

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – February 10, 2016 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 were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Atty Atanasoff; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC and Residents. Assr Erhart & Comm Brennan were 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 January 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 113,868.17
Sewer Fund:	\$ 136,307.48
Water Fund:	\$ 304,417.10
Road Fund:	\$ 277,852.94
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Brennan was absent.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there is nothing new to report, he is waiting on the prices.

ROAD PROJECTS

GIS Mapping – Water System – Supervisor Helgemo stated that this is a requirement of the DEQ. The Twp is waiting on bids but so far the cost will probably end up being around \$7000-\$8000. Also, the property splits and other parcel information needs to be updated. AECOM did the original mapping program for the township and GEI did the water hydrant mapping. A motion was made by Helgemo to authorize Helgemo/Benson to look into the costs of the mapping updates. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GIS MAPPING NEW INFO AND UPDATES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there was 1 permits issued, 1 new inquiries but the permit was denied as it does not meet zoning rules, no variance requested, the same was also 1 new violations, where a possible garage addition was going to be built. He made contact with Owner and they picked up an application for a permit. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 0. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk. / Also Oberlin informed the board that he planned to issue a permit to the home that was 100% destroyed by fire on Mid Summer Dr. That home originally had a variance granted. They will not be changing the footprint with the rebuild. They will also be using the same foundation.

ZONING UPDATE

IRONLINE SPONSORSHIP

Sale of 2004 Chevrolet Truck Bids – The Buyer of the truck requested a reimbursement for the cost to repair the speedometer. While the Board agreed that the sale was final, the Board also noted that they were pleased with the bid so as a good faith gesture they would reimbursement the cost. A motion was made by Nelson to reimburse \$552.18. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

2004 CHEVY TRUCK SALE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Veteran's Memorial – Supervisor Helgemo stated he obtained the name of someone else that could economically engrave the names. He will follow up with information at the next meeting.

VETERANS  
MEMORIAL  
ENGRAVING

Cemetery Parking/Driveway – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the double chip seal bid from Farhner came in at \$54000 which was higher than expected. He is waiting to see if the blacktop price will come in less. ICRC Schmidt said that it won't be cheap partly due to the required prep work. He stated that it should be done and it will last a long time. Helgemo said that the road fund is in great shape. Bobnock said that it will probably need a culvert, Helgemo agreed. Action is tabled until the blacktop prices come in.

CEMETERY  
ROAD  
BLACKTOP

Board of Review Dates - BOR dates are Organizational Meeting-March 11 from 9am-11am / Meetings to hear protests are March 16 from 1pm-5pm & 6pm-9pm / March 18 from 9am-2pm / All meetings are at the Township Hall.

BOR DATES

Chicagon Mine Rd Water Tower - The St. Germain price came in at \$37700. Helgemo said that there is money already in the maintenance account. The Otto Rd tank was done last year. This tanks interior was done in 1995. In 2004-2005 the outside was done for \$29000. A motion was made by Bobnock to go forward with the project. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHGN MINE  
TOWER

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated that nothing new to report except the updated information on the elections.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart had submitted a report stating that the Personal Property Statements have her report as follows: Personal Property statements deadlines is 2/10/16. The ones that have been received have been entered. She recommended that the Board adopt three resolutions. She also spoke with some Residents regarding their tax bills. Each situation was due to an unclear understanding of uncapping.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing – A motion was made by Helgemo to adopt the Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LOCAL  
RESIDENTS  
PROTEST  
RESOLU-  
TION

Federal Income Guidelines – A motion was made by Helgemo to adopt the Federal Income Guidelines for Poverty Exemption. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

POVERTY  
GUIDELINES

Asset Test – A motion was made by Helgemo to adopt the Application for Property Tax Exemption Asset Test. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ASSET TEST  
APPLICATN

Register of Deeds/ Open Account – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to open and account at the ROD with an initial amount of \$200. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROD  
ACCOUNT

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Land Value Maps – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the State is mandating that the Township have land value maps. Another state mandate that they should be paying for. He stated that Coleman Engineering has done this for some municipalities. Tabled action until future meeting.

LAND VALUE  
MAPS

Budget Workshop Date – A Board budget workshop has been set for Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm.

BUDGET  
WORKSHOP

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission Mtg will be held on 2/11/16 at the Windsor Center at 6PM. This will be a video conference with WUPPDR and the meeting is a continuation of working on the Master Plan.

PC MTG

General Ops/Road Millage Renewal /March 8 Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded everyone about the election on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, polls open from 7am-8pm. If a registered voter in the Township needs an absent voter ballot they will need to fill out an application first. All voters will need to choose between a Democratic ballot with local proposals, a Republican ballot with local proposals or a no Presidential candidate with only local proposals ballot.

ELECTIONS

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

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – There were two water leak repairs. / Sewer – Upkeep and maintenance program has been good. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Helgemo stated that some kids had gone joy riding on 4 wheelers or side by sides. The Sheriff's Dept was notified and the damage has been documented. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Snowplowing – November & February are Bates Twp's month for snowplowing the fire hall.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- WUPPDR – Ltr RE: 2016 Regional Prosperity Initiative Funded
- ICMCF – Ltr regarding Foundation Pavilion Project

**GUEST COMMENTS**

Farmer's Market – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to allow Arvilla Trag of Section 16 Rd to hold a Farmer's Market on the front parking lot/lawn during mid June to mid August. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

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