

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 14, 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

ATTENDEES

Cty Comm Stafford; ZA Bofinger; Assr Erhart; Mike Golas, P&R; Larry Nelson, PC; Merrie Gillaspie, ZBA; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Sue Passamani & Fay Frailing, BHPS; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Brett Smithson, ICECA; Residents.

MINUTES

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

General Fund:	\$ 228,858.55
Sewer Fund:	\$ 79,659.28
Water Fund:	\$ 417,345.53
Road Fund:	\$ 181,930.78

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated the Northwoods Animal Shelter was asking the county to put a millage request on the November ballot. It is illegal for the county to do that; however, they are willing to renegotiate the stipend that they currently budget to the shelter. / The boat launch at Chicagoan Lake is open again. / There were no nominating petitions turned in for District 2.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin there is nothing new to report. The ICRC has requested the 3-year road plan.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart stated that the BOR met in July as required. / The Basso's have filed a case to the tax tribunal. She has completed her required assessor training. /No paper report was submitted.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Zoning Administrator Report – ZA Bofinger gave his first monthly report. He has been answering zoning questions. / He worked with Trustee Franzene on issuing a couple of new permits. / He has conducted a review of the township zoning policy. / 12 permits have been issued to date. / A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING ADMIN APPT

Enforcement Officer – No action taken to date.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

WIDL Report – Trustee Adams stated it has been a busy summer. Judy Reed donated \$1000 towards children's book purchases. There are outdoor music concerts on Thursday at noon.

WIDL

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Sue Passamani gave the financial report. They have had many successful fundraisers. / All promo items are gone except stickers and magnets. / There current balance is \$232,000. Year end 2023 balance was \$201,538 and they hope to hit \$250,000 by 2024-year end. / Reminder there is a scrap iron fundraiser Saturday, September 7th.

BHPS UPDATE

New Cemetery Road Expansion – Nothing new to report.

CEMETERY DRIVEWAY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Windsor Center Recreation Authority & Windsor Center Joint Public Bldg Bd – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the appointment of a Board Member had not happened since the Boards became effective in the beginning. He will remain on the Boards until his term ends in November.

**WINDSOR
APPTMNTS**

Bates School Meeting Update – Trustee Franzene and Adams met with a group of residents to discuss the possibilities of the school disposition. The consensus is to keep the township offices at the hall and explore selling the school with deed restrictions. / We want to honor the renters' leases.

**BATES
SCHOOL**

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Waterline Agreement/Delinquent Water Accounts – Treasurer Nelson has no recourse on delinquent water accounts in the jurisdictions that Bates serves. Per waterline agreements, Bates is supposed to be able to send the bill to the municipalities for collection or payment. Clerk Benson-Stafford pointed out that the agreements were put in place years ago and the current boards at those jurisdictions may not know about them. Supervisor Oberlin with talk to the Iron River Township Supervisor about a delinquent issue.

**MUNICIPAL
WATERLINE
AGREEMENT**

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment – There were two applicants for the two vacant positions. Kyle Detterbeck did not want to continue on the ZBA. Supervisor Oberlin made a motion to reappoint Jim Dennis and newcomer Ron Frailing, both to three-year terms which will expire 7/2027. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ZBA
APPOINTEES**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall- Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – PW Benson is waiting on quotes for PRV pit inspections. / **Sewer** – PW Benson said the county will be cutting the lagoon again this year. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – See above. / **Paint River Boat Launch** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Jim Andersen – Every Tuesday in town-5:00-7:00 car show.
- Jim Andersen – Wants to know the process for siding violations.
- Mike Golas – Sunset Lake milfoil update which was found a couple of days ago. Good news- caught early however a number of volunteers are needed to help remove it.
- Brett Smithson/ICECA – There are \$2500 startup grants available.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.