

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – January 11, 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; County Comm Brennan; Mike Golas-Sunset Lk Assn; and Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of December 2016 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 89,219.51
Sewer Fund:	\$ 173,111.48
Water Fund:	\$ 276,613.47
Road Fund:	\$ 88,101.29
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present and gave an overview of the upcoming Larson Park Select Cut Timber Harvest which is part of the managed forest program that the county is doing. There will be 320 acres harvested. There will be no revenues passed through to the municipalities but the revenues will have a separate fund so that the county can monitor income/expenses. / The County Administrator is one of 2 Iron County people on the National Assn of County Boards board. There will be information published soon about prescription/dental/eye plans offered at lower rates to the public. / Mapping Solutions has been chosen to do the new County Plat book. / Of the nearly \$10,000,000 in 2016 County Building Permit projects Bates had \$1.3 million.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Oberlin stated that it has been confirmed that this summer the ICRC will be doing 2 phases of the Sunset Lake Rd project which will go as far as Section 16 Rd. / Oberlin had a conversation with the ICRC regarding Ponozzo Rd and any Forest Service grant would have to be initiated by them. At this time they have been working on a grant for Ottawa Lk Rd. In essence, if there were two grant requests they would compete with each other.

ROAD PROJECTS

Vinnedge Rd Waterline – Supervisor Oberlin stated that in the process of beginning the project it was discovered there was a problem with a PRV in the home. This problem has been resolved and the home has good pressure. The Township did not have to move forward with the repair of the waterline. Benson stated that a waterline in this condition and because of it’s location will need to be addressed in the future. Oberlin agreed that it would be a project for better weather.

VINNEDGE RD WATERLINE

Anderson Rd Waterline – Supervisor Oberlin and Wtr/Swr Super Benson gave an overview of the Anderson Rd waterline. At this time 4 homeowners are being serviced through and old 4” line that turns to a 2” line and runs through the swamp. There is a much newer 8” line that runs alongside Anderson Rd. The old line has had numerous repairs. Oberlin asked Board Members to review the material and come to the next meeting with ideas as to how we should move forward on this matter. Typically the homeowner is responsible for the cost/maintenance of the waterline from their structure to the Township’s waterline main. Because there is a good waterline in the area it would not be recommended that the residents be cut off and have to seek their own wells. Proposals will be addressed at the February meeting.

ANDERSON RD WATERLINE

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 new permits issued, 0 new inquires, 0 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 = 21. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 0. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Tabled until next meeting.

BATES PARK
SIGNAGE

Board of Review Member – The Township will be accepting applications for 2 new Board of Review Members. We have 1 new Member.

BOARD OF
REVIEW

Master Plan – There were some issues with the plan that was provided by WUPPDR for publishing. There were parts of the plan with inaccurate information. Still waiting on WUPPDR to provide a corrected updated version. Treasurer Nelson stated that we should get a discount. It was a general feeling that the meetings that the PC had with WUPPDR lacked organization. Oberlin will be discussing this with PC Chairperson to get an update for the next meeting.

MASTER
PLAN

PC Member – Supervisor Oberlin has a person that was going to consider the PC but is now giving further consideration to the Zoning Administrator position. Tabled until next meeting. The Board is still seeking a Member.

PLANNING
COMM
WANTED

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Helgemo is still exploring costs to make the change. Tabled until the next meeting.

LED
LIGHTING

NEW BUSINESS

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

ATTORNEY
REPORT

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

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Tax Settlement – S. Littleton – Supervisor Oberlin stated that at the March BOR a matter was brought up that Sheena Littleton had purchased a home with a true cash value of \$46000 but she paid \$35000. Assessor Erhart recommended that the Twp settle because it would be unlikely that the Twp would prevail in this matter before the Tax Tribunal. The Twp proposed a new cash value of \$37,378 which Littleton accepted. Littleton will pay the \$25 filing fee. The matter is settled.

TAX
SETTLEMENT
- LITTLETON

ICECA Update - Mike Stafford was present from the ICECA to give an update on the progress of the organization. They are still waiting for the contract from the County. They hope to interview candidates for the Executive Director soon.

ICECA
UPDATE

Employee Policy – There was some discussion and clarification of the policy. Supervisor Oberlin stated that the eligibility for vacation time should accrue from “hire date to anniversary date” not the “calendar year.” A motion was made by Oberlin to make that change in the policy. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE
POLICY

Ironline – No representative. No action taken.

IRONLINE

UPLOGON Tower Rental – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she will issue the invoice for \$1500 for the tower rental with no changes from the previous year.

UPLOGON

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HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report./ **Water** – A leak was repaired on Demboski Rd on Christmas Eve. The repair took 7 hours. / **Sewer** – Benson said that he had problems with the Christensen lift station. / **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; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____