Atanasoff; Residents. Commissioner Wills was absent.

ATTENDEES

Wodzinski moved to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2011 regular meeting. Supported by Bobnock. Franzene pointed out that the Bar Enterprise Bid was for \$1800 for the clearing of the Rogers Location lots. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 124,993.34
Sewer Fund:	\$ 67,369.25
Water Fund:	\$ 157,370.55
Road Fund:	\$ 142,160.91
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

Invasive Species Lake Ordinance – Stambaugh Township recently passed this ordinance. Chicagon Lake Assn President Rich Frighetto and Vice President Joe Shubat gave an overview of the ordinance and why it’s been put in place. Over the past 2 years the Chicagon Lake property owners have spent over \$50,000 on treating the lake. It is overwhelming. There are three major areas of the lake that are affected and some smaller colonies. Revenue is a problem. Permits need to be in place in December and Vendors need to be scheduled to treat the lake in the spring. They are looking for cooperation from Crystal Falls Twp, Bates Twp, Stambaugh Twp and Mastodon Twp. The Bates Township Board will hold a special meeting/public hearing on Wednesday November 9th at 5:30PM. This will be held ½ hour prior to the regular board meeting.

LAKE ORDINANCE

Parks Farm Road Dust Control – Wayne Koski was present again requesting that next year the 2 mile stretch of Bates Township Roads get dust control. After Board discussion Franzene and Moncivais stated that this should be done next year. Wodzinski stated that getting a portable tank may be the cheapest way to get it up there. Helgemo reminded Koski that the ICRC is responsible for the gravel.

PARKS FARM RD DUST CONTROL

Sunset Lake Homeowners Assn – President Golas was present and stated that they hope to bring ideas to the table to make the Sunset Lake boat launch more efficient and effective and they want to work with the Board on this matter.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

BLACKTOP PROJECTS

Blacktop Project - Nothing new to report.

DNR PARK PROJECT

DNR Grant / Bates Park – Jeff Bal was present to give the Board the Supplemental Information that was submitted by GEI on behalf of the township. We should have an answer by late November or early December.

WATER PROJECT

Water Project – The employees are currently working with UPEA on the surveys/borings/preliminary work, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that there were 4 permits issued. There were inquiries and investigations about land division, blithe, lot measurements, neighbor complaints. Also, Mr. Bill Rossi, Midsummer Drive inquired about the cost of a variance and permits. Helgemo stated that the permit will expire in 1 year but the variance goes with the property and will not expire. Clerk Moncivais will keep a copy of the report on file.

ZONING
UPDATE

Veterans Memorial Update – A very generous \$300 donation was recently received. Atanasoff will turn in all of the donations that he has received by the next meeting and Franzene will do an accounting overview.

VETERANS
MEMORIAL

Anderson Rd/US2 Waterline – Project complete.

ANDERSON
RD/US2
WATERLINE

Election – Clerk Moncivais gave an overview of the upcoming election on November 8th where the Board is asking for a renewal of the General Operating and Road Mills. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm. This is a RENEWAL request.

MILLAGE
RENEWAL

Bates School – Clerk Moncivais wrote a letter on behalf of the Board to the WIC School Board and Superintendent Thomson stating that Bates Township would like the school and all adjoining/non adjoining properties back. The letter stated that the school was no longer being used for “school” purposes and it was the residents of Bates Township that had paid for the school. A letter was received from Superintendent Thomson stating that the school has no plans other than to maintain its relationship with the Dickinson Iron Intermediate School District and Northstar Health Care Systems. He stated that the earliest discussion that the Board would have on this issue would come at the end of the school year. Some residents stated that the school should be returned to the township. It was stated that the grant for the roof was meant for the school and was written for the Bates School and that the school system stole the money and took it with them instead of replacing the Bates School roof. Supervisor Helgemo stated that he understood that the grant was to go with the Childcare program. The Resident stated that this was not true. It was meant for the school. Another Resident questioned what the township would do with the building. Assessor Nelson questioned as to whether at this time the building is now considered a rental property and should be taxed as such since it is no longer a school. The Board noted that if necessary there would be public hearings in the future before the Board takes any action. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting. (Copies of both letters on file with the Clerk)

BATES
SCHOOL

Paint River Lots – Nothing new to report.

PAINT RIVER
LOTS

3-Year Road Plan - 2012 - Wildwood Drive – Double Seal Coat, Larson Road – Double Seal Coat, S. Ice Lake Road – Double Seal Coat. **2013** - Reiman Road - Crush, Shape and Resurface, **2014** - Passamani, Shoquist and Anderson Roads – Double Seal Coat. Clerk Moncivais mentioned that S. Ice Lake Rd had been on the plan for 2011 but the state mandated that the township hall handicap accessibility area be blacktopped. The 3 year plan is subject to change depending on the economy, pricing, state mandates and available budget. 2012 is the plan and the following 2 years are projections.

3 YEAR
ROAD PLAN

NEW BUSINESS

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

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Edward Jones/MSB – Edward Jones can no longer have municipal accounts so Treasurer Franzene moved the accounts to Miners State Bank.

EJONES\
MSB

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Children's Christmas Party - Clerk Moncivais stated that the Bates Township Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 10th. Details to be announced.

Zoning Maps – A motion was made by Franzene to have AECOM to the zoning maps for a fee of \$600. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

ZONING
MAPS

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – The Rogers Location Lift Station pump motor is burned out. It appears that the control panels need seal lights but the township was told "after the fact." More information is being gathered. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

Hannula Insurance – The Township had to respond to a request as to whether we wanted terrorism insurance. The Board will pass.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. 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 7:40 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – November 9, 2011 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____