

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – July 13, 2022, 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 present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; Corey Shankleton, ZA/PC; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Bonnie Hager, Park Host; Mike Golas, P&R; Richard Spencer, ZBA; Monica Franzmeier, Elections; Jim Dennis, ZBA; County Comm Stafford; Ron Frailing, ICRC; 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 June 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 198,721.73
Sewer Fund:	\$ 120,679.05
Water Fund:	\$ 391,705.19
Road Fund:	\$ 265,973.74

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated that the County will begin working on next fiscal year's budget. Nothing new to report at this time.

**COUNTY
COMM
REPORT**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is waiting to hear from the County on Andreski Plat estimates. / E. Lake Emily Rd is ready and prepped for pavement. / Dust control was done on June 27th & 28th.

**ROAD
PROJECTS**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton stated that he is working with 5 new applicants. He had issued two violations (Bates-Amasa Rd & Dons Rd) that have an August 1 deadline. / Three new violations were issued, (US2, Reiman Rd & Sect 22 Rd.) / He completed Community Planning training and is enrolled in the Master Citizen Planner Certificate program. He is also enrolled in the Certified Zoning Administrator program for February 2023. Permits to date: 13. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING
UPDATE**

Polich & Tarsi Letter/ RE: Gasperini-Andersen – Shankleton received a complaint regarding a questionable zoning violation. It is a string fence and a frivolous complaint. A motion was made by Oberlin to have Shankleton discuss with the Township Attorney and have them respond to the letter. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

**POLICH LTR
GASPERINI**

Noxious Weed Ordinance – Shankleton got guidance from the Township Attorneys. The Township will post this ordinance in March in the newspaper. This serves notice. Then the Township can hire a vendor to go in and mow the lawn and attach the cost to the property taxes. Shankleton will bring this before the planning commission to reduce the days to cure the violation from 60 days to something less.

**NOXIOUS
WEEDS**

Alley Abandonment – Shankleton received a request from the Todd's in Rogers location to abandon an alley that runs down the middle of their property. He will bring it before the planning commission.

**ALLEY
ABANDON-
MENT**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Margee Brennan stated that they are waiting on Mountain Engineering and all contractors are "on board with the project." / Sue Passamani provided a 6-month treasurer's report. / Bigari round up brought in \$4496.11 and Tim & Marian Novak rounded that up to \$5000. / The rummage sale netted about \$3000+. / Zack Powell donated a load of firewood to the BHPS. /The pop can collection is still going well.

**BHPS
UPDATE**

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

EGLE Sewer Lagoon– PW Benson said UP Engineers just finished their last test.

EGLE-SEWER
LAGOON

Bates Township / Nick Baumgartner Sign - Oberlin stated that Krist is fine with wherever the Township wants to put the sign. Right now, it would be part of the main signage at the township hall.

BATES SIGN-
NICK
BAUMGART-
NER

Iron County E-Waste Day – Reminder that July 23rd from Noon – 4:00PM the Iron Baraga Conservation District will collect E-Waste at the Township Hall.

E-WASTE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Oberlin gave her report. Board of Review will meet Wednesday, July 20th at 9:00am. / 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.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Elections File Cabinet – A motion was made by Franzene to allow Clerk Benson-Stafford to purchase a fireproof file cabinet for elections security. The cost up to \$1500 will be reimbursed through a SOM election security grant. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS
FIREPROOF
CABINET

SOM Primary Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded of the Tuesday, August 2, 2022, election. Polls will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm.

ELECTIONS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Oberlin will seek out a contractor to do replace missing shingles on the hall roof. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – PW Benson stated that they have been repairing sections of leaking waterlines. / **Sewer** – Benson & Powell attended a remote training meeting. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Margee Brennan said that she thought the park beach needed sand. / Clerk Benson-Stafford said the Park Hosts would be agreeable to hosting next year if there was TV hookup. She will be working with Iron River CoOp to get a cost. / Bonnie/Park Host was wondering if the Sunset Lake Assn would have volunteers to work at the boat wash. Golas, Sunset Lake Assn said that it would be a no. It was also noted that a Constable cannot enforce the boat wash. The township can only offer a courteous reminder. / **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

- Attorney Steve Tinti was present, representing the Book family regarding a land division split. He will be coming to the Board of Trustees if he does not get satisfaction from the Bates Assessor.
- Resident Dick Weatherholt asked why Ellis Dee has not been allowed to sell marijuana. Oberlin stated that the ordinance was put in place because Bates voted against recreational marijuana. Weatherholt questioned if it could be put back on the ballot. Shankleton responded that there is a process that they could go through.
- Zack from the Iron County Chamber introduced Brett Smithson the new Assistant. Mark Bromley is the end of June.
- Sue Passamani asked about missing street signs. The Township's position is that the signs are expensive and were replaced a few years ago. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that this is a serious offense because emergency services personnel need those signs to help find their way. If residents want to pay for the new signs, the township will order them. The Township will spend resources on the signs just to have them stolen again.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Miskwaagamiwiziibi Park Shelter update email
- Campground Inspection Report

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, 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 6:56pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Date Approved: _____