

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Jon Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Jon Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson & Trustees Franzene & Bobnock were present. Also, in attendance were County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, P&R & Sunset Lk Assn; Mark Bromley, ICECA; Yvonne Andersen, Sunset Lk Assn VP; Larry Nelson, PC; Margee Brennan, ZBA; Jane Adams, BOR; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meeting. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of October 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.

General Fund:	\$ 84,938.13
Sewer Fund:	\$ 83,705.68
Water Fund:	\$ 294,614.41
Road Fund:	\$ 149,412.16
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated the new County budget for 2021 is out for public review and can be found on the County’s website. The next meeting will be December 15th.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Nothing new to report.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report with 2 new permits issued. He met with two property owners to answer questions. / Violations: Mark Gasperini of 105 Noren Rd was issued a fine of \$750 due by October 27. After ailing to pay the fine on time, a \$200/day additional fine brings his total fine due to date of \$3550. After issuing a stop work order on October 8, on October 16th Oberlin was informed that the work was continuing. He visited the site and told the contractors there was a stop work order, which they were not aware of. Since that time, Mr. Gasperini has continued to violate the stop work order by working on the stopped project on his own. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Zoning Permit No. 20 Violation & Stop Work Order - Attorney Atanasoff gave a recap of the project and the violation. Mr. Gasperini has hired Attorney Roy Polich to represent him. There are three violations in play, the permit violation, the stop work order violation and the setbacks from the lakeside and the side lot. Benson-Stafford made a motion that the current violator cannot get any further permits until this current violation matter is resolved. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / There was additional discussion about a fence issue and the question was raised, why give permits if the constable cannot enforce them.

ZONING PERMIT 20 VIOLATION

MDNR Paint River Project – Robb Anderson/GEI Consultants presented the pay application to the board in the amount of \$48609.60. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the request. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. As soon as the check clears it can be submitted to the State for reimbursement. The dock will not be installed this year, it will be installed in the spring. Also, the Township must purchase mandatory signage.

PAINT RIVER PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Public Works New Hire – Nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC
WORKS
NEW HIRE**

Building Committee Update / Survey – The survey was made available in paper copy by the backdoor of the hall as well as there were paper copies available on election day. Survey's will be collected until November 30th.

**BUILDING
COMM./
SURVEY**

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin read the report. December BOR will be held Wednesday December 16th. / Winter taxes will be set up and mailed before December 1st. / Supervisor Oberlin congratulated Jane Adams, BOR on her election win to be a Trustee. With that, Oberlin made a motion to appoint Faye Whitehead to a two-year term that would begin at the December BOR. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

ICECA – Mark Bromley – Mark introduced himself as the new Executive Director. He said he hopes to carry on the good work of Paul & Erica. He wants to continue to work closely with businesses and municipalities.

**ICECA/MARK
BROMLEY**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Lift stations have been cleaned out. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Leaking roof drain has been repaired.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Jane Adams commented that the elections were a lot of work and a lot goes on behind the scenes and that the Clerk and workers did a great job.
- Mike Golas mentioned that there is drainage issue with a ditch over by Lundberg's creek. Benson is aware and has talked to the ICRC about this.
- Margee Brennan thanked the Clerk and the Election Workers for a job well done. She is a County Board of Canvassers member
- Jim Andersen wanted to make sure that 105 Noren Rd will have to come into compliance with the ordinance.
- On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Oberlin thanked John Bobnock for his many years of service to the Township as a Board Trustee.

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: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A 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, December 9, 2020.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____