

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, July 10, 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 PW Benson; Larry Nelson, PC; Jim Dennis, ZBA; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Sue Passamani, BHPS; Residents. County Comm Stafford, ZA Shankleton & 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 June 2024 was submitted. Trustee Adams made a motion to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

General Fund:	\$ 269,291.90
Sewer Fund:	\$ 98,805.98
Water Fund:	\$ 403,412.78
Road Fund:	\$ 204,470.51

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that due to the mild winter, the milfoil is bad at Chicaugon Lake. The County has doubled their donation to fight the milfoil. Also, there is a push for a DNR grant for a boat wash.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin said that dust control is done.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart stated that it is best when people call ahead of time with their questions. It is better than trying to correct information after the fact. / July BOR is July 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. /A copy of her report is on file with the clerk.

**ASSESSOR REPORT**

Zoning Administrator Appointment – There were two applicants. Supervisor Oberlin made a motion to appoint Jonathan Bofinger. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / No action taken on an Enforcement officer at this time.

**ZONING ADMIN APPT**

WIDL Report – Trustee Adams stated it has been a busy summer, and the summer concerts are happening on Thursdays.

**WIDL**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Sue Passamani gave a copy of the financials. June 2024 balance is \$223747.51. The rummage sale brought in \$5127.42 plus there are additional pre and post sales. There will be another scrap iron collection day at the hall on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. / Margee stated that the pop can collection is going well. Also, she would appreciate any volunteers that could help with heavy lifting.

**BHPS UPDATE**

New Cemetery Road Expansion – PW Benson stated there is nothing new to report. He still needs to reach out to get bids.

**CEMETERY DRIVEWAY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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. The appointment was tabled until the August meeting to get clarity on the appointment schedule, because terms need to be staggered.

**WINDSOR APPTS**

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Primary Election / August 6<sup>th</sup> - Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Saturday, July 27 is day one of 9 days of early in person voting and the polls will be open from 7:00am-3:00pm. Tuesday, August 6 the polls will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm.

**PRIMARY  
ELECTION**

E Lake Emily Sign – PW Benson will talk with the MDOT about sign regulations. Since they have a sign up already, they may not allow a sign at the street. If they allow it, Benson will order it.

**E. LAKE  
EMILY SIGN**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**- Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – PW Benson said they did a sewer line repair at Rogers & 4<sup>th</sup>. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Trustee Franzene said that he would like to hold a meeting to explore in further detail whether the township offices should be moved to the school or if it would be better to sell the school. He invited anyone that would like to be at the meeting to let him know. / **Paint River Boat Launch** – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Jim Andersen wanted an update on the siding violations and issuance of fines.
- Jim Andersen stated it should be mandatory for the ZA to be present at the monthly meeting.
- Someone asked if a new full-time worker had been hired.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA
- Spring A Roo Gymnastics – Thank you photo.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Supervisor Oberlin. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

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