

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Clerk Benson Stafford called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; Corey Shankleton, ZA/PC; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Sue Passamani, BHPS; Bonnie Hager, Park Host; Mike Golas, P&R; Monica Franzmeier, Elections; Larry Nelson, PC; County Comm Stafford; Residents. Absent: Supervisor Oberlin & Assessor Erhart.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to appoint Trustee Adams to conduct the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Oberlin. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

Treasurer’s report for the month of July 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 153,765.52
Sewer Fund:	\$ 115,242.44
Water Fund:	\$ 359,103.22
Road Fund:	\$ 135,799.17

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated that Pentoga Park will be 100 years old. On September 13th the BOC meeting will be held at the park at 4:00pm. There will be cake.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin was absent. There was nothing new to report.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton stated that he is working with 3 new applicants. He had issued two violations (Bates-Amasa Rd & Dons Rd) that had an August 1 deadline. Don’s Rd has come into compliance and no progress or communication on the Bates-Amasa Rd violation. / Three new violations were issued, (US2, Reiman Rd & Sect 22 Rd.) / Section 22 Rd has made significant improvement towards compliance. / During the past month there have been productive meetings with the new attorneys. He stated they have been extremely knowledgeable and helpful. /The Attorneys are also working on an Alley Vacating form for the township. /He received several zoning complaints this month, upon investigation he found no violations. Permits to date: 15. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk. / A motion was made by Franzene to give Board approval to send a ten-day notice to the Bates Amasa Rd violator, which will be followed up with a daily fine for non-compliance. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING UPDATE

Polich & Tarsi Letter/ RE: Gasperini-Andersen – Shankleton stated the Attorney would be preparing a response letter. / Jim Andersen had not yet heard anything from the drain commissioner.

POLICH LTR GASPERINI

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Margee Brennan was present with Myron Berry-Mountain Engineering & Bob Berndt. They presented a proposed layout of where the hall would be moved to on the lawn at a 45-degree angle. There was discussion about separating the hall from the office which would result in no bathrooms for the office, as well as placement of a new septic system. There was concern about the project not being completed with a functional hall for elections on November 8th. A special meeting was set for Friday, August 12th at 2:30pm to further review the plan and discussion. The Board will provide a list of questions for the BHPS/Engineer to have ready. (A copy of the proposed plan is on file with the Clerk and is an official part of these minutes).

BHPS UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

EGL E Sewer Lagoon– Nothing new to report.

PAR PLAN Grant Update – Benson-Stafford stated that a \$4000 grant was awarded for the Sewer Lift Station generator project; subject to grant compliance rules.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Adams gave an overview of her report. Public Act 141 of 2022 now allows an Assessor to grant PRE's to persons who file late. This will reduce the number of petitions in July & December BOR's./ Benson-Stafford noted that so far in 2022 there have been 74 transfers of ownership. 47 were in family or related persons; 27 were to a new owner-sale; of the 27, 5 were purchases of vacant land.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-The shingle repair will be done by Stik Bilt Construction in October. /**Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – PW Benson stated that they installed a few new water services. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – IR CoOp Tv would be installing the cable to the restrooms and the employees would trench it into the Host campsite. / **School** – Benson-Stafford asked if the lockers could be removed. The DIISD is having problems with the children hiding in them. / The Township should consider having the dishwashing machines moved back to the kitchen. / The search is on for a new janitorial service.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Shankleton, ZA stated that the Planning Commission is seeking a qualified member.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA – Zack said the Township can provide additional copies of the report at the monthly meetings for the residents.
- Campground Inspection Report
- Richard Spencer, ZBA; In response to ideas that were mentioned at July's board meeting regarding enforcing lawn ordinances. Spencer expressed his primary reason for opposing this measure. He offered an alternative proposal. The letter was read by Adams. (A copy of the letter is on file with the Clerk and is an official part of these minutes.)

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Date Approved: _____

EGL E-SEWER LAGOON

BATES SIGN-NICK BAUMGARTNER

E-WASTE

ATTORNEY REPORT

ASSESSOR REPORT

ELECTIONS FIREPROOF CABINET

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