

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – July 10, 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 Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Larry Nelson, PC; County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn-P&R; Officer Basanese; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of June 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 160,379.77
Sewer Fund:	\$ 107,716.82
Water Fund:	\$ 354,556.97
Road Fund:	\$ 206,850.81
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present. He stated that the County approved Atty Tinti to draft a license agreement for the single bike track east of the airport on county owned property. The County approved a strip of land to do an electronic waste dump.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin that there are no chip seal bids in yet. / East Park Drive has yet to be completed. / He stated that he wanted to clarify that if Larson Rd could be gravel and still be a Class A, with no permits necessary. The Board decided to not revisit the vote. Larson Rd will be a blacktop project with funding from the State.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 3 new permits issued. Some new zoning questions. No new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=12. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Park Water Raft – PW Benson stated that the welding did not hold on one of the pontoons. The raft had to be pulled to shore and was transported to American Dock for a seam repair. Thank you to Gasser for hauling it back to the Township hall and to Mr. Christofferson who helped to bring it to shore.

PARK WATER RAFT

Park Boat Launch – Oberlin stated the permit has been received. The project can’t start until after July 15th because of the loons on the lake; probably after August 1st. Oberlin stated that he will let Mike Golas know so that he can alert the Sunset Lk Assn. Oberlin completed the application with Wild Life Unlimited and applied for ½ of the cost of the project. PC Nelson said that there should be a sign posted that says no power loading. PW Benson said that it’s disregarded all of the time.

PARK BOAT LAUNCH

Park Showers – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he will continue to check with Contractors. PW Benson says that the toilets need to be reset into the concrete. Oberlin said that he would like to see a divider shielding the toilets. No action taken.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

ACH – Treasurer Nelson said that she is still doing research. Commissioner Stafford mentioned that maybe PayPal was an option. Oberlin stated that he continues to wonder about the legality of a finance charge. No action taken.

ACH

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Bates Township Banner – Clerk Benson-Stafford said that the UP Rodeo staff asked if we had a banner that we wanted to display since we were a sponsor for the event. A banner can be purchased at a cost of \$7/ft with a recommendation of a 2' x 6' banner. The Board decided there was no need at this time to purchase a banner.

BATES TWP
BANNER

Westside Veterans Council – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to support their efforts with \$250 which is the same as last year. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE
VETERANS
COUNCIL

Park Playground Landscape Timbers Repair – After some discussion about the cost of various size timbers the Board agreed that the current state of the landscape timbers was dangerous and needed repair. A motion was made by Franzene to do the repair with a cost up to \$900. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK
PLAYGRND
REPAIR

Assessor Files – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that there were 2 file cabinets that Assr Erhart wanted to return to the township for storage. These documents must be kept on file forever. She initially requested that Room 104 at the school be reserved for storage, however it was decided that they could be put into the safe at the school which should protect them from fire hazards.

ASSESSOR
FILE
STORAGE

Pontoon Svcs – Resident Christofferson has helped the township on numerous occasions to put in and take out the park raft. A motion was made by Nelson to give him a \$50 gas card to help cover his expenses. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

PONTOON
SVCS

Supervisor Reimbursement – The first park hosts lost personal items prior to arriving for duty. Supervisor Oberlin loaned them \$100 to come out of their first pay check. Since they left within the first week, without pay, a motion was made by Nelson to reimburse Oberlin the \$100 of his personal money that he had loaned them. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPVR
REIMBURSE

Office 365 – Clerk Benson-Stafford requested that the township emails be transferred over to 365 for more efficiency, at a cost of \$60/address. A motion was made by Nelson to have PC Tech do the conversion. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OFFICE 365

Township Hall Foundation – There was some discussion about the west wall foundation being in poor shape. The thought of a historical building grant was mentioned. Oberlin stated that maybe the Board should start thinking about moving the township offices to the school. It was agreed that the foundation should be inspected to come up with the potential cost to fix.

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Park – A comment was made that the park was not welcoming when you come into it. The campsites look bad and there needs to be more weed eating. The discussion continued about the ball field and the hill side looking bad. There was also a tree that fell onto the beach. After much discussion it was decided that the Parks & Rec Committee should tour the park/campground and make recommendations. Also, a motion was made by Benson-Stafford to appoint Mark "Gasser" Gasperini to the Parks & Rec committee. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that the Anderson Rd project was in progress. / Golas questioned how much water P&D is using. PW Benson stated that he is keeping a tally and they are invoiced. **Sewer** – Benson stated that they pulled out a sewer motor today. It was decided to ship it to LW Allen in Madison for repair. / He stated that the Sunset Creek station has a seal leaking which allows water to get into the pump oil. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Report on file with the Clerk / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – See special comments. / **Dust Control** – Completed for the season.

GUEST COMMENTS

- There was a question as to when the Paint River Boat Launch project would begin. Oberlin stated that we are waiting on the DNR to approve the permit. There will be nothing done on the Westside of the road. / It was also discovered that a resident on Shady Lane is encroaching on township land which was discovered through surveying. Oberlin will talk to the Resident and tell them they must remove their structure(s). / PC Nelson wondered when the culvert would be done on Bates-Amasa Road. Oberlin stated that is a County project. / Trustee Bobnock questioned when the Mapleton lawn was going to be mowed. Oberlin stated if it wasn't mowed within 2 weeks he was going to have the township mow it and send the owner a bill.

CORRESPONDENCE

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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; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____