

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 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 & Trustee Adams present. Also, in attendance were ZA Bofinger; Assr Erhart; Mike Golas, P&R; Larry Nelson, PC; Krist Atanasoff, PC/ZBA; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Residents. Cty Comm Stafford & Assr Erhart were absent.

**ATTENDEES**

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

**MINUTES**

The Treasurer's report for the month of August 2024 was submitted. Trustee Adams made a motion to accept the report. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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| General Fund: | \$ 203,174.80 |
| Sewer Fund:   | \$ 85,959.85  |
| Water Fund:   | \$ 372,836.60 |
| Road Fund:    | \$ 182,122.38 |

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford was absent.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Comm is working on the 3-year road plan.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but provided a report. / She completed the sales study for the 2025 assessment roll. / Her and ZA Bofinger had a meeting about procedures. / A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

**ASSESSOR REPORT**

Zoning Administrator Report – ZA Bofinger gave his monthly report. / He issued 1 new permit. / Met with Assr Erhart to discuss procedures. / Answered zoning questions. / He did a site inspection of a previously issued permit and requested utilities to be remarked, survey and building location to be re-staked prior to the beginning of construction. He will be notified when the site is ready for his review. / 13 permits have been issued to date. / The next planning commission meeting is Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. / A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING ADMIN APPT**

Enforcement Officer – Mike Franzene said that he is still in discussions with neighboring townships to see about a shared Enforcement Officer. He, Andersen and Golas will meet again.

**ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

WIDL Report – Trustee Adams stated that September 30<sup>th</sup> will be patron appreciation day. / September is Library Card sign up month. / The library offered free family portraits. 80 families participated. / September 27<sup>th</sup> is Armchair Travel to Sweden. / Tuesdays are Storytime and Wednesdays are Knitting/Crocheting Club.

**WIDL**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Margee Brennan said that the Scrap Iron collection day was a success. / There are still upcoming fundraisers this year.

**BHPS UPDATE**

New Cemetery Road Expansion – Nothing new to report.

**CEMETERY DRIVEWAY**

Bates School Possible Sale – No final decision made. Nothing new to report.

**BATES SCHOOL**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dorner – Trustee Franzene made a motion to approve the Dorner bid for the PRV inspections at an estimated cost of \$6276.00. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**PRV INSPECTION**

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

New Hire – Trustee Franzene made a motion to approve full time position hire of Nick Karnack to the Public Works Dept., per terms of the agreed upon hiring package, effective Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**- Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Supervisor Oberlin made a motion to approve the purchase of water valve markers at an estimated cost of \$560. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried. / **Sewer** – PW Benson said the county did cut the lagoon. No invoice received yet. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – See above. / **Paint River Boat Launch** – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Mike Golas – Mike said there were about 22 people helping to remove the milfoil. They may have to hire professional help and get this done every year.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA
- WUPPDR – Materials Management Plan information

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:36pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_