

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – September 12, 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; Mike Golas Parks & Rec-Sunset Lake Assn; Park Hosts; Residents. County Comm Brennan and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 101,131.87
Sewer Fund:	\$ 111,640.14
Water Fund:	\$ 344,092.71
Road Fund:	\$ 145,201.44
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMM REPORT

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Brennan was absent.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the township's portion of gravel on Ponozzo Rd will not be spread until next year. The ICRC has been working on the "north" end and next year they will work from Winslow Lake south. / Due to the strike with the paving companies, the ICRC will be refunding our road project deposits. The projects will be done next year for the same price because the road companies will be too far behind in projects once the strike is over. Oberlin stated that he is looking into N. Trybom as a project for next year, as well as trying to make a decision regarding S. Trybom.

ROAD PROJECTS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave the following report. There were 2 new permits 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 = 18. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk. / Treasurer Nelson questioned about the lawn at the Mapleton? Why hasn't it been maintained? Oberlin will look into this. /Golas questioned the status of the Johnson building on US2 that had the fire. Oberlin stated that the new owner does have a plan that will be implemented shortly.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

Bates Park Swim Raft – PW Superintendent Benson stated that the raft is leaking along the seams, it is loaded with seagull poop, and the frame needs work. It is a 12'x8' raft that has been patched in the past. Oberlin stated that the Board will have to make a decision to either repair or replace before next season.

BATES PARK SWIM RAFT

Littering Ordinance – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there have been three more incidents with tire dumping. A motion was made by Bobnock to adopt the revised Ordinance with more strict fines and penalties. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LITTERING ORDINANCE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Anderson Road Waterline – Mr. Gollakner was present and again asked the Board if the Township would pay for the materials for the waterline replacement. Supervisor Oberlin stated that it is private property and that the Board originally rescinded their proposal from last year after there was no respond from the homeowners. Oberlin stated that the Board would think about the new proposal from the homeowners which would be done in the spring. Mr. Gollakner pointed out that there 4 homes bring in utility revenues.

ANDERSON  
RD  
WATERLINE

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

Park Closure – Pat and Brad Nicholson (Park Hosts) were present and gave their last report. They will not be returning next year. They also donated a beautiful handmade buckboard set and bean bags that they had handcrafted. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that if there was anyway the Board could talk them into returning next year, they would. Supervisor Oberlin and the Board thanked them for all of their contributions these last few years. / Resident Golas asked what the park revenues were for the season. Treasurer Nelson stated that she would prepare a report for the October meeting.

PARK  
CLOSURE

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

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said he is waiting on the Hebert invoices. / Sewer – Benson said he is waiting on the new sewer motor that was ordered. Also the fence at the lagoon needs to be repaired. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – There is now a gymnastics class on Thursdays and a Women's Volleyball coming soon on Monday nights. The fence looks great and we're getting a lot of compliments. The hospital is continuing to keep a storage room for another year. The DIISD currently has 5 rooms. Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – See above.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Mike Golas talked about Wildlife Unlimited working with the DNR to stock the lakes with walleye. They will be planting 5500 walleye around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October in Sunset Lake. There will be 5500 planted in 2019 and 2020 also.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- MDNR Trust Grant Application – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township's preliminary score out of 500 points was 240. GEI and the Parks & Rec Committee are working to increase the point total. If we can reach 300 points there is a decent chance that the grant will be funded. The deadline for the additional submissions was October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Franzene. The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_