

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – July 13, 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; Atty Atanasoff; and Residents. Assr Erhart & County 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 June 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock 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

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| General Fund: | \$ 143,201.20 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 154,369.56 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 328,588.61 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 279,316.96 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated the prices were received on the gravel. Chip seal projects will begin around the end of July.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project is completed. Handy Andy was more expensive. MJ VanDamme Trucking Inc. held to the 2014 price of \$.52/gal. There was 17000 gallons used and Parks Farm Rd was done.

DUST CONTROL

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report.

CHICAGON MN RD WATER TANK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there was 2 permits issued, 2 new inquiries, and he continues to work on violations. There was no new violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice due to medical reasons. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 15. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Supervisor Helgemo stated the current estimate is about \$2000. Helgemo and Benson have been exploring the option/cost of having the Employees build the new signs. No action taken.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

Planning Commission Vacancy – Still looking to fill the position. There was one inquiry but no applications received to date.

PC MEMBER

Rogers Location Project – Supervisor Helgemo reviewed the project agenda and a bid received by Mike Willis to clear the rocks, fill, seed, mulch and turn the lots into a park like setting. After some discussion the Audience stated that they would like to see the project put out on bids. Benson stated that he would like to see the project completed because it will also keep trees from growing into the sewer system. Clerk Benson-Stafford will publish a call for bids. Tabled until next meeting.

ROGERS LOCATION PROJECT

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NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated he submitted a letter to the Auditor which is done on an annual basis.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but submitted a report stating that over the BOR would meet on July 20th at 10:00am. The purpose of this meeting is to correct qualified errors and consider specific appeals as listed in her report. She requested that the Board pass Resolutions regarding the BOR July and December meeting dates. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

BOR July Resolution – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to pass a resolution that the July BOR will be held on the Wednesday following the third Monday in July. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

JULY BOR

BOR December Resolution – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to pass a resolution that the December BOR will be held on the Wednesday following the second Monday in December. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DECEMBER
BOR

Primary Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded that the Primary is Tuesday August 2, 2016. Polls will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm.

PRIMARY
ELECTION

Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance – Supervisor Helgemo and Clerk Benson-Stafford had attended presentations of this newly formed organization which is a proposed combination of the Iron County Chamber of Commerce and the Iron County EDC. There was much discussion and a review of their presentation materials. They were requesting \$3/capita support. Helgemo stated that he was very impressed but he added that he would like to see the County get behind and match the support of the municipalities. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve the support the organization with \$3/capita contingent upon an ICBC match. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ICECA

Tax Sale – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there is a parcel for sale that is available for anyone to bid on. If the Twp were to acquire the property we would own 11% of the 70 acre parcel. The parcel has been logged 2x in the past 30 years. We currently own a undivided interest in the parcel and this would add to that amount. The auction will be held at the Covington Twp hall. A motion was made by Nelson to allow Helgemo to go to the auction and bid up to \$1200 on the parcel. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LAND TAX
SALE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson will purchase some parts to have on hand for meters. – There was discussion about the pressure on Otto Rd. The Board noted that this needs to be resolved to comply with the DEQ pressure requirements. GEI will do the permit request at \$2200. The Engineers felt the proposed project would work but it will cost around \$15000. / **Sewer** – Due to lightening several lift stations had relay switches that were blown. – Manholes were being raised on Sunset Lake Rd in preparation for the new blacktop project. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Continued prep work is being done prior to blacktopping. / **Park** – The light sensors in the bathrooms had to be replaced. The picnic tables have arrived and are very nice. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Resident Mark F. Gasperini made a presentation regarding the ICRC and the gravel for the Hannah Webb area. He was wondering if the Township would be interested in a smaller pile for use on Township roads. At \$6.25/ton a 5000 ton pile would be \$31250 investment. Helgemo stated that he wants to see what the County will do. He stated that the roads are in their current condition because the County did not maintain them. Helgemo stated that he is not against the idea but he wants a clearer picture of how the County will handle it. No action taken.

GUEST COMMENTS

Treasurer Nelson stated that she has been getting complaints about lost water bills. She gave a sample of the potential type billing that she could do (8x10). This type of billing would involve envelopes. Bobnock stated that other municipalities use the same card style billing that Bates uses. Helgemo stated that it could be an advantage because then a newsletter could be inserted. Nelson will still investigate costs. No action taken.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. 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 7:35pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____