

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday –September 14, 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 Bobnock to approve the minutes. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of August 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford 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:	\$ 102,750.12
Sewer Fund:	\$ 153,372.89
Water Fund:	\$ 302,632.14
Road Fund:	\$ 202,352.92
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present and stated that the County Board had met on 9/13. They are working on the 2017 budget. Currently the spending is higher than the revenues. He stated that the budget will be balanced for the October meeting for public review. He stated that the new County Administrator, Gene Smith, is doing a good job. There was discussion about whether or not to do a new plat book and if so should it be digital or print. He also stated that Bates Twp might want to consider promoting a designated date in August as “no lights in the park” so that the public can view the wonderful northern lights. He also stated that regarding the ICECA the ICBC is going through a 2 step process. First they will dissolve the EDC and then authorize the subcontractors at the October meeting. There is a fund balance of \$34000 from the old EDC.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Sunset Lake is a County project and is still a go.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo stated the due to the weather it appeared that Forsberg Rd had fresh dust control. It had not. However, it has held up really well this year.

DUST CONTROL

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project is completed. The project went smoothly and very few people were aware of it.

CHICAGON MN RD WATER TANK

Otto Road Waterline – Supervisor Helgemo stated the PRV pit at the corner of Sunset Lk Rd and US 2 will be moved past Otto Rd. The water pressure on Otto Rd will then meet DEQ requirements. FAI has been contracted.

OTTO RD WTRLINE

Rogers Location – The project is nearly done. There will be some final touches and then it will be seeded by 9/17.

ROGERS LOCATION PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 permits issued, he answered questions for several people. He continues to work on violations. There were 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 = 18. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates Park Signage – Discussion tabled until next meeting.

BATES PARK
SIGNAGE

Planning Commission Vacancy – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to appoint David Koski to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PC MEMBER

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

BOR
MEMBER

Zoning Board of Appeals – The Township is looking to fill a vacancy on the ZBA. There was an inquiry and Supervisor Helgemo stated we are waiting on a letter.

ZBA MEMBER

Norway Granite/Memorial – The Township was quoted \$150/name and the invoice came for \$250/name. They refuse to return calls. They finally responded to an email stating that this is the correct amount. Clerk Benson-Stafford will write a letter.

VETERANS
MEMORIAL

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report. He has been watching SOM actions regarding marijuana grow facilities.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

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

ASSESSOR
REPORT

L-4029 – A motion was made by Nelson to approve the 2016 Tax Rate request. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

I-4029

Master Plan – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there will be a public hearing before the Board approves. He stated that it's a very nice plan and the Board thanks the Planning Commission for all of their work.

MASTER
PLAN

Wheels for Wishes Website - Clerk Benson-Stafford will research this company a little more. They are looking to have their link on our website.

WEBSITE

Fire Prevention week – A motion was made by Bobnock to do an ad for \$42. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FIRE WEEK
AD

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said during the tank project the wheel valve had to be replaced. The project is complete and the tower should be good for another 18-20 years. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – There was discussion about building a small shed. Benson will research costs. / Park – The Hosts will leave 9/15. The fishing pier and the buoys will be pulled. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA – Thank you for support letter.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas will research the idea of the lights out night at the park so the public can view the northern lights.
- Mark Gasperini stated that things are moving ahead with the Forest Service and he was wondering what the Township was going to do for gravel. Helgemo stated that the Township will add 5000 tons this year.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____