

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 11, 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 Corey Shankleton, Zoning Administrator/PC; Larry Nelson, PC; Yvonne Anderson, ZBA/BHPS; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Benson & Powell, PW; Bonnie Hager, Park Host; Mike Golas, P&R; County Comm Stafford; Attorney Atanasoff; Monica Franzmeier, Elections; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meeting with a correction to a typographical error. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

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

General Fund:	\$ 239,271.24
Sewer Fund:	\$ 129,396.75
Water Fund:	\$ 379,797.33
Road Fund:	\$ 258,581.67

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that there will be an ambulance millage on the November ballot asking for one mill. Currently the millage is at .15 mills. If the new millage request passes, the .15 mill will be eliminated. At this time, there is an \$800,000 loss per year. The new millage would help to reduce the annual loss.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that he has not received an estimate from the County yet for Andreski Plat Rd. Gasser has offered crushing gravel at \$4.82/ton. / The contract for E. Lake Emily Rd was signed. / Dust control is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> if the County can be ready by then otherwise the end of June. / The Stambaugh Twp & Crystal Falls Supervisors have verbally expressed an interest in the Andreski Plat project. The ICRC will get preliminary numbers together for review. Then the Supervisors will meet to discuss the project which will be done in phases over a few years.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton gave a report. To date 7 permits have been issued and he is waiting on the return of 5 more. / There are two variance requests that will happen in June. / He is working on 2 zoning complaints: a dilapidated home on Bates Amasa Rd and a violation on Don’s Rd. / The new ZBA form which means that the ZBA will no longer need to reconvene just to approve minutes, which is cost effective for the township. / Permits to date: 7. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING UPDATE**

**New Requests from the Planning Commission:**

Policy Change Appointed Boards Chairperson – A motion was made by Oberlin to review the Chairmanship of the appointed boards on an annual basis. Vote is to take place at the first scheduled meeting of each new calendar year. Chairmanship can remain the same but must be voted on annually. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Chairperson Brennan noted that it is imperative that each ZBA member visit the sites of variance requests.

**ZONING POLICY CHANGE APPOINTED BOARDS CHAIRMAN**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Site Plan Ordinance Request – The PC has approved the following action for Site Plan Definition and Set Requirements for a Site Plan and would like the changes implemented onto the website also. A motion was made by Franzene to approve the form and implementation as stated below. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Site Plan Definition and Set Requirements for a Site Plan: our current requirements listed in Sect. 10.02a of our zoning ordinances requires,

**ZONING –  
SITE PLAN  
ORDINANCE  
REQUEST**

- 1) Shape area, dimensions and intended use of the premises
- 2) Type, dimensions, height and location of building or structure to be erected or moved on the premises, including all yard dimensions and accessory buildings if any
- 3) The location and type of sewage disposal system and water supply facilities
- 4) All applicable setback distances

The Planning Commission voted to include the following:

- 1) All utilities
- 2) Easements
- 3) Roads and Intersections.

Zoning Permit Application & Site Plan Form – A motion was made by Franzene to approve the new design for the site plan and permit application forms. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ZONING  
FORMS**

Zoning Permit #20 Violation Update – Oberlin stated that the Judge enforced the settlement, and the case is closed. There was discussion about the decision. / Due to drainage problems that are now occurring on Andersen’s property, Oberlin will contact the Drain Commissioner to start the process for Andersen’s to see what can be done to correct the matter.

**ZONING-  
PERMIT #20  
VIOLATION**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Margee Brennan stated that the BHPS has contracted with Mountain Engineering for the hall project. Bob Berndt has been a huge help with recommendations. / Brennan suggested raising the rent at the hall by \$25 to be used for professional floor cleaning after each event. No action taken.

**BHPS  
UPDATE**

EGLE Sewer Lagoon– PW Benson stated that UP Engineers would be testing the monitoring wells later in the month. The Employees would be putting weed killer around the fence line.

**EGLE-SEWER  
LAGOON**

Memorial Day Ceremony Reminder – The Employees will do traffic control on Bates Amasa Rd. The event starts at the cemetery at 8:00am and the BHPS will host the continental breakfast at the hall at 8:30am.

**MEMORIAL  
DAY  
CEREMONY  
REMINDER**

Park Hosts – The park hosts are taking reservations this year. They requested a “no camping overnight” sign for the boat launch area.

**PARK HOST**

Bates Township Rec Plan – A motion was made by Franzene to approve the bid from GEI for \$1250 to update the rec plan. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / The plan will involve the planning commission and the parks & rec committees, as well as the board of trustees.

**BATES TWP  
REC PLAN**

Bates Township / Nick Baumgartner Sign - Oberlin stated that Krist Oil did not like the idea of a sign at the corner of the school yard, in the event that the property was ever sold. Franzene suggested a sign at the hall. Oberlin was going to discuss that idea with KC.

**BATES SIGN-  
NICK  
BAUMGART-  
NER**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Sewer Lift Station Generator / PAR PLAN Grant - WHEREAS the Bates Township Board wishes to apply to the Michigan Par Plan for a grant to purchase 4 (four) Sewer Department Lift Station generators as follows: 2 (two) each 5hp, Model 36ccl (36kw) ATS: \$3363 @ \$21401.00/each; 1(one) 7.5 hp, Model kg40 (37kw) ATS: \$3363 @ \$24716.00/each; and 1 (one) 25hp, Model kg80 (77kw) ATS: \$5000 @ \$31601.00/each. WHEREAS partial funding for the new generators and installation may come from ARPA funding. WHEREAS Bates Township plans to begin implementation of the new generators in 2022. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bates Township Supervisor is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of Bates Township, Iron County on this day of 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022. The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Supervisor Second offered by Board Member Trustee Franzene. Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye:" Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustee Adams, Supervisor Oberlin, Trustee Franzene. "Nay:" None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted at its regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

**SEWER LIFT STATION GENERATOR GRANT**

May Roadside Cleanup Day – Please meet at the hall at 8:00-8:30 for donuts, supplies and road assignments. Cleanup will be from 9:00am-11:00am.

**MAY ROADSIDE CLEANUP**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Assessor Report – Oberlin gave an overview of the Assessor’s Report for April. Erhart stated that there was a county sales study done. She has received the Residential L-4015 (Sales Study) from the County and she has reviewed the parcels against our information and provided a review of the County’s study back to the County. The County’s study (based on open market sales) will indicate the growth of the class for the next year (2023). / Public Act 660 of 2018 – (aka Assessing Reform) – things to accomplish 2022 --- most of which is contained in MCL 211.10g

**ASSESSOR REPORT**

- Requires us to have available online certain assessing information -With the GIS system that we currently have, our record card information is already available.
- We will need to add a couple of links to Assessing on our website (land value determinations, Economic Condition Factor Analysis (published policy on contacting assessor)
- Once I have reviewed the documents, I will provide a pdf of what needs to be posted to comply with the 2022 requirements of the act
- Marla Bradley with North Country Website Design will update the website.

Robert Stafford / Park Bench & Tree Request – Oberlin met with the family, and they would like to plant a tree and place at bench at the Bates Park/Sunset Lake in memory of their parents. PW Benson & Oberlin will meet with them at the site to give them placement options.

**BENCH/TREE PARK**

Hall Pergola / Tree Removal – Bigari Hardware donated a pergola to the township through the efforts of the BHPS. It will be on the township hall grounds; however, the board has approved the removal of two trees on the west lawn. The tree in the middle of the driveway and the rotten tree on the lawn.

**PERGOLA/ BHPS**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – At a recent Michigan Water Operators event attended by PW Benson & Powell, Bates Township water won first place in a water taste contest. / **Sewer** – Lift station #3 landscaping will be corrected at homeowners’ expense to comply with township requirements. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – The DIISD would like to remove lockers outside of Room 104. Next school season there will need to be an alternative to the “dishwasher in the classroom.” Next season a new custodial janitor/or service will need to be hired.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

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**GUEST COMMENTS**

- ICECA/Mark Bromley – Thanked the township for the support.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA monthly newsletter.

**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 8:35pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

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