

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – July 8, 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; Atty Atanasoff; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Assessor Nelson and Residents. Assessor Erhart was absent.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 132,364.56
Sewer Fund:	\$ 130,962.34
Water Fund:	\$ 280,190.39
Road Fund:	\$ 202,025.97
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Brennan was absent spoke about the Heritage /UPPCO controversy. UPPCO will start Monday to move the poles but whomever pays remains to be seen. /In other business the Auditors will be doing the presentation. The County was \$100,000 in the red in 2014 due to a Receivable that wasn’t paid, however the payment that was due has come in. The County has about 4 or 5 months of reserve. He said that probably only need about 2 ½ months reserve. The boiler is old and the roof leaks at the courthouse so they might use some of the reserve to upgrade-repair. The MERS report will come out soon. It is recommended that the County increase the funding.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that next week the ICRC will open bids. Also the State approved the overage cost on the Paint River Bridge project so that project will move forward beginning the 27<sup>th</sup>. The bridge will be closed for about 3-4 months.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the overview of the changes will get published and eventually the Ordinances will be put on the website. There are still some administrative paperwork that has to be completed.

WATER ORDINANCE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 3 permits issued, 3 inquiries, 0 new violations, 0 violations resolved. He inspected the bar. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

FOIA – Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adopt the FOIA Policy’s and Procedures, the FOIA Worksheet for Determining Charges and appoint Clerk Benson-Stafford as the FOIA Coordinator. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FOIA

Alley Abandonment – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the opinion of the ICRC Attorney is that when the township roads were turned over the ICRC it included the alleys. It would mean a whole new plat also. He would encourage Residents that if they have further interest they should hire an Attorney to look into it.

ALLEY ABANDONMT

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

UP Logon – Supervisor Helgemo stated that again he and Benson met with UPPCO. It appears that there had been some “heat tape” on at the tower. This is been shut off and we will continue to monitor the electric bills. No action taken at this time. Topic tabled until next meeting.

UP LOGON

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – The Assessor had meeting with the County regarding property values. She took ongoing phone calls and emails. She worked with the Treasurer on the tax and assessor programs. The AMAR audit is tentatively scheduled to occur in August. Also, the BOR will meet July 22. A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adopt the Resolution for the Alternate date for the July 2015 BOR. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

Norway Granite / Cemetery – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he spoke again with Norway Granite and they were hoping to get the names engraved on the Veterans Memorial within the next couple of weeks. There was also some discussion about the dead and dying trees in the cemetery that are now posing a danger. There was some discussion about people that could take the trees down and the procedure to do that. The general feeling was to get some bids to know exactly what the cost would be. Supervisor Helgemo presented the idea of chip sealing the proposed parking lot and the current roads in the cemetery. It would cost approximately \$40,000. There was some discussion and a member of the audience thought that it would be a waste of money. It was proposed to gravel instead. Treasurer Nelson and Trustee Bobnock felt the same way. No action was taken. Topic was tabled until the next meeting.

NORWAY  
GRANITE /  
CEMETERY

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

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said mainline water valves area all located /fixed. Noren Rd manholes were raised. / Sewer – The lagoon grass was cut. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- A resident questioned as to whether the swimming dock was going to be put in. Helgemo stated that the dock needs to repaired and that it wasn't put in last year either. The seagulls make a mess on it. Also, it was noted that someone was swimming by the fishing pier and could the Twp put up some signs.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INVOICE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. 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 7:15pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

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