

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Adams present. Also, in attendance were PW Benson; Sue Passamani & Directors, BHPS; County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, P&R; Residents. Absent: ZA Shankleton & Assessor Erhart.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of January 2023 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 157,522.09
Sewer Fund:	\$ 138,932.67
Water Fund:	\$ 358,538.68
Road Fund:	\$ 94,008.31

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated there was nothing new to report; the county board meeting is the 14th.

**COUNTY
COMM
REPORT**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Oberlin is waiting on preliminary estimates. Meeting on the 9th with Crystal Falls and Stambaugh Townships Supervisors to discuss Andreski Plat.

**ROAD
PROJECTS**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Nothing new to report.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton was downstate for ZA SOM certification.

**ZONING
UPDATE**

WIDL Report – Trustee Adams reported that there is all new internet at the library.

WIDL

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Passamani stated they received a \$500 from the Crystal Falls Community Foundation. / They did not get a \$50,000 grant for siding & windows. / They are waiting on two grants, \$5000 and \$200000. / For a 2023 groundbreaking, they are aware of a possible November election. / Some new fundraisers are the sale of hats, tee-shirts & license plates. / A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to extend the original Township-BHPS agreement to 12/31/2023. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**BHPS
UPDATE**

UPEA Sewer Lagoon– A motion was made by Oberlin to have Chris Holmes of UP Engineers submit a report to EGLE regarding the lagoon. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**UPEA SEWER
LAGOON**

NEW BUSINESS

Bates Amasa Rd Waterline Abandonment – Oberlin talked to both property owners. A motion was made by Oberlin to abandon the waterline effective March 1st. They will get free standard usage water for up to 2 years. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Treasurer Nelson will send them letters of notification of the terms.

**BATES
AMASA RD
WATERLINE
ABANDON.**

2022-2023 Budget Amendments– A motion was made by Nelson to amend the budget. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A copy on file with the Clerk.

**2022-2023
BUGET
AMEND.**

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

2023-2024 Budget- A motion was made by Franzene to put the 2023-2024 budget out for 30-day public review. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**2023-2024
BUDGET**

Board Salary Resolutions – Board Members stated they would not seek an increase.

**BOARD
SALARY
RESOL.**

Department Wage Increases – A motion was made by Nelson to approve the following increases effective April 1, 2023. Full time Employee Benson \$27.55 to \$28.80/hour; Part time Franzmeier \$18.25 to \$19.00/hour; Zoning Administrator \$475 to \$700/month; Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer \$15.00 to \$18.00/hour; Park Host \$450 to \$600/month. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**DEPT
WAGE
INCREASES**

Hall & Campsite Rate Increases - A motion was made by Nelson to approve the following increases effective immediately. Campsite \$18 to \$20/night. Township Hall rent \$100 to \$175 due to the cost of cleaning the floors. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**RATE
INCREASES**

Memorial Day Ceremony Committee- Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the planning & execution of the event was not a statutory duty of the Clerk. She has been honored to coordinate the event for the past 20+ years. The Board asked if there was any group of people or person that would want to take on the event. Benson-Stafford provided instructions on what is needed and what to do.

**MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** –Nothing new to report. / **School** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- ICECA – Smithson stated that WUPPDR has a MIHOPE Grant promoting energy efficiency of homes. It is income based. Applications online. / ICECA has been working with a housing developer that has looked at sites in Iron River, Caspian, and Crystal Falls.
- Mike Golas stated that Public Works Benson deserved every penny of a wage increase.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA -2022 Annual Report
- 2023 Reporter Focus on Education Ad Solicitation

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____