

## **BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 12, 2021, 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 & Adams were present. Also, in attendance were County Comm Stafford; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Mike Golas, Sunset Lake Assn/P&R; Julie Roderick, Park-Campground Host; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

**ATTENDEES**

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

**MINUTES**

Treasurer's report for the month of April 2021 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 183,741.71
Sewer Fund:	\$ 96,919.79
Water Fund:	\$ 327,524.90
Road Fund:	\$ 140,817.71

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that the county received a \$20,000 RE-quote for countywide GIS mapping from Coleman Engineering. On June 3, the municipalities will meet at the Bates Hall to discuss details and if they want to move forward with a countywide GIS system. /The County Board was informed that AEG, based out of Atlanta has been given \$200,000,000 to do 6000 miles of optic cable in Iron County. They will start the project in 2022 and expect to complete it in about 3 years.

**COUNTY  
COMM  
REPORT**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report. / Ernie Schmidt, ICRC, thanked the Board for donating gravel and stated that road restrictions have been lifted.

**ROAD  
PROJECTS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report with 3 new permits issued. / He is waiting for 2 applications to be returned. / Violations: Permit # 20 violation has nothing new to report. /The resident on BA Rd/Section 22 Rd did remove a mound of garbage. / Oberlin contacted another resident and gave him 1 week to clean his yard of debris or a citation would be issued. / Permits to date: 8. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING  
UPDATE**

Public Works New Hire – Oberlin stated that he reached out to Troy Gallagher of Bay College/the head of the water-sewer department, and he was going to email his students and let them know about the available position.

**NEW HIRE**

Park Host – The Board hired Julie Roderick to be the summer park-campground host effective June 13, 2021. / The beach house was vandalized with spray paint. Oberlin filed a report with the State Police. One resident suggested putting game cams out. Another suggested giving a copy of the ordinance to every camper.

**PARK HOST**

Bates Hall Preservation Society - Margee Brennan/BHPS stated that they will be painting the interior of the hall before the flooring begins. / Bill Cassagrande was supposed to stop and check out the foundation. / Al most all materials have been donated so fair. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of June will be a meet and greet. / Betty Stromberg, Lisa Behling and Yvonne Andersen are also part of the committee.

**BHPS**

Water Meters – Reading – Treasurer Nelson wanted residents to know that the readings are being estimated. Some meters are reading at higher rates. No decision on what to do for a meter reader. No success in hiring someone.

**WATER  
METER  
READER**

EGLE Sewer Lagoon – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the township has been working with Coleman Engineering and EGLE regarding Compliance Communication. Nothing new to report.

**EGLE/SEWER  
LAGOON**

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Memorial Day Ceremony – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the program will start at 8:00am at the cemetery with Corey Shankleton as the Pastor, Brian Rippey as the Speaker and Jessica Thibodeau as the vocalist. Thank you, Jane, for contacting Corey and Jessica. The continental breakfast will be held at the hall immediately following.

MEMORIAL  
DAY  
CEREMONY

Park/Campground Weekly Inspections – Trustee's Franzene and Adams visited the park & school and turned in their report. PW Benson said that they already did some repairs. /There was discussion about doing the reports weekly or monthly. Monthly was the consensus.

PARK/CAMP  
GROUND  
INSPECTION

## NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin gave an overview of the report. The County equalized in April and accepted the township's assessment roll and agricultural reappraisal as submitted. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

Planning Commission Meetings – The next meetings will be in October and December.

PC  
MEETINGS

Project Graduation – A motion was made by Oberlin to contribute \$50 (same as previous years). Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PROJECT  
GRAD.

Blight/Complaint Form – Clerk Benson-Stafford gave the board a template of a complaint form that could be customized to Bates Township. She felt it was important that there is a paper trail and documentation for the complaints. Mike Golas stated that there should be a campaign to instill a spirit of pride in the public to make our corridor beautiful because Bates is the entryway to the community. Oberlin asked how that could be done. Adams said that the hall renovation will be inspiring. / Residents asked if there would be a spring cleanup. Oberlin stated there was not one in 2020 due to COVID. He will be out of town and cannot oversee the event. Jim Brennan stated that Oberlin should not feel guilty about not being present, it should be a community job. Oberlin said that he will pick up the garbage bags, order the dumpster and make the safety vests available for a cleanup on May 20, 21 & 22. Residents can roadside cleanup as their time allows on those days.

BLIGHT/  
COMPLAINT  
FORM

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – The beach has been reseeded where the sewer line drain tile was put in. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – New boat launch pier has been installed. / **School** –New renters are moved in. (Two classrooms)

## GUEST COMMENTS

- Chicaugon Homeowners Assn Milfoil Money Request – There was discussion that it was illegal to give money to an organization without an invoice. / Commissioner Stafford stated that the County budgeted \$10000 because of the park. They pay the money to the Vendor, not the homeowners assn. / Mike Golas stated that it is tough to get even 50% of the lake owners to join a lake association. /Margee Brennan stated that we are a community, and we should help each other. / Oberlin stated that he received a few notes from residents that were against the township donating money. Oberlin stated that his problem is when only "some" residents participate. No action taken.

CHICAUGON  
LAKE ASSN

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

ICECA Contribution – There was some discussion about giving the per capita money. Again, there is no current contract with the county for economic development. RFP must be advertised by the County. No action taken.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA Monthly Report
- Steve Polich/Chicaugon Lake Homeowners Committee Milfoil Money Request

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_