

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – September 14, 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; Constable Demboski; Attorney Atanasoff; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Residents. Commissioner Wills was absent.

ATTENDEES

Franzene moved to accept the minutes of the August 10 2011 regular meeting. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 118,530.82
Sewer Fund:	\$ 65,164.70
Water Fund:	\$ 269,581.08
Road Fund:	\$ 155,060.28
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Wills was absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

Audit Presentation – Dianne Rostagno of DS Rostagno, CPA, PC was present to make the 2010-2011 audit presentation. She stated that during the past year the township experienced stable revenues. The General Fund has a nice 10 month reserve. Both the Water Fund and Sewer Fund look good. She gave an overview of the accomplishments during the past year. She stated that the township has over 3 million in assets which is quite impressive. There were no material weaknesses. In closing she stated that the Treasurer and Clerk do a very good job and it is a pleasure to work with them. A motion was made by Wodzinski to approve the audit. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**2010-2011
AUDIT
PRESENTATION**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Blacktop Project - Supervisor Helgemo stated that he received information from Doug Tomasoski, ICRC about double seal coat pricing. Larson Rd would be \$26,000 and Wildwood would be \$40,000. South Ice Lake Rd was questionable because it is so narrow. He reviewed a rough draft of the three year road plan which the township has to turn into the ICRC. These three roads would be done in 2012, Riemann Rd in 2013 and Passamani and Shoquist Rd would be in 2014. Ernie Schmidt expressed his concerns that there are a lot of roads that need help and he didn’t believe in blacktopping dead-end roads. Trustee Wodzinski stated that these roads were made for 1940’s traffic. Many need proper ditching and crowns. No action taken. The Board will finalize the three year road plan proposal at the next meeting.

**BLACKTOP
PROJECTS**

DNR Grant / Bates Park – Jeff Bal was present to review the recent letter that the township received. The township received a score of 235 out of 520. This is a very preliminary report. Community support counts for 20 points and there were some letters of support written. Jeff said there is a lot of competition. Supervisor Helgemo stated that there was a meeting of Sunset Lake Home Owner’s Assn and it was well attended. Many ideas came out of their meeting. Helgemo did make it clear that the lake is owned by all the residents. Sunset Lake recently received high marks for the “health” of the lake. No action taken. Township is still waiting for the outcome of the DNR Grant application.

**DNR
PARK
PROJECT**

**SUNSET
LAKE ASSN
MTG**

SPECIAL PROJECTS (cont'd)

Water Project – The Board reviewed information received from Miller Canfield. There was some concern regarding the exact cost of Miller Canfield’s services. Supervisor Helgemo will confirm their fee prior to “signing” the resolution. A motion was made to pass the Notice of Intent Resolution by Franzene. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**WATER
PROJECT**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell stated that there were 4 permits issued. He received a complaint about junk in a yard on W. Sunset Lake Rd. There were several inquiries on other issues and there may be a variance request meeting in the near future. Clerk Moncivais will keep a copy of the report on file.

**ZONING
UPDATE**

Veterans Memorial Update – Nothing new to report. Franzene stated that she is still receiving donations. Atanasoff stated that Austin has also received more donations. Franzene asked that they be turned in as soon as possible so that she can do a receipt and update the records.

**VETERANS
MEMORIAL**

Anderson Rd/US2 Waterline – Resident Barry is hooked in. Johnson was to be hooked in next week.

**ANDERSON
RD/US2
WATERLINE**

Bates Amasa Road Water leaks – There have been 6 leaks in the last 2 months beyond the pressure station. If this line is abandoned this will affect approx. 4 residents. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

**BATES
AMASA RD
WATER
LEAKS**

General Operations Millage Renewal Ballot Language – Clerk Moncivais stated that ballots are ordered and the voting machine cards are being programmed. The deadline for the newsletter info should be September 23rd. The newsletter should go out the first week of October. The newsletter is to inform residents that this is not an increase it is just a renewal.

**MILLAGE
RENEWAL**

Bates School – The WIC school system rented two of the rooms to the hospital. With the rentals there is enough income to cover the operating expense of the building for this year. The Board agreed that the school and all of its property should be returned to the residents of Bates Township. It is the residents of Bates Township that originally paid for the building in the first place. Supervisor Helgemo will go forward with communications to the school Board that the township wants the building and all properties returned to the township.

**BATES
SCHOOL**

Paint River Lots – After some discussion the Board decided that Supervisor Helgemo should talk to the members of the County Board and request that these lots be turned over to Bates Township.

**PAINT RIVER
LOT**

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff reviewed the Miller Canfield information and encouraged the Board to look into the fee of Miller Canfield.

Cemetery Decoration Removal – Clerk Moncivais will publish the decoration removal by October 1st.

**CEMETERY
DECO
REMOVAL**

Bates Park Season Close Date – The Park is now closed for the season. The employees will be winterizing the property.

**PARK
CLOSED**

Vacant Rogers Location Lots – A motion was made by Franzene to accept a bid from BAR for brush/stump removal of the lots for \$1800. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ROGERS LOC
LOTS**

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

UPSET Donation Request - After Board discussion a motion was made by Helgemo to support the organization with the amount of \$200. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**UPSET
SUPPORT**

Gifts From Santa Donation Request – A motion was made by Bobnock to support this organization with the amount of \$40. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**GIFTS FROM
SANTA
SUPPORT**

Clean Kill Pest Control – Clerk Moncivais will see if the price will be the same as last year. If it is, a motion was made by Bobnock to go forward with this service. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CLEAN KILL
PEST
CONTROL**

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – The Rogers Location Lift Station pump may need to be replaced. It is still under warranty. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE ...

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wednesday – October 12, 2011 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____