

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 8, 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; 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 April 2019 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; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 176,581.04
Sewer Fund:	\$ 117,733.78
Water Fund:	\$ 330,894.02
Road Fund:	\$ 312,813.09
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present. Nothing new to report as the County meeting will be held May 14th.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin had the contracts to sign and stated that there would be a \$2500 reduction in the original cost because the ICRC was removing one mobilization fee. / He also stated that the Board has not made a final decision regarding either blacktopping or graveling Larson Rd. / He stated that the Township will dust control the same roads this year. Same quantity as last year but a slight increase of \$.05/gallon.

ROAD PROJECTS

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there two bids received from reputable companies for the LED conversion at the school. Drier Electric at \$5971 and Ahlberg Electric at \$8463. These bids are for installation. The Township will purchase the materials outside of the bids at a cost of \$3191. The rebate for the project will be \$2500. A motion was made by Franzene to accept the lower bid of \$5971 from Drier Electric. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson, yes; Oberlin, yes, Bobnock, yes, Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ICECA UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permit issued with 4 permits in process. No new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=4. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

Anderson Rd Waterline Project – Don Gollakner and Jake Jukkela were present. The Board agreed to participate with \$4500 of materials only. Project to be completed by November 1, 2019. Supervisor Oberlin will contact Attorney Atanasoff to draft the necessary legal easement documents.

ANDERSON RD WTRLN

Bates School Center/Gym Painting – Supervisor Oberlin stated there is a bid of \$250 which the Board approved to paint the pillars and doors. We just need to choose a paint color.

BATES SCHOOL/ CENTER GYM PAINTING

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Bates Park-Sunset Lake/Campground Host Search – Nothing new to report. Still seeking qualified candidates.

PARK HOSTS

Park Water Raft – PW Benson received 3 quotes on price. Hayward Outfitters \$2180, American Dock \$2116 and Waterfront Products \$3368. Benson said it is possible to repair again, but it's already been repaired 2-3 times. It was decided to see what it would cost to weld the leaking pontoon(s). No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

PARK WATER
RAFT

Park Boat Launch – PW Benson spoke with Lou Golbach, and he looked at the project. He said that he can repair the launch, but he would like to look into the DEQ requirements. He gave an approximate estimate of \$15000-\$18000. Oberlin stated that GEI can apply for the DEQ permit. PW Benson also stated that there is a culvert that should be redirected because it's causing damage to the pavement. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

PARK BOAT
LAUNCH

Park Showers – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he took measurements and the materials will cost about \$650 for the doors/keypad locks. He was going to look into the cost of labor. The doors will be 3' wide, ADA compliant. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

PARK
SHOWERS

Bates Cleanup Day – Reminder the 2nd Annual Bates Township Roadside Cleanup date is scheduled for Saturday, May 11. Starting at the hall there will be donuts/coffee/road assignments from 8:30-9:00. Roadside cleanup 9:00-11:00. Light Lunch at 11:00.

BATES
CLEANUP
DAY

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin read the report. There was general information that the 2019 Headlee Millage Reduction fraction to be used is 1.000. In May Assessors will be given the green light to roll out their 2020 databases. She has flagged 30 additional parcels to visit this year along with parcels in her 2019 plan. A copy of the report is kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Paint River Project Resolution – A motion was made by Nelson to adopt a resolution officially accepting the terms of the DNR Trust Fund Grant for the Paint River Access Site Improvements. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PAINT RIVER
PROJECT

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson stated that the Kellstrom Rd and Larson Rd projects are done, as well as a water main break on Demboski Rd was repaired. / Sewer – Benson stated the Tunnel Vision infiltration repair project is completed. / He is waiting for road restrictions to be lifted before the new flow meter will be installed. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – PW Benson said that there were three Veterans names added to the Memorial. The Engraver said that he passes through the area enough that he can engrave as needed. We don't have to wait until once a year. / School – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Ken Willis was present to talk about the Larson Rd project which was discussed earlier in the meeting. Oberlin stated that the Township would have to do a new waterline no matter if gravel or blacktop.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Supervisor Oberlin was going to try and get some information on the Opportunity Zone opportunities for Gasser and Ken Willis.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____