

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – February 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Nelson-PC; Atty Atanasoff; and Residents. County Comm Brennan & Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Franzene to approve the minutes. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of January 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit. / Supervisor Oberlin noted that the Board approved amending the budget to pay off the Sewer Lift Station loan in full thereby saving the township approximately \$25000 of interest over the remaining life of the loan. The sewer fund now has no debt.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 122,893.72
Sewer Fund:	\$ 176,084.28
Water Fund:	\$ 290,932.09
Road Fund:	\$ 132,931.06
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report at this time. His initial thought this year is to put funding into gravel for up north and save the rest for 2018 projects, however this will be reviewing closer to spring.

ROAD PROJECTS

Anderson Rd Waterline – The Board discussed a couple of options regarding a resolution to the current waterline that has continuous breaks. One option is for each of the homeowners to put in their own waterlines that will go out to the new 8” main. Another option is to run a main off of the 8” and bring it closer to the 4 residents and they can tap into that. Another option is to turn over the current line to the residents and they would be responsible for all future waterline repairs. At one time the land was all owned by one party. Action is tabled and there will be some research on easements. Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to see the township upgrade slowly as opposed to taking on large projects with debt. Once all options are detailed out then the township will approach the owners for their input.

ANDERSON RD WATERLINE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 new permits applications. 1 granted, 1 denied – they are considering asking for a variance. 1 new inquiry, 1 new violation. 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 2017 = 1. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – There was some discussion about the need for detailed signage. Trustee Franzene stated that he thought the signs were too much money and that the Board should just look at universal markers indicating boat launch, park, etc. Benson stated that currently one of the signs is just held together with a strap. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Board of Review Member – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to appoint three new BOR Members: Jane Adams, Judy Girard & Bonnie Puskala. Supported by Franzene. All Ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF
REVIEW
APPOINTEES

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Chairperson Tom Kniivila was very frustrated with WUPPDR and the results of the Master Plan. WUPPDR is currently reworking the plan.

MASTER
PLAN

PC Member – Supervisor Oberlin made a motion to appoint David Gutowski to the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

PLANNING
COMM
APPOINTEE

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the estimate to go to LED lighting would probably be around \$575. Action is tabled until the new fiscal year.

LED
LIGHTING

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report. He reiterated previous conversations regarding Gibbs North Rd, grant money and the ICRC.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was no report provided.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report./ Water – A leak was repaired Kellstrom Rd & Wickstrom Rd. / Sewer – The Salo lift station continues to have issues. There was discussion that a new pump motor could be \$6000. Benson said that he should have a spare. More research will be done. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Closed for the season. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

GUEST COMMENTS

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____