

Township of Bates, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1907

At a township Board meeting held at the Clerk's office on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1907, a resolution was offered by Johnson and supported by Borden that the chairman appoint a committee of four to go to the so-called Sunset Creek Bridge to examine said bridge and to view the necessity of building an Iron bridge. Be it resolved that we the committee appointed by the chair do hereby return that we find said bridge in a dilapidated and in an impassable condition after the float is gone out of said bridge as to safety of man and property, and do further recommend that the Highway commissioner proceed to take steps in view to erect a new bridge across said creek situated on the Hemlock Road and to proceed to cause public notice to be posted on 5 of the most public places in the Township, and to cause a copy of said notice to be forwarded to several Steel Bridge Companies, not less than 4 different companies and that Bates will enter into a contract to the lowest bidder for a bridge.

Nothing more was coming before the board, therefore on motion made and duly carried, board adjourned.

Israel Carlson, Clerk.

Township of Bates, April 26<sup>th</sup> 1907

A meeting of the township board of the township of Bates was held at the office of the Township Clerk on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1907. Meeting was called to order by the chairman. Clerk called the roll, with the following members present Victor Benson Supervisor, Israel Carlson Clerk, Gothard Borden and August Johnson Justices of the peace.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved, in accordance with the report of the Bridge committee, the township board on the above date, met at the Clerk's office to receive bids for one Steel Bridge to be erected across Sunset Creek on the Hemlock road. At 4 o'clock P. M. on the above date the board proceeded to examine the received bids for said bridge, there being only 2 bids presented before the meeting, one from

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Joliet Bridge & Iron Co. and one from Joliet Steel Construction Co. upon examination of said bids and different plans it was found that the Joliet Steel Construction Co. being the lowest bidder for said bridge to wit: Joliet Bridge & Iron Co. presented a bill for \$163.23, and Joliet Steel Construction Co. presented their bid at \$152, therefore be it resolved that we the Township board of Bates enter into a contract for one Steel Bridge from the Joliet Steel Construction Co. for the sum of \$152. On roll called the following members voted yes; Benson, Yes., Goethard Norden, Yes., Johnson, Yes Carlson Yes, Sjogquist Yes. Resolution adopted. The board then went into a committee of the whole to audit the following bills.

Order	Contingent fund.	
No. 156	Israel Carlson, Clerk services	\$ 18 00
157	Goethard Norden attending meeting	3 00
158	August Johnson .. ..	3 00
159	Victor Benson supervisor service	13 50

Highway fund

158	Goethard Norden Committee work on Bridge	6 00
159	August Johnson .. .. .. ..	6 00
160	Edward Sjogquist .. .. .. ..	10 00
161	Victor Benson .. .. .. ..	6 00
162	August Strans highway labor	5 75

Nothing more was coming before the board, therefore, the board adjourned. Israel Carlson,  
Township Clerk.

Township of Bates. May 31<sup>st</sup> 1907

A meeting of the township board was held at the residence of August Johnson, Justice of the peace on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May at 10 O'clock A. M. and the following members responded to the call by the clerk; Victor Benson Supervisor, Carl J. Gustaf Deputy clerk, Goethard Norden and August Johnson, Justices of the peace, the minutes of last meeting read by the clerk and a motion was by Aug. Johnson and seconded by Goethard Norden, the same to be accepted, which motion prevailed by the following vote; Benson, yes, Gustafson, yes, Johnson, yes,