

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – January 9, 2019 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 Lk Assn; County Comm Stafford; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of December 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

General Fund:	\$ 148,903.11
Sewer Fund:	\$ 110,359.91
Water Fund:	\$ 287,609.89
Road Fund:	\$ 217,567.44
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Stafford was present and gave a brief report. At the ICBC organizational meeting Peretto was named the new Chair and Stafford the Vice Chair and Chair of the Finance Committee.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Road Projects-** Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Ponozzo Rd gravel will be put down by the ICRC this spring. / Our portion of the Larson Rd the ICRC grant project would be \$53800. If the grant is approved the ICRC would pay for the \$39000 engineering. A resident suggested getting the Willis family to participate with funding also. Oberlin stated that they’re a startup and probably couldn’t. The blacktop would not be to the end but just past the mill. PW Benson stated that we don’t want old waterline there is they’re going to blacktop. / Mike Golas noted that the County has been doing a great job snowplowing.

ROAD PROJECTS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Zoning Update** – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 1 new permits issued. He answered some questions regarding the old mine to a potential Buyer. Still working on the violations that the Assessor found during field work. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2018=22. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk. / There was a question regarding zoning of the saw mill. Oberlin stated that the sawmill was there for decades before zoning went into effect. It would just be a land use. Golas stated that the Township needs to find a way to make it work. Oberlin also stated that the noise issue should be resolved soon. There will be electric power at the mill instead of diesel.

ZONING UPDATE

**Master Plan** – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

**Bates Township Center / LED conversion** – The lights will be arriving 1/20/19. Oberlin called for installation bids. Two of the four contractors declined to bid because of their work schedules.

BATES CTR LED CONV

**IC MTA December Meeting Reminder** – Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5:30pm at the Bates Township Hall.

IC MTA MEETING

**MDNR Trust Grant** – Supervisor Oberlin received notice that the Township was award a smaller grant of \$58000. A motion was made by Franzene to go forward with the grant and eliminate the following portions of work; all of the projects to the west & reconfigure by the boar launch. GEI engineering fees will be \$10900 and will administer the grant. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. PW Benson will talk with Robb/GEI to see if our boat launch repair would qualify for this grant.

MDNR TRUST GRANT

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Anderson Rd Waterline Project – PW Benson stated that the cost of the materials would probably \$3900-\$4000. There would be one shutoff at the road plus 4 shutoffs for each home. There is a let run going during the winter months. No action taken.

ANDERSON  
RD  
WATERLINE

Sunset Lake Boat Launch – Due to the damage done by a boater the left side of the boat launch cannot be used. There is a possibility of a grant but the application deadline is April 1 and the funds wouldn't be available until the end of the summer season of 2020. No action taken.

SUNSET  
LAKE BOAT  
LAUNCH

Bates Township Center Pop Machine – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Krist Oil Company donated the used pop machine that they had been trying to sell. They delivered it to the Bates Twp Center.

BATES TWP  
CENTER

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – The Assessor submitted a supplemental invoice for a \$900 payment to be paid as \$700 to the Treasurer and \$200 to the Assessor. A motion was made by Oberlin to pay the invoice. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, abstain. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

Recreational Marijuana Opt Out – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adopt Ordinance #801 an ordinance to prohibit marijuana establishments within the Township of Bates, Iron County, Michigan and establishing penalties for violations. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RECREATION  
AL  
MARIJUANA-  
OPT OUT

Budget Workshop – The Board set the budget workshop date for Wednesday February 6 at 4:00pm at the township hall.

BUDGET  
WORKSHOP

Board of Review Appointments – Supervisor Oberlin made a motion to appoint the same members to the Board of Review: Jane Adams, Judy Girard and Bonnie Puskala for another two year term. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. Oberlin stated that they have been doing a great job.

BOR  
APPOINT.

Planning Commission Appointment – With the recent resignation of Dave Gutowski, Supervisor Oberlin appointed Corey Shankleton to the PC. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

PC APPOINT.

Gen Ops-Road Millage Renewal – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that there is a millage renewal coming up this year. Currently it is Gen Ops 2 mills plus Roads 1 mill. She asked if this should be changed to Gen Ops 2.5 mills plus Roads .5 mills, since there is already an additional 2 mills for roads that expires in an off year. There was discussion but no action taken. Clerk Benson-Stafford will see what other municipal elections will take place so that there can be a cost sharing of election expenses.

MILLAGE  
RENEWAL

Emergency Svcs Ad – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to place this ad. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY  
SVC AD

Bates Clean Up Day – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to get this date on the calendar. We should also have a dumpster available that day. There was discussion about getting Tru Recycling, Trico and other Vendors available on the same day.

BATES  
CLEANUP  
DAY

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

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said the Kellstrom Rd water connection will be done in the spring. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – The fire alarm inspection was completed. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report

**GUEST COMMENTS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Farmland Preservation Program Brochures & Information

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

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