

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – April 8, 2020 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 & Trustee Franzene were present. Also, in attendance were County Comm Stafford, & Larry Nelson, PC. Trustee Bobnock & Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of March 2020 was submitted. A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to accept the report. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 191,827.35
Sewer Fund:	\$ 88,899.44
Water Fund:	\$ 267,113.79
Road Fund:	\$ 199,658.04
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford said the county board meeting is April 14th. The courthouse is closed to the public due to COVID-19.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Nothing new to report.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 new permits issued. He is waiting for one application. A few new inquiries. He will be sending out several letters for junk car violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2020=1. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Public Works Job Description- Public Works Superintendent Benson created a Job Description. A motion was made by Oberlin to publish a Help Wanted ad for a position to be mentored in the public works department. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

PW JOB DESCRIPTN

Paint River Project – Bid opening was held on Thursday, April 2nd at 2:00pm. Supervisor Oberlin stated that there were two bids received. FAI @ \$66452.00 and Carey Construction @ \$88323.00. Today an email was received by Clerk Benson-Stafford from the DNR Grants Management Section indicating that they were “pausing deliverables and payments associated with projects. No action taken at this meeting until it is determined that the DNR will be funding their portion of the project going forward.

PAINT RIVER PROJECT

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin stated that BOR went well. They saw 32 petitions. / Erhart is proposing a complete re-appraisal of the Agricultural Class, work to be done this year and implemented for the 2021 roll. / She made some changes to the Land Division form and is looking for authorization to use the new format. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Sewer Lift Station # 3 / Vortex Sewer Motors – The estimate for the cost of these motors was not received. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

SEWER LIFT STATION 3

Sewer Line Replacement / Rogers Location 3rd & 4th St – Supervisor Oberlin reviewed the time and materials estimate of \$2500. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to go forward with the project. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SEWERLINE ROGERS LOC

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Tunnel Vision Annual Lift Station Maintenance – A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to authorize the maintenance at an estimated annual cost of \$4600. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Utility Rates – There was discussion again about increasing rates that have remained the same for nearly 18 years. The sewer infrastructure needs upgrades. No action taken.

**SEWER
MAINT.**

Tunnel Vision CCTV Inspection – Not needed. No action taken.

CCTV

2016 Chev Brakes – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the back brakes will be done on the truck. No action necessary, this is a maintenance item.

**TRUCK
BRAKES**

UP Rodeo – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve the \$50 contribution. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

UP RODEO

Cemetery Death Certificates – A motion was made by Oberlin to authorize a budget of \$475 to obtain these necessary records to complete the Townships files. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY
RECORDS**

Sunset Lake Boat Launch Road Prep Work – Supervisor Oberlin explained the necessary prep work needed for the project. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the estimate of G & G Service Center for \$3320. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Also, the lake portion of the boat launch project will proceed this spring weather permitting.

**BOAT
LAUNCH**

Laminator – Clerk Benson-Stafford was authorized to purchase an inexpensive laminator to be used for multiple department documents.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**-Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Clerk Benson-Stafford gave the report that the schools are now closed for the year. The DIISD is allowing one to two teachers into the building at a time as part of the social distancing guidelines. Both Spring A Roo and Inclusion Dance classes are done for the remainder of the year. Inclusion Dance was wondering about a storage fee. Benson-Stafford said that last year Spring A Roo stored their equipment for free and recommended the same for ID. / Inclusion Dance has an opportunity to have a “dance floor” installed in Room 105 at the school and would like the Township’s permission. Benson-Stafford will get more details. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Franzene. The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____