

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – February 12, 2014 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 Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock all present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; County Commissioner Brennan; Golas/Sunset Lake Assn; Stolberg/IC Fire Dept; Residents.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as "stand as read."

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of January 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 98,507.91
Sewer Fund:	\$ 95,752.41
Water Fund:	\$ 299,707.80
Road Fund:	\$ 248,977.54
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Brennan was stated that the County will be able to keep the 4-H program going. He stated that there is great enthusiasm in the county for the program and we have great leaders in the county also. He stated that by law everything with 4-H belongs to the MSU which is unfortunate because many items were provided by other people/organizations. / Regarding the Sr Centers he stated that there was a meeting with DICSA. Before they hire a new Director the ICBC wanted to negotiate some changes. He stated that DICSA typically would make cuts to programs to save Administration jobs. He stated the ICBC wants no more cuts to services and maybe some things added back in. He stated that the ICBC is trying to reduce spending, cut meetings in half and there is also an ad in the paper for the Park & Rec Committee looking for fresh people to be on the committee.

ICBC REPORT

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Waterline Freezing/Let Runs** – Benson stated that there are 248 lateral crossings. He currently has 180 customers doing a pencil size let run. He didn't want to tell 500+ customers to let run. He stated that the lagoon is still going good but the Board might want to put a notice in the paper. He stated the main concern is where the service lines run under the roadway. Benson wanted Board approval/authorization to tell everyone to let run if necessary. A motion was made by Moncivais to authorize this. Supported by Nelson. All Ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Helgemo stated that Benson should use WIKB Telephone Time instead of The Reporter.

WATERLINE / FREEZING LET RUNS

**BS & A** – A formal motion was made by Nelson for the township to go forward with the implementation and switch over to BS&A according to the county schedule which will impact townships in April. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Clerk Moncivais will get an updated bid on the necessary computers to support the new software.

BS&A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Zoning Update** – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his January report which included 0 permits and 0 violations. He did his monthly bar inspection and stated that the Ice Lake Condo deed is completed and he attended the January PC meeting. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Board Budget Workshop – The Board Budget Workshop date has been set for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. BD BUDGET WORKSHOP

Board Budget Hearing – The Board Budget Hearing meeting has been set for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. BUDGET HEARING

Board Salary Resolutions – Tabled until the March meeting. SALARY RESOL.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he still working on a property transfer on a large parcel of property on Lake 16 involving a Trust. He stated that the parcel still had a PRE and should have been uncapped when the 2<sup>nd</sup> spouse died. / He also spoke with a Resident that had concerns about the yard condition of a property on Sunset Shores. He explained the formal complaint process which needs to involve a “written complaint.” ATTORNEY REPORT

Iron County Allocation Committee - A motion was made by Nelson to appoint Stambaugh Supervisor Gene Pellizzaro as the Township’s Representative to the Iron County Allocation Committee. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. IC ALLOCATION APPOINTEE

February 25 Election – Clerk Moncivais reminded everyone of the upcoming election. A one question ballot involving a millage renewal for the library. Polls will be open from 7:00AM – 8:00PM. ELECTION

Water Ordinance – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board needs to give some consideration at a future meeting about the ordinance. He stated that there are snow birds that are being charged while they are away, but then there are homes that have asked for permanent shut offs. Attorney Atanasoff stated that the law allows a rate to be charged. Assr Nelson stated that Rural Development requires that a house be torn down to avoid a sewer charge. Topic tabled until a future meeting. LET RUNS / WATER ORDINANCE

Township Property – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the State recently deeded some property to the Township near Mud Lake, however there are several people with an interest in the property. No action necessary. TWP PROPERTY

Revenue Sharing – Assr Nelson stated that the Township will be losing approximately a \$10,000 share of \$85000 in taxes. Our new share will be about \$3500 as a result of the recent reduction in taxes to the Great Lakes Gas Co. In addition, the oil pipeline may do the same thing to get their valuation reduced. REVENUE SHARING

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. /Water – Benson will talk to WIKB about “let run” announcement. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Benson stated that he would like to contact Nicolet Sign about sign ideas. / Park – Benson stated that the pontoon has a leak/ raft float needs repair. Golas – Sunset Lake Assn stated that the Board might consider not even putting the dock out.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- IC Fire Dept. Jim Stolberg – Stolberg stated that everything is running fairly smooth. He stated that for now they are hoping to get the same amount of money participation from each township. He stated that he has been on the Board since the beginning as a Representative of Bates. He stated that Ernie Schmidt is also a Bates Twp Representative. He said that it doesn't matter to him or Ernie that they don't get paid but that the Board might want to consider paying future representatives some kind of stipend for attending the meetings. The Board will give this some consideration.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- WIDL – March 24<sup>th</sup> Community Conversation.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:48. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_