

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 10, 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 Assessor Nelson; Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; Zoning Admin Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Trooper Basanese; Lisa Coates-Polich Law Office; and 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 May 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:	\$ 139,787.06
Sewer Fund:	\$ 126,161.44
Water Fund:	\$ 269,365.31
Road Fund:	\$ 193,269.01
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated over the last few years the Township has done about 5-9 miles worth of roads that are now candidates for chip seal. There was discussion about Bates Twp developing their own gravel pit. Also, he has talked to the ICRC about doing repairs on Ponozzo Rd. Benson stated that before the County begins a project on Noren Rd there are about 4 manholes that need to be brought to the surface prior to chip seal. Helgemo stated that there have not been any new roads added to the list but he said that Noren & Phillips Rds could be potential candidates for chip seal. A motion was made by Nelson to authorize Helgemo to obtain bids for possible chip seal and gravel project on certain roads. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – Next workshop is Thursday, June 25th @ 5PM.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 4 permits issued, 3 inquiries, 0 new violations, 0 violations resolved. Other potential violations have been brought to his attention and he will research those in the coming weeks. No bar inspection. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Tom Kniviila will be coordinating a PC meeting with WUPPDR so that they can begin working on the plan.

MASTER PLAN

Assessor Update – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Twp appointed Laura Erhart of Erhart Assessing LLC as the new Assessor effective June 1, 2015.

ASSR UPDATE

Wellhead Protection – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he initially thought the project would be half of the cost that the Township was quoted by GEI. At this time the Township will take no action.

WELLHEAD PROTECTN GRANT

Website – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the new website is up and running and that the Township will continue to add things as we go forward. Atty Atanasoff suggested that the minutes be uploaded with the date they are approved.

WEBSITE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atty Atanasoff stated that he had been working on a couple of zoning violations & prepared the annual audit letter with no claims pending.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Westside Veterans Council - A motion was made by Nelson to contribute \$50 to their programs. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE
VETERANS
COUNCIL

Iron County Fair book – A motion was made by Nelson to support this with a \$59.70 ad. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

IRON CTY
FAIRBOOK

Summer Youth Worker – Steve Nelson is working as the Summer Youth Worker at \$10/hr. Helgemo stated that Nelson will do misc tasks as well as keep the garage clean.

SUMMER
YOUTH
WORKER
ZBA
APPOINTEE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said that a residential shut off west of Rogers Ave was disconnected and rerouted to US 2. There were repairs to the waterline on Larson Rd. Benson requested that in the future maybe the Board could budget for a waterline locator. They cost around \$3300. The township's current handheld one is about 20 years old and obsolete. / Sewer – The hall & shop drain fields had been located and it was recommended that the septic systems be pumped as they had not been pumped in at least 15 years. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Franzene – He stated that Thunander Rd is in desperate need of gravel from Hwy US 2 to the driveway of Jeff Franzene.
- Jon Oberlin/ Zoning Administrator – He stated that Iron River Twp charges \$60 for their zoning permits and Bates only charges \$35. He was going to research what other municipalities charge.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Polich Law Office / Representing Atanasoff – Supervisor gave an overview of some documents that needed Twp approval and signatures where Krist Atanasoff is changing the size of the lots and the Bates Twp easement description needs to be corrected. This will be a land division. The partition was approved but Helgemo stated that the Township is not going to take any action until we can review the legal descriptions and this will need to go through the Assessor.

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 7:28pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____