

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – September 9, 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; Larry Nelson, PC; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn/P&R; Yvonne Andersen, ZBA; Jim Dennis, ZBA; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

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

General Fund: \$ 159,766.63
Sewer Fund: \$ 105,768.38
Water Fund: \$ 327,964.49
Road Fund: \$ 143,511.87

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated there was nothing new to report.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Nothing new to report.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report with 3 new permits issued. / He has answered various zoning questions. / Violations: Permit # 20 violation – Oberlin stated that the Judge suggested mediation. If mediation happens no later than October 15th, then we will go to trial in late October. County Comm Stafford asked if the County Bldg Codes had joined the lawsuit. Oberlin asked the Board for the items that they would hope to achieve in mediation. He asked the Andersen’s too, since they are the most affected. / Permits to date: 20. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Hall Preservation Society - Margee Brennan/BHPS was absent.

BHPS

EGLE Sewer Lagoon – Nothing new to report. The Township is still waiting on a proposal from UP Engineers. Both firms have been in touch with Conroy/EGLE.

EGLE/SEWER LAGOON

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – No report.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Planning Commission/ZBA Education – There was discussion about making education mandatory for the board members. No action taken; tabled until next meeting.

PC/ZBA MEMBER EDUCATION

Mansfield Township – Mansfield Twp heard that Bates was doing a renovation to our hall, so they donated \$200 towards the renovation costs.

MANSFIELD TWP \$

Park Vandalism – There was some park vandalism. A motion was made by Franzene for Oberlin to get a copy of the police report and pursue charges. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

PARK VANDALISM

Paint River Boat Launch – It was noted that people are now dumping garbage. If this continues, the board will address the matter.

PR BOAT LAUNCH GARBAGE

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Paint River Shelter – There was discussion about the write up in the newspaper about trails, boardwalks, etc. It was determined that the Parks & Rec committee should visit the site to make sure that the agreed to plans are being followed.

**PAINT RIVER
SHELTER**

Water Meter Reader – A motion was made by Franzene to hire Richard Spencer as an independent contractor at \$.75/meter. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WATER
METER
READER**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – PW Benson stated the materials with labor will run about \$13000-\$15000 to replace the valves at the pumphouse & water tank. A motion was made by Oberlin to proceed with the project. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – There was a couple that stayed there for a few days to see if they would want to do it next year. They stated it was more work than they thought. / **School** – A motion was made by Oberlin to sign the pest control agreement with Clean Kill for one year. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Dale Holm was present to discuss the PRE on his mom's home. Oberlin stated that he would talk with him after the meeting. The Township Board has no jurisdiction over these matters.
- Phillips Rd culvert – Oberlin will talk to the road commission but suggested that the residents contact them as well with their concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA monthly newsletter.
- Jim & Cathy Mancini – Complaint letter regarding the cats in Rogers Location. Oberlin stated that the Township does not have the ability to enforce this type of ordinance. He will let them know that they will have to seek recourse with the Iron County Sheriff's office.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____