

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – October 12, 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 Wodzinski and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; PC Franzene & Nelson; ZA Oberlin; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm Brennan and Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of September 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 88,573.43
Sewer Fund:	\$ 158,971.26
Water Fund:	\$ 274,616.83
Road Fund:	\$ 165,310.29
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present and stated that the County Board believes they have a very good Administrator with lots of experience. The Budget was approved on 10/11/16 and will available for public review. An Amendment was passed for loggers that want to use county trails. They typically leave them in better shape than when they started. The Board has been reviewing the BCBS insurance programs. Brennan encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He also stated that the ICRC has four candidates vying for 2 positions. It’s a tough job. There is no money available for roads and it is hard to meet the MERS obligation.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Master Plan – Steve Lasco with WUPPDR was present and gave an overview of what comes next. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve the “proposed” plan. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The plan will now have a 63 day review period and will be available on the Township’s website as well as WUPPDR handles the publishing requirements and notifies other municipalities. The public will have the opportunity to comment if they wish. One of the benefits of the Master Plan is it will give the Township an opportunity to apply for grants especially with the DNR.

MASTER PLAN PROPOSED

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Kellstrom Rd will be blacktopped soon. Regarding the Gasperini gravel pit, the ICRC is just waiting on the forestry paperwork.

ROAD PROJECTS

Otto Road Waterline – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project has been completed. The water pressure now is within the DEQ guidelines. The Township might want to revisit this in the future and put waterlines to the homes.

OTTO RD WTRLINE

Rogers Location – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the grass is now growing. There are some questionable rocks but the big area is looking nice. Water Super Benson added that now the Township won’t have to worry about the sewer lines. The purpose for clearing the lots was for easier maintenance.

ROGERS LOCATION PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 permits issued, he answered questions for several people. 1 new violation. He continues to work on old 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 = 20. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Tabled until a later meeting. A winter project.

BATES PARK
SIGNAGE

Board of Review – The Township will be accepting applications for 3 new Board of Review Members.

BOARD OF
REVIEW
CALL

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was not a report submitted.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

General Election - Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded everyone that the polls will be open on Tuesday November 8 at 7:00am-8:00pm.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– The office roof is losing its shingles on the east side. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – The COG will come in with its jettors to do a portion of Rogers Location. This is preventive maintenance. Also Benson should get some additional lift station parts in stock. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Decorations were removed. There is continued discussion about building-obtaining a small storage building. / Park – Closed for the season. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. Benson thanked the Board for the leaf blower. This will benefit the Township in the long run.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA – Thank you for support letter.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas said that Victoria Griffie is the lady looking for additional information for her book. She can be reached at sunsetlakepavilion@gmail.com. She is looking for input from anyone that might have information/photos to add to her project.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____