

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 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 Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Mike Golas-Sunset Lk Assn; Assr Erhart; Residents. County Commissioner Brennan was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of October 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 102,841.61
Sewer Fund:	\$ 103,385.70
Water Fund:	\$ 325,699.46
Road Fund:	\$ 184,422.83
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects / Sunset Lake Rd – This year's phase of this County blacktop project is done. A culvert was put in near the Shamion & Puskala homes in preparation of the next phase which will be done next year.

SUNSET LK RD

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 5 new permits issued. 1 permit pending. 2 new violations. Continuing to work with old violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 39. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Master Plan is still in the public comment phase. There will be a Planning Commission meeting before the end of the year to discuss the comments, make changes and then go forward.

MASTER PLAN

Paint River Acreage – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he went to the County Parks & Rec meeting to present a proposal from Bates. The Committee made a motion to recommend that the County Board turn the acreage over to Paints Township. We are still waiting to see what the County has decided to do.

PAINT RIVER ACREAGE

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Bates Twp was the only bidder. The school board tabled action at their last meeting until they could consult with their Attorney about transferring ownership. If this happens it probably won't be until after January 1st.

BATES SCHOOL ACQUISIT.

MDNR Rec Plan – Still working with GEI. Nothing new to report.

REC PLAN

Park Ordinance – Trustee Franzene gave a handout for the Board to review. It has the committee's recommended changes to the Park Ordinance. Also, it includes recommended signage. This will be an agenda item at the December meeting.

PARK ORDINANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart proposed two new ordinances: Division of Lots in Approved Plat and Alley Vacating Ordinance. She stated that she currently has a request for the platted lot approval. There was some discussion. A motion was made by Oberlin to have the attorney review the proposed ordinance language. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Winter Tax Bill/Printing Svc – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to have KCI Print Svc print, fold and mail the winter tax bills which would save the Township a little bit of money. It would also save the Treasurer & Assessor time since this is currently handled by them. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WINTER TAX
BILLING

Medical Marijuana Resolution / Opt Out – Beginning December 15, 2017 the SOM will be reviewing applications for licensing of various Medical Marijuana Facilities. A motion was made by Franzene to adopt an “Opt Out” Resolution Regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The Township did not have to take any official action to “opt out” however the Board felt that by passing a resolution the State would have a clear decision from Bates.

MEDICAL
MARIJUANA
FACILITIES -
OPT OUT

Children’s Christmas Party- Reminder/Children’s Christmas Party will be held December 9th from 11:30-1:00.

CHILDREN’S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson stated that the annual DEQ evaluation will be coming up. / Sewer – Lagoon samples will be taken next week and that will be the last time for the year. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – The cemetery is now closed for the year. / Park – The pavilion has been winterized and the park is now closed for the season. The projects will be started in the next week or so. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Dump Truck – The replacement truck runs great. Benson thanked the board. A motion was made by Oberlin to put the old truck out front of the hall with a sign that states \$1200 obo/ first come/pay the price or best offer bid. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

Mike Golas mentioned that he had attended a very good seminar at Aspirus regarding the Opioid Epidemic in our community. He stated that he wished the Board Members had been present.

ASPIRUS
SEMINAR

CORRESPONDENCE

Senate Bill 396 – Oberlin reminded everyone that the ICRC is encouraging everyone to write to our Representatives opposing this bill.

SENATE BILL
396

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____