

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – October 10, 2018 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 Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Larry Nelson-PC; Jim Stolberg-WICFD; Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec/ICECA; Residents. County Comm Brennan and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes with a clarification under Road Projects. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of September 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 89,263.59
Sewer Fund:	\$ 110,497.48
Water Fund:	\$ 360,549.86
Road Fund:	\$ 145,225.31
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Brennan was present and stated that the County budget is available to the public for review for the next 31 days. / He stated that the County has been operating in the black for the last 6 years and has been running very smoothly. / Larry Nelson questioned the County’s participation in the County Fair. Brennan stated that in 2011-2012 there was a disagreement between the county and the fair board. After that the county did not give any funds however funds were contributed in 2017 & 2018 and are the budget for 2019. / Brennan stated that he will be 81 at his next birthday. He always tried to be fair, honest and tough minded. He is retiring from the ICBC. The Township thanked him for his service.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that he will be getting more information on a Larson Rd project. There is a saw mill and maple syrup operation that require a Class A paved road. The ICRC is looking into grants and the township may have to do participation funds. PW Benson mentioned that there might be a waterline conflict that will have to be resolved on that road.

ROAD PROJECTS

Senate Bill 396 – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the local ICRC states that this is not a good bill. They are asking local municipalities to pass a resolution opposing it. Larry Nelson stated that he believes the loggers have a good working relationship with the county. A motion was made by Bobnock to resolve to oppose Senate Bill 396. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

SENATE BILL 396

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave the following report. There was 1 new permit issued. Working on a few zoning inquiries. 0 new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 19. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR REPORT

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Three Year Road Plan – Supervisor Oberlin presented the Board with the 3-year road plan that was given to the county. (A copy is on file with the Clerk).

3 YEAR-ROAD PLAN

School Elevator–PW Benson is waiting on service quotes. No action taken.

SCHOOL ELEVATOR

General Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded everyone about the Tuesday, November 6, 2018 General Election. Polls will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm.

GENERAL ELECTION

Children’s Christmas Party – A motion was made by Oberlin to provide a budget of \$300 (which is the same as the past several years.) Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

School Gymnasium – Trustee Franzene stated that the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade may be looking for a place to practice. Approximately 40 students.

SCHOOL GYM

Rogers Location 1<sup>st</sup> St. – Trustee Franzene has had complaints that the loaded logging truck & pup that uses 1<sup>st</sup> St is ruining the blacktop. Supervisor Oberlin will address the matter with the resident again.

ROGERS-1<sup>ST</sup> ST BLACKTOP

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is waiting to hear from UPPCO regarding the rate reduction before giving final turn off notice.

STREET LIGHTING

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said there were two leaks – Gendzwill & Little Finland Rd. Also, Hebert’s will be connecting up Reiman Rd and Kellstrom Rd within the next few weeks. / Sewer – Benson said he is waiting on the new sewer motor that was ordered. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Benson winterized the park and will be doing the boat wash in the coming week. Also, the boat launch is damaged and will need repair. It was mentioned that maybe the DNR should be contacted about this.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Gasser asked for clarification on where the gravel was going to be spread up north. Oberlin stated that it would be from Winslow Lk on Ponozzo Rd going south. 1-1 ¼ miles, 10000 tons.
- Don Powell running for Iron County Probate Judge gave a presentation of his platform.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- County of Marquette – Memo RE: Notice to Prepare a Master Plan
- MM Legal Update – Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00pm at WIC Fire Dept.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.