

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 10, 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 & Trustees Franzene & Bobnock were present. Also, in attendance were County Comm Stafford; Larry Nelson, PC; Mike Golas, P&R & Sunset Lk Assn; Jane Adams, BOR; Monica Franzmeier, Elections; Residents. Assr Erhart were 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 May 2020 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; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 164,275.10
Sewer Fund:	\$ 93,522.08
Water Fund:	\$ 296,863.56
Road Fund:	\$ 201,251.42
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated that the courthouse reopened to the public today. Pentoga Park will be opened beginning Friday, with restrooms open. / He stated that there will be a millage for 911 on the August ballot. The millage is to replace the \$2.75/per line, per phone surcharge. / He stated that Paul Schuytema from the ICECA has accepted a position out of the area and has moved. Erika is part time. LeeAnn is laid off with no plans to bring her back. The organization is going to try and focus on tourism and helping businesses.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that Larson Road will be done this year as well as the gravel on Ponozzo Rd and the boat launch repair. No other projects are scheduled for this year.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 7 new permits issued. He is waiting for several applications. The ZBA met and reconsidered a Morrison Creek appeal which was granted. He is planning to send out several letters for junk car violations, however the recycling center is closed due to COVID, so he has put the letter writing on hold for now. The bar has been sold and is not open. Permits to date in 2020=10. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Public Works Job Description- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Board will hold off another month until we can get a better idea of the financial future.

PW JOB DESCRIPTN

Paint River Project – Nothing new to report. Project is on hold due to COVID. Rich Sloat and volunteers are going to proceed with building one primitive hut.

PAINT RIVER PROJECT

Bates Park-Sunset Lake – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to open the campground, with no showers. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried. / The Board will check with Emily Nelson (last year’s janitor to see if she will clean this summer.)

PARK CAMPGND

Park Signage – A motion was made by Franzene to purchase the park signs from the quote last October. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Two cemetery signs will be added with “no plantings allowed.”

PARK SIGNAGE

Sunset Lake Boat Launch – PW Benson stated that the project would begin near the end of the month.

SUNSET LAKE BOAT LAUNCH

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

BSA Software Upgrade – After further research and going through a webinar to learn about the programs and what the company has to offer, a motion was made by Oberlin to convert the township’s software utility and financial programs to BSA. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The programs will not be switched until the end of the year or the beginning of 2021 due to the conversion process and business of the BSA.

**BSA
SOFTWARE
UPGRADE**

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin read the Assessor’s report. The 2020 assessing database has been uploaded to the State for the AMAR review. / The July BOR is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22. / She would like her Field Notice posted on the bulletin boards and the website. / She is working on an Agricultural Reappraisal Project. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

Audit Fieldwork – Clerk Benson-Stafford said audit fieldwork starts June 17 & 18.

AUDIT

Sunset Lake Dam – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Drain Commissioner Bill Cassagranda has taken boards out at the dam to lower the Sunset Lake water level. He states that it is about 6” too high. Cassagranda asked for matching funds and labor to fix the dam. A motion was made by Oberlin to match county funds up to \$1000 and manpower. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SUNSET
LAKE WATER
LEVEL**

Tax Bills – Treasurer Nelson stated that she changed the tax bills payment address to the township hall.

TAX BILLS

Project Graduation – A motion was made by Bobnock to contribute \$50 as in years past. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – One new tap in. / **Sewer** – Project is complete in Rogers Location. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – There is another potential renter for the coming school year. / Connors Sports Flooring will be putting in a new “dance floor” in Room 105 for Inclusion Dance. There is no cost to the Township. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE

- US Census – A letter that states that the Township has a 44% response rate and there are jobs available to work for the Census.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENTA motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____