

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 11, 2015 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 Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson and Trustees Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance was Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Atty Atanasoff; and Residents. Assessor Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Nelson to approve the minutes. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of October 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 84,361.82
Sewer Fund:	\$ 138,926.15
Water Fund:	\$ 277,612.86
Road Fund:	\$ 204,912.62
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo presented a proposal for the 3 year road plan. (Subject to change) There discussion. A motion was made by Bobnock to authorize Helgemo to continue to work with the Road Commission on the proposal, bids will follow. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. 3 Year Rd Plan Proposal as follows: **2016-** Kelstrom Rd – Pulverize & Double Seal Coat (1/4 mile); E. Lake Emily Rd – Single Seal Coat (1 ¼ mile); W. Lake Emily Rd – Double Seal Coat (1 mile); Shoquist Rd – Double Seal Coat – from US2 to end (1/2 mile combined w/...Sec 22 Rd – Double Seal Coat - from Thunander to Shoquist; Otto Rd – Double Chip Seal (1/2 mile); Andreski Plat – Double Seal Coat; Double Seal Coat - Andreski Plat Rd (from Krans Rd to Mid Summer Dr.) *Share Cost w/ Crystal Falls & Stambaugh Twps* ; Double Seal Coat - Mid Summer Dr (from Andreski Plat to existing blacktop) *Share Cost w/ Crystal Falls Twp*; Double Seal Coat - W. Chicagon Lk Rd (from Andreski Plat to end) *Stambaugh Twp will pay for this.*; Rogers Location – Single Chip Seal (1 1/4 mile); Javoroski Rd – Double Chip Seal (1/4 mile); **Gravel** - Ponozzo Rd, Chicagon Mine Rd, Nelson Rd, Wagner Lake Rd. **2017 - Double Chip Seal** Passamani Rd & Larson Rd. **2018 - Chip Seal** Fairview Rd & Forsberg Rd. *We would like to do 100% dust control all of our gravel roads. Can you please grade, crown and roll them BEFORE we put down the dust control in the spring. All roads depend on the prices, funding available and/or priorities due to expansions in some areas. /* There was also discussion about the condition of Ponozzo Rd. There was a bid received to crush gravel from Gasperini's pit. But it was too much money. Larry Nelson asked if there were any corporate lands with pits? Helgemo stated that there are about 80-100 residents, camps, structures up there.

ROAD PROJECTS

Ordinance Update - The public hearing was held October 14th. There will be an ad published stating there is a full text available for public inspection at the Township offices.

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 5 permits issued, 0 new inquiries, 0 new violations, 0 violations resolved. Oberlin is still working with people on junk cars. There was also a barking dog complaint. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date = 27. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Cemetery Tree Removal – The job is complete. Limb Walkers did an excellent job and did exactly what he said he would do.

CEMETERY
TREE
REMOVAL

Board Budget Review – The Board met earlier and reviewed the budget. Looks good. There will be some small adjustments.

BOARD
BUDGET

Veteran's Memorial – Helgemo stated that there have been continued attempts to reach the man that is supposed to engrave on the new names. Nothing new to report.

VETERANS
MEMORIAL

Krist / Sunset Lake Land Division – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the easements are completed.

KRIST LAND
DIVISION

Memorabilia Display Case – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he and Clerk Benson-Stafford had talked again about doing a display case. The most recent acquisition is a 1914 photograph of the Bates Mapleton band. Helgemo asked the Board to think about ideas on how and where to construct the display case.

DISPLAY
CASE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated that there is nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – The Assessor was not present but submitted the following report; She attended the Land Division seminar and she expects to be present at the December meeting to do a presentation on tax billing.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Rogers Lot – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township acquired the lot at the corner of 3rd & Bates Gaastra Rd for only \$700. This allows that area to be cleared very nicely and next year it will be leveled further to create a lawn for a park.

ROGERS LOC
LOT

Children's Christmas Party – The party will be held Saturday, December 12th from 11:30-1:00pm.

CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Restricted Roads – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he would like to restrict the following additional roads: Shoquist Rd (US2 to top of hill); Section 22 Rd (Thunander Rd to Shoquist Rd); Philips & Noren (From Forsberg to Demboski). Larry Nelson stated that he hates to see the Loggers restricted. Helgemo stated that the Township realizes that Logging is big and we don't want to discriminate. Out of the area loggers don't pay anything into taxes for Bates. Nelson followed up with as long as they have a good alternative route.

ROAD
RESTRICTIO
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Township Hall Vacuum – A motion was made by Helgemo to approve a budget of up to \$200 for a new vacuum for the township hall. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TWP HALL
VACUUM

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

PARK
PAVILION

GIS
MAPPING /
WATER
SYSTEM

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said there was an old service line discovered in the recently acquired lot. – There was a waterline repair on Erickson Dr. There are probably 3 candidates for meter pits currently. One pit is going to be installed on Shoquist Rd. There will be a waterline repair on Section 22 Rd & Bates Amasa Rd. The materials and backhoe rental are being funded as an anonymous gift to the home owners. The heater went out on the Chicagon Mine pump house. Smed gave a quote of \$1300. Cost to replace or repair will be researched further. / Sewer – Lagoon samples came in good. Benson also noted that the Lagoon needs a spray system. It's just too dangerous to mow the sides. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

Leaf Removal – Helgemo stated in years past the township has paid about \$500/yr. It would be a good investment for the township to acquire its own leaf removal equipment since this is an annual expense at the park & cemetery. He stated that he and Benson will go to Fleet Farm one day and research and get price

GUEST COMMENTS

- Meter Pits – Jon Oberlin stated that it would be a good decision for the board to pursue putting in the meter pits where necessary. Helgemo and Benson agreed that after putting them in we will be saving many gallons of water.

CORRESPONDENCE

- IC MTA Meeting, Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 5:30 at Crystal Falls Twp Hall.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, 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 7:17pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____