

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – January 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Bobnock present. Also in attendance was Assessor Nelson; ZAB-BOR Pozniak; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm Brennan; Residents. Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson, Trustee Wodzinski, Constable Stowell were absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of December 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL
REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 67,022.58
Sewer Fund:	\$ 121,063.78
Water Fund:	\$ 289,088.06
Road Fund:	\$ 73,148.90
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Cty Comm Brennan stated the Board has been working on the budget and he confirmed that the County Budget will be in the black.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report but with oil prices dropping that will affect the cost of blacktop. We might be ahead to blacktop in some areas. Pozniak questioned about how much is the budget? Helgemo stated about \$145000 last year. Assr Nelson added that all millages collected for the roads are used specifically for the roads.

ROAD
PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – The Board will have another workshop on January 27th at 5:00pm.

WATER
ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell was absent but provided his December report which included 1 permit and 1 new property violations. He did his monthly bar inspection and attended the board meeting and stated that he took numerous calls/questions. He reported that there were 20 zoning permits issued in 2014 and 12 property violations. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING
UPDATE

The Ironline Sled dog Race – There was some general discussion about the event. Assr Nelson and Trustee Bobnock agreed that the event bring money into the community. Cty Comm Brennan stated that it is good for the County and especially a good event for this time of year. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board asked to see financials which were provided by the organization. Atty Atanasoff stated that many residents are employed by business’s that benefit from the visitors to the event. A motion was made by Nelson to donate \$200 for the event. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

THE
IRONLINE
SLED DOG
RACE

Board of Review – The only applications received were from the current members. A motion was made by Helgemo to appoint Robert Pozniak, George Holm and Keith Locke to the BOR for the next two years. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BOR
APPLICANTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

UPLOGON Tower Rent – The Board made a decision to allow Supervisor Helgemo/Clerk Moncivais to raise the annual rent fee accordingly to cover the cost involved. Larry Nelson questioned if there was any township liability. Helgemo stated that we have insurance. It was confirmed that there is a lease in place also.

UPLOGON
TOWER RENT

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atty Atanasoff stated that he has been working on a tax appeal case. He stated that ZA Stowell has been doing a very good job with violations.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Sunset Lake Well – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he and Benson have been researching on how to solve the problem. They anticipate that the DEQ is going to want the well back on line soon. They have spoken with Kleiman (again) who has been talking with someone in Minnesota. The bid for taking the samples of the well was \$1570. This would determine what is wrong and how to treat it. Again Helgemo stated that there are all types of chemicals that can be used but the township has resisted wanting to put chemicals into the water. A motion was made by Bobnock to get the testing done for \$1570. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SUNSET
LAKE WELL
TESTING

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Helgemo stated that Benson had been ill and in the hospital. Konoske had put in a couple of hours to look at the Rogers Loc Lift station. Even though Benson was in the hospital he was still taking township calls on his cell phone. **Hall** – Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Chgn Mine Pump House heater had to be looked at and repaired. / **Sewer** – Rogers Loc Lift Station was down. It was the starter on one motor. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** - Nothing new to report. / **Park** – We want to generate more interest in our park this year. A motion was made by Helgemo to hire Park Hosts Brad and Pat Nicholson who originate from the area. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report.

Board of Review Training – A motion was made by Nelson to send the BOR members to a training in Iron Mountain. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BOR
APPLICANTS
TRAINING

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – February 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance was Assessor Nelson; Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; PC Franzene; Mike Golas – Sunset Lake Assn and Residents. ZA/Constable Stowell & County Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of January 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 58,427.85
Sewer Fund:	\$ 119,393.00
Water Fund:	\$ 305,219.55
Road Fund:	\$ 124,140.65
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Cty Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing settled regarding graveling or chip seal. The ICRC will have to see about their budget. Helgemo stated that as a township we should find a pit, get our own gravel and have the county spread it. This is what Crystal Falls Township has done successfully for a long time. He stated that if a road is 3” or less gravel it is the county’s responsibility for maintenance. If it’s 5” then it’s a major project and the responsibility of the township to pay 100%. The ICRC has decided if they will participate. Now with oil prices down we might not see a drop in blacktop prices until next year because they’re working on last year’s oil prices. Everything is in the air right now. We might skip a year and then next year’s blacktop projects might be cheaper. He added that he has received lots of complaints regarding Ponozzo Rd. There is a lack of gravel. The Forest Service has some pits but they are not always cooperative. Mike Golas added that Ponozzo Rd is in horrible shape. Helgemo stated that to do it right it is a major project. Discussions will continue next month.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – Next workshop on Thursday Feb. 26th at 5:00pm.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell was absent and is still unavailable. Helgemo has been overseeing the calls that are passed along by Mrs. Stowell. There have been some violations that Helgemo has dealt with.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – The Planning Commission has been working on the State mandated Master Plan. We did the survey and some other things. Sara Basso resigned and she was instrumental in pushing forward with some of the initial steps. Chairperson Kniivila wasn’t sure if the PC could do the Master Plan. IR City hired WUPPDR at a cost of about \$20,000 to do their plan. The first estimate we received was about \$9000. Now that we have done some of the work their quote was reduced to \$7500. Some municipalities aren’t even going to do one. Resident Jim Stolberg asked whatever happened to the rule that if the State mandated it they would pay for it? Supervisor Helgemo suggested that we table any action. We have a very good zoning ordinance and it covers everything. Attorney Atanasoff added that our zoning ordinance covers all things and we have special use permits for other things. We are a residential community that provides a rural living experience. We maintain a water system, sewer system and roads.

MASTER PLAN

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atty Atanasoff stated that he is just continuing to work on the tax tribunal case.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Board of Review – Per Assessor Nelson the BOR dates are Tuesday, March 3 is the organizational meeting; Monday, March 9th 9-12 & 1-4; Wednesday, March 11 from 3-9. Protest to the BOR can be made in person or letter. Please bring “Notice of Assessment.”

BOARD OF
REVIEW

Board Budget Workshop – The Board will hold the workshop on Thursday, March 19th @ 5:00pm.

BUDGET
WKSHP

Windsor Rec Authority – There was discussion about why the Windsor Center is requesting a millage again. Resident Stolberg asked why it isn't self-sufficient yet. That was the reason for the original millage, to carry them through until it was self-sufficient. Supervisor Helgemo explained that it is the Rec Authority that is requesting the millage. Dawn Pisoni is the day to day manager. The Rec Board has tried very hard to conserve money. All agreed that it's been good for the community. A motion was made by Nelson to approve a Resolution that will put the millage request on the ballot for the people to vote on in May. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes, Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WINDSOR
MILLAGE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Water – Benson said that have been 2 broken lines. The frost is down about 5'. It's not as bad as last year and so far there have been no let runs. The tests are in the process is being done on the Sunset Lake well. / Sewer – The Rogers Location sewer system is antiquated. Helgemo said that we might have to think about a project once the sewer fund is built up enough. The starters need replacing. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery - Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

Road Signage & Tools – A motion was made by Helgemo to replace some missing signs and to purchase a drill press for the shop at a cost of \$450. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas thanked the employees for plowing out the fire hydrants.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – March 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance was Assessor Nelson; Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; PC Oberlin, Franzene & Nelson; County Comm Brennan and Residents. ZA/Constable Position - Vacant.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of February 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 109,857.19
Sewer Fund:	\$ 122,714.83
Water Fund:	\$ 298,077.64
Road Fund:	\$ 136,229.32
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Cty Comm Brennan stated that a number of Residents are paying taxes by credit card or e-check. He stated that this saves tax payer money because they don’t have to send their payment via overnight mail to get it in prior to the deadline. He just wanted everyone to know these options were available. He said that the County audit would be done in March, otherwise things were pretty quiet.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report. The budget is still up in the air and everything will depend on graveling and chip seal.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – No new workshop date scheduled at this time.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Helgemo and the Board acknowledged the recent passing of Zoning Administrator Stowell. He did a very good job for the Township. When he applied there were two applicants and Gale was chosen because of his experience handling this position in another municipality. He will be greatly missed.

ZONING UPDATE

Board Budget Workshop – The Board will hold the workshop on Thursday, March 19th @ 5:00pm.

BOARD BUDGET WKSHOP

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atty Atanasoff stated that he is just continuing to work on the tax tribunal case along with Assr Nelson. There will be a hearing in May at the Courthouse.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Zoning Administrator – With the recent passing of Gale Stowell, Supervisor Helgemo pointed out that the other Applicant at the time of Gale’s appointment was Jon Oberlin. Because Jon has experience through being on the Twp’s Planning Commission and still expressed an interest in being the ZA/Constable a motion was made by Helgemo to appoint Jon Oberlin to the position of Zoning Administrator/Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Constable effective immediately. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMIN. APPTMENT

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Planning Commission Resignation / Appointment – Jon Oberlin gave a verbal resignation from his position as a PC Member. A motion was made by Helgemo to move Larry Nelson from a PC Alternate to a PC full time Member. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PC
APPNTMENT

Sunset Lake Well – Currently the Sunset Lake well is shut down. Ed blows it out every once in a while. The Twp has paid Kleiman to work with a testing company to come up with a solution to the problem. The proposal is to acid treat the well at an estimate of \$9035. The annual treatment estimate is \$1500. A motion was made by Nelson to go forward with this treatment as a method to try and resolve the issues. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SUNSET
LAKE WELL

Chicagon Mine Tank – The DEQ requires inspections on the tanks every 10 years. Atanasoff stated that its money well spent. Helgemo added that when you have a water system you have to maintain it. An estimate was received from St. Germain Sandblasting of \$1800 for a complete coating inspection of the Chicagon Water Tower, \$29850 for the Otto Rd Tower, \$5890 for a pressure pallet roof vent on Otto Rd Tank. Benson added that he hasn't had one complaint from Residents since he switched everyone over to the Chicagon Mine Tank. A motion was made by Nelson to go forward with the St. Germain proposals. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHGON MINE
TANK

Nelson Road Waterline Thaw – There was some discussion about the line. It's going to have to be down deeper. It is a 2" line. Nelson said that with the wing plows plowing a wider lane the waterline is close to the road and isn't protected much anymore. The cost to thaw the main was \$2180. A motion was made by Bobnock to have Supervisor, Benson & the Clerk meet with the Nelsons to discuss a sharing if any of the invoice. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

NELSON RD
WTRLINE

City of Iron River – A motion was made by Moncivais to do a letter of support for the COIR's grant application for improvements at Ice Lake Park. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

COIR GRANT
SUPPORT

Hematite Twp – A motion was made by Moncivais to do a letter of support for Hematite Twp's grant application for a Hemlock River Park DNR grant project. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

HEMATITE
TWP GRANT
SUPPORT

Budget Hearing – The Board of Trustees will hold the Budget Public Hearing on Thursday 26th at 5:00pm.

BUDGET
HEARING

Veterans Memorial – Supervisor Helgemo researched and found that Norway Granite would add names to the Memorial at a cost of \$150/name. (Jacobs was \$250/name). Norway Granite will be adding additional names to the Veterans Memorial prior to the Memorial Day.

VETERAN
MEMORIAL
NAMES

Board Salary Resolutions - All Board Members declined any type of pay increase. A motion was made by Nelson to give a \$.50 increase to full time worker Benson and part time worker Franzmeier. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BOARD
SALARY
RESOLUTION

Assessor Position – Assr Nelson has done a wonderful job for the township and has been underpaid for a long time. She will be retiring and will make herself available for a transition period. The Board will advertise for an Assessor beginning June 1 but Nelson would stay on until Sept 1 if needed. Steve Mussato is somewhat familiar with Bates because he has worked with Nelson on the BS&A transition. A motion was made by Nelson to advertise for a replacement Assessor. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR
POSITION

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Water – Benson said that the hydrant tags are done. Valve markers have arrived and they will be put in as soon as snow melts. / **Streets** – The new street signs have been put up and look real nice. / **Sewer** – The lift stations require 18 locks for 12 lift stations. Willard Olsen is the most economical. / The lift stations also need start replacements at an estimated cost of \$4000. A motion was made by Nelson to get the locks and upgrade the starters. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** - Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report.

Water & Sewer Systems Con-Ed – A motion was made by Helgemo to pay expenses for Benson to attend continuing education in Gladstone for the water systems and in Negaunee for the Sewer Systems. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

- UPPCO – Usage Rates Letter. No action taken.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – April 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais and Trustee Bobnock were present. Also in attendance was Assessor Nelson; Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; Zoning Admin Oberlin; PC Franzene; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Home Owners Assn and Residents. Treasurer Nelson, Trustee Wodzinski and Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of March 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 90,331.15
Sewer Fund:	\$ 123,584.49
Water Fund:	\$ 283,819.87
Road Fund:	\$ 136,253.06
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Cty Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report. Hopefully the ICRC will know what they are doing by the May meeting. Also, Helgemo stated that if we do dust control we will include the Bates portion of Parks Farm Rd.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – Next workshop is April 21st @ 5PM.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 0 permits issued, 0 new violations and 4 zoning inquiries. There was no bar inspection in March. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan –Supervisor Helgemo stated that he believes municipalities will not be able to get away without a master plan. It is a huge project and although our planning commission started doing some of the tasks they felt that WUPPDR would be able to do it cost effectively and correctly. Although their initial bid was \$9000 it was reduced to \$7500 because of some of the work being done. At the April 6th PC meeting it was recommended that the Township have WUPPDR do the master plan. The cost can be split over the next 2 years. A motion was made by Moncivais to go forward and accept the \$7500 bid to have WUPPDR complete the master plan. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MASTER PLAN

Assessor Position – The Board will advertise for an Assessor beginning June 1 but Nelson would stay on until Sept 1 if needed. Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR POSITION

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atty Atanasoff stated that he is just continuing to work on the tax tribunal case along with Assr Nelson. There will be a hearing in May at the Courthouse. He is also working on some violations with cars.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Elections – Clerk Moncivais reminded everyone of the election on May 5th. Polls will be open 7am – 8pm.

ELECTIONS

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – The Kleiman and St. Germain projects are underway. Results should be available for the May meeting. / Sewer – The rekey project is just about complete as well as the upgrades. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery - Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas – Sunset Lake Home Owners Assn / He recommended that the ICRC start their blacktop project at the north end of Sunset Lake Rd. Helgemo stated that the talked to Doug about changing that but they will be starting the project at US 2. Helgemo said the best thing to do is to go to the ICRC and voice their concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Moncivais to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:38pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson and Trustees Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance was Assessor Nelson; Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; Zoning Admin Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Jeff Bal-GEI; IC Treasurer Camps; County Commissioner Brennan; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Home Owners Assn; Mark & Laura Erhart, Assessor Applicants; and Residents.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of April 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 83,538.30
Sewer Fund:	\$ 123,476.52
Water Fund:	\$ 297,896.40
Road Fund:	\$ 136,275.46
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan stated that County Administrator Clisch’s term will be finished in December and the County will not be renewing her contract. He stated that there has been some inaccurate information regarding her benefits and she will not continue to receive health benefits once her term is done. He also gave an overview of the county health insurance benefits and the opt out programs as well as the employee committee that was researching options. He stated that at the May 12th Board Mtg of the ICC there was a 5-0 vote and “opt out” failed. Many Employees will be looking at big insurance bills. / Helgemo stated that he followed through on a complaint regarding garbage being dumped off of the Bates-Gaastra Rd/Wagner Lake Rd Rec Trails. / Brennan stated that there was a new sink hole on trail #6 in Dober right on off the trail.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report. He said the Township will probably have to do dust control. Maybe 1 tanker at a possible cost of \$5000-\$6000.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – Next workshop is Thursday, May 28th @ 5PM.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 2 permits issued, 3 inquiries, 1 violation (verbal warning), 2 violations resolved. There was a bar inspection. There was a variance meeting on 5/12/15 for permit # 02-2015. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – WUPPDR will be doing the master plan. There is nothing new to report at this time.

MASTER PLAN

Sunset Lake Well – The well/tank projects are completed. The samples are good.

SUNSET LAKE WELL

Chicagon Mine Rd Tank – The inspection is scheduled for June.

CHICAGON MN RD TANK

UP Logon – UPPCO came and inspected the electric meter to make sure it’s working correctly. So far the renter has paid \$1500 for the 1st half of this year. The Township will stand firm on the tower rental amount of \$3000 for the year.

UP LOGON TOWER RENT

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Assessor Position – Supervisor Helgemo stated that some of the response's from Assessor's were that they wanted to wait on the results from the State Audits. There were 2 applications received. Thomas J. Novascone, Bessemer – Bid \$22600; Laura Erhardt, Watersmeet – Bid \$16250. The Board decided to table any action and review the applications.

ASSESSOR
POSITION

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atty Atanasoff stated that he is just continuing to work on the zoning violations. He has had promises from 2 to clean up. Helgemo stated that he wants them taken care of. Issue a citation, take them to court and get it done. It's not right for some to comply and others don't.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment- Supervisor Helgemo made a motion to appoint Darin Barry of the Planning Commission as the PC representative to the ZBA. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ZBA
APPOINTEE

Wellhead Protection – Supervisor Helgemo invited Jeff Bal from GEI to talk about the grants available. Bal stated that the last several years there have been 50/50 grants available. He reviewed the items necessary to apply such as develop a plan that the DE will accept, do a contaminate source inventory, put up signage, do a management plan to preserve and protect areas, public outreach-education, create a Team comprised of representatives of the township board, health dept, fire dept, agriculture or logger; business or industry, school system, planning & zoning, general public. The grant would be \$11400 plus the township would put in \$11400 for a total of \$22800. Deadline to apply this year is June 15th. The Board decided to take no action at this time.

WELLHEAD
PROTECT
GRANTS

Memorial Day Ceremony – A motion was made by Nelson to approve a budget of \$300. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Assistant Pastor Kraig Tass will lead the prayers, Jessica Holroyd will be the vocalist, Alex and Austin Atanasoff will do roll call. A Speaker will be present.

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

Audit – DS Rostagno submitted a three year bid. Supervisor Helgemo stated that he would rather the board accept a one year bid only at this time. A motion was made by Nelson to have DS Rostagno do the audit for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at the price of . Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

AUDIT

Project Graduation – A motion was made by Bobnock to give \$50. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PROJECT
GRADUA-
TION

Township Website – Clerk Benson-Stafford gave an overview of doing a website upgrade with North Country Website Design. A motion was made by Nelson to allow an initial budget of up to \$500. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TWP
WEBSITE

Ask the Lawyers – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Ask the Lawyers would be at the township hall on Wednesday May 20th at 6:00pm. She encouraged everyone to spread the word and attend.

ASK THE
LAWYERS

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said that he is working on the shut off valve info. / Sewer – The contactor have not been installed yet. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – The employees will make prepare the cemetery for the ceremony. / Park – Brad and Pat Nicholson are the new campground Hosts. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. Lawn Mower – A motion was made by Bobnock to purchase a zero gravity mower with a budget of up to \$5000. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas – Sunset Lake Home Owners Assn / He stated that the MI DNR is having a boat landing blitz. They will provide educational materials on invasive species the last Friday, Saturday & Sunday of June and the first Friday, Saturday & Sunday of July. Sunset Lake, Chicagon Lake and Fortune Lake are involved. / Also the Lake Assn did a clean up again this year. He said that there are many people to thank but he especially wanted to mention Tony Bongji, Mike Henschel, Geof Sitkoski, David Koski and many more who worked tirelessly.
- Iron County Treasurer Melanie Camps thanked the township for converting to BS&A. She said through a team effort the settlements were done early. They are also now accepting credit card payments online. / She also thanked Bates Twp Assessor Nancy Nelson for her many years of dedicated service.
- John Fritsche – He wanted to reopen the discussion on the alley abandonment between his property and the Ron Lewis property. He stated it measures approximately 20' wide by 164' long. He said that his research through the Register of Deeds showed that basically there would be an agreement, a vote is necessary and then it is recorded, notarized. No survey or no re-plat is necessary. Then he homeowner will have their portion added to the tax roll. Supervisor Helgemo said that he will research it further. He believes that all alleys would have to be looked into.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The Township received a small rebate from Michigan Par Plan.
- Crystal Falls Contemporary Ctr-Donation Request. No action taken.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson and Trustees Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance was Assessor Nelson; Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; Zoning Admin Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Trooper Basanese; Lisa Coates-Polich Law Office; and Residents.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of May 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 139,787.06
Sewer Fund:	\$ 126,161.44
Water Fund:	\$ 269,365.31
Road Fund:	\$ 193,269.01
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated over the last few years the Township has done about 5-9 miles worth of roads that are now candidates for chip seal. There was discussion about Bates Twp developing their own gravel pit. Also, he has talked to the ICRC about doing repairs on Ponozzo Rd. Benson stated that before the County begins a project on Noren Rd there are about 4 manholes that need to be brought to the surface prior to chip seal. Helgemo stated that there have not been any new roads added to the list but he said that Noren & Phillips Rds could be potential candidates for chip seal. A motion was made by Nelson to authorize Helgemo to obtain bids for possible chip seal and gravel project on certain roads. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – Next workshop is Thursday, June 25th @ 5PM.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 4 permits issued, 3 inquiries, 0 new violations, 0 violations resolved. Other potential violations have been brought to his attention and he will research those in the coming weeks. No bar inspection. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Tom Kniviila will be coordinating a PC meeting with WUPPDR so that they can begin working on the plan.

MASTER PLAN

Assessor Update – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Twp appointed Laura Erhart of Erhart Assessing LLC as the new Assessor effective June 1, 2015.

ASSR UPDATE

Wellhead Protection – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he initially thought the project would be half of the cost that the Township was quoted by GEI. At this time the Township will take no action.

WELLHEAD PROTECTN GRANT

Website – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the new website is up and running and that the Township will continue to add things as we go forward. Atty Atanasoff suggested that the minutes be uploaded with the date they are approved.

WEBSITE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atty Atanasoff stated that he had been working on a couple of zoning violations & prepared the annual audit letter with no claims pending.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Westside Veterans Council - A motion was made by Nelson to contribute \$50 to their programs. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE
VETERANS
COUNCIL

Iron County Fair book – A motion was made by Nelson to support this with a \$59.70 ad. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

IRON CTY
FAIRBOOK

Summer Youth Worker – Steve Nelson is working as the Summer Youth Worker at \$10/hr. Helgemo stated that Nelson will do misc tasks as well as keep the garage clean.

SUMMER
YOUTH
WORKER
ZBA
APPOINTEE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said that a residential shut off west of Rogers Ave was disconnected and rerouted to US 2. There were repairs to the waterline on Larson Rd. Benson requested that in the future maybe the Board could budget for a waterline locator. They cost around \$3300. The township's current handheld one is about 20 years old and obsolete. / Sewer – The hall & shop drain fields had been located and it was recommended that the septic systems be pumped as they had not been pumped in at least 15 years. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Franzene – He stated that Thunander Rd is in desperate need of gravel from Hwy US 2 to the driveway of Jeff Franzene.
- Jon Oberlin/ Zoning Administrator – He stated that Iron River Twp charges \$60 for their zoning permits and Bates only charges \$35. He was going to research what other municipalities charge.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Polich Law Office / Representing Atanasoff – Supervisor gave an overview of some documents that needed Twp approval and signatures where Krist Atanasoff is changing the size of the lots and the Bates Twp easement description needs to be corrected. This will be a land division. The partition was approved but Helgemo stated that the Township is not going to take any action until we can review the legal descriptions and this will need to go through the Assessor.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – July 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson and Trustees Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance was Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Assessor Nelson and Residents. Assessor Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of June 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 132,364.56
Sewer Fund:	\$ 130,962.34
Water Fund:	\$ 280,190.39
Road Fund:	\$ 202,025.97
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent spoke about the Heritage /UPPCO controversy. UPPCO will start Monday to move the poles but whomever pays remains to be seen. /In other business the Auditors will be doing the presentation. The County was \$100,000 in the red in 2014 due to a Receivable that wasn’t paid, however the payment that was due has come in. The County has about 4 or 5 months of reserve. He said that probably only need about 2 ½ months reserve. The boiler is old and the roof leaks at the courthouse so they might use some of the reserve to upgrade-repair. The MERS report will come out soon. It is recommended that the County increase the funding.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that next week the ICRC will open bids. Also the State approved the overage cost on the Paint River Bridge project so that project will move forward beginning the 27th. The bridge will be closed for about 3-4 months.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the overview of the changes will get published and eventually the Ordinances will be put on the website. There are still some administrative paperwork that has to be completed.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 3 permits issued, 3 inquiries, 0 new violations, 0 violations resolved. He inspected the bar. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

FOIA – Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adopt the FOIA Policy’s and Procedures, the FOIA Worksheet for Determining Charges and appoint Clerk Benson-Stafford as the FOIA Coordinator. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FOIA

Alley Abandonment – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the opinion of the ICRC Attorney is that when the township roads were turned over the ICRC it included the alleys. It would mean a whole new plat also. He would encourage Residents that if they have further interest they should hire an Attorney to look into it.

ALLEY ABANDONMT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

UP Logon – Supervisor Helgemo stated that again he and Benson met with UPPCO. It appears that there had been some “heat tape” on at the tower. This is been shut off and we will continue to monitor the electric bills. No action taken at this time. Topic tabled until next meeting.

UP LOGON

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – The Assessor had meeting with the County regarding property values. She took ongoing phone calls and emails. She worked with the Treasurer on the tax and assessor programs. The AMAR audit is tentatively scheduled to occur in August. Also, the BOR will meet July 22. A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adopt the Resolution for the Alternate date for the July 2015 BOR. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Norway Granite / Cemetery – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he spoke again with Norway Granite and they were hoping to get the names engraved on the Veterans Memorial within the next couple of weeks. There was also some discussion about the dead and dying trees in the cemetery that are now posing a danger. There was some discussion about people that could take the trees down and the procedure to do that. The general feeling was to get some bids to know exactly what the cost would be. Supervisor Helgemo presented the idea of chip sealing the proposed parking lot and the current roads in the cemetery. It would cost approximately \$40,000. There was some discussion and a member of the audience thought that it would be a waste of money. It was proposed to gravel instead. Treasurer Nelson and Trustee Bobnock felt the same way. No action was taken. Topic was tabled until the next meeting.

NORWAY
GRANITE /
CEMETERY

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said mainline water valves area all located /fixed. Noren Rd manholes were raised. / Sewer – The lagoon grass was cut. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- A resident questioned as to whether the swimming dock was going to be put in. Helgemo stated that the dock needs to repaired and that it wasn't put in last year either. The seagulls make a mess on it. Also, it was noted that someone was swimming by the fishing pier and could the Twp put up some signs.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson and Trustees Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance was Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Nelson; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Assn and Residents. Assessor Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of July 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 107,828.94
Sewer Fund:	\$ 127,806.46
Water Fund:	\$ 295,485.05
Road Fund:	\$ 202,034.49
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the bid to single chip seal Helgemo, Chicagon Mine, Noren, Philips and Sunset Shores Rds was \$79222 with the ICRC paying \$10,000 leaving a balance of \$69222. The bid to double chip seal Javoroski Rd was \$8000. Kellstrom Rd can’t be done this year because a pulverizing machine is not in the area right now and to bring one in the cost would be \$21000. Double chip seal is about 40% of the cost to blacktop. The purpose of single chip seal is to preserve the existing road before it gets too bad. It extends the life 5-7 years. Crystal Falls Twp, Stambaugh Twp and Bates Twp will all do 1 road to see how it holds up. Roll call vote to approve the bid was Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Team Services from Kalkaska is no longer available, their price was \$.39/gallon. Stambaugh Twp had used Handy Andy from Wisconsin at a cost of \$.99/gallon. Bryant is \$.59/gallon interrupted and \$.50/gallon uninterrupted. They are ready to go, this is who Crystal Falls Township uses. Helgemo would like to see Forsberg and Little Finland done because of the new gravel. The cost would be about \$12000 for the “miles that Benson and Helgemo mapped out for dust control.” Resident Nelson questioned if it was too late in the year to get a benefit? Helgemo stated that it is still pretty dusty and sometimes safety is an issue. A motion was made by Nelson to do the proposed dust control this year. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / On another note Helgemo stated that Stambaugh, Crystal Falls and Bates Twp agreed to put Andreski Plat on the 3 year road plans for double chip seal in 2016. That road services residents in all three townships although the road is in Bates Twp. Also, Bates was the township that paid for dust control in the past.

DUST CONTROL

Ordinances/ Changes – A motion was made by Helgemo to approve the changes that were made to the ordinances and to set a date for a public hearing. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 2 permits issued, 3 inquiries, 2 new violations, 0 violations resolved. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date = 17. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Rogers Location / Alley Abandonment – Supervisor Helgemo stated that further research indicates that any abandonment of an alleyway would have to be done through the ICRC. This would result in having to “replat” the location at a substantial cost. No action will be taken by the Township.

ALLEY
ABANDONMT

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Krist / Sunset Lake Property / Land Division – Correspondence was received from the Polich Tousignant Law Office indicating that Bates Twp Attorney Atanasoff had communications regarding this division. Atanasoff stated that was incorrect and he would correspond with Polich regarding the matter. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board is just waiting on the legal description and wants to see the Quit Claim Deeds prior to taken action but that the Board doesn't have any objection to the matter. These parcels were not a part of the plat. Bates Twp will still retain its easement.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Sunset Lake Water Level – There was discussion between Mike Golas, Sunset Lake Assn and the Board regarding the monitoring of the lake level and its current status. The County might have to come in and resurvey and put in a new bench mark. Short of not having rain this fall, the lake level appears that it isn't coming back this year. The lake level was set in 1958. In October of 2014 the Engineers report stated that the integrity of the dam is fine, but the Engineers were unsure of what the level should be. Golas will follow-up.

SUNSET
LAKE WATER
LEVEL

Assessor Report – The Assessor was not present but submitted the following report; The AMAR review will be scheduled soon. She had several meetings with property owners regarding assessments. She took ongoing calls and emails regarding PREs, transfer of ownership/taxable value, land divisions. She spoke with Amy at ICE regarding deeds that were filed but that Amy has not seen. She had technical difficulties with the Assr computer. She spoke with Nancy Nelson regarding various parcels. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

New Truck – The 2004 truck has 125000 miles and is nickel and diming the township with repairs. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to publish a call for bids. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW TRUCK

Twp Hall Grounds Expansion/Cleanup – Helgemo stated that to clean up the west side would be \$500 and the east side would be \$700. This would expand parking in the back and take down some menacing trees. A motion was made by Nelson to go forward with the work being done by Mike Willis. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TWP HALL
GROUNDS
CLEANUP

Rogers Location Vacant 4th St Lots – Benson had some concerns about the lots being sold to the public because of the proximity of the lift station and the old sewer lines. He thought the land would be better used if it was cleaned up, brushed out and seeded and mowed and used as a small park area. A motion was made by Bobnock to have Willis to the work at a cost of \$2800. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROGERS LOT
CLEANUP

Cub Cadet – A motion was made by Bobnock to put out a call for bids for the sale of the used Cub Cadet with a minimum bid of \$350. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

USED CUB
CADET SALE

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Tree Removal – A motion was made by Nelson to call for bids for the removal of dead/dying trees. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CEMETERY
TREE
REMOVAL

Education – A motion was made by Helgemo to approve the attendance of mandatory training for the Clerk and to pay the \$125 seminar fee and mileage. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CLERK
EDUCATION

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said the inspection of the Chicagon Mine Rd tank will be 8/24. Also, the project is completed with the 161 hydrants tagged and painted. There are also 3 hydrants leaking. The Kofmehl line has been cut/capped and the hydrant pulled. Helgemo stated that he has received compliments on what a nice job the Employees have done. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Purchases – A motion was made by Bobnock to allow Benson to make purchases up to \$50 without Board approval. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas, Sunset Lake Homeowner's Assn stated that they had set up an Invasive Species Fund with a goal of \$10,000 and he is pleased with the participation. They are already at \$9000. He stated that so far there is not sign of milfoil. They have been snorkeling to assess the situation and they have also found zebra banded mystery snails by the boat landing.
- Jon Oberlin made a complaint about no dock in the water at the park. The dock was out for repairs but then it gets so dirty from the geese. Next year the dock will be put in but the geese will remain a problem unless someone can come up with a solution.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – September 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson and Trustees Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance was Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Assn and Residents. Assessor Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

There was a requested typo change to the minutes. A motion was made by Nelson to approve the minutes. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of August 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 102,869.50
Sewer Fund:	\$ 132,080.66
Water Fund:	\$ 255,240.07
Road Fund:	\$ 204,844.15
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present and gave an update on County issues. He stated that the County budget is being worked on. Revenues will drop but they are making goods cuts but may have to go after more cuts. / Regarding DICSA and stated that he has some concerns about our senior's however the Iron River Senior Ctr is doing well. / Regarding the EDC he doesn't see anything on the horizon. One of the options could be merging the EDC with the Chamber or consolidation of some sort. / On the table is the hospital still wants a millage for the ambulance. This must go through the county commissioners. They want clear ballot language no this will not end up on a November election. / Brennan mentioned the temporary displacement of the Veterans office due to the flooding and damage that occurred at City hall. He stated it's been a tough year for them also with the retirement of Joy DeNicola. He said that there is a new worker coming on this is promising.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated the chip seal could not be completed this year because the State has deadlines. Farnher is going by the requirements but they will hold the prices for the spring. Treasurer Nelson commented that she didn't think Sunset Shores Rd looked completed or acceptable. Helgemo will look at it.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he recommends no dust control now for this year. The Road Commission has to concentrate on washouts over the next couple of weeks. The Township will save about \$12000.

DUST CONTROL

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____

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Water Fund:	\$ 262,285.35
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present and gave an update on County issues. He stated that the County budget is being worked on. Revenues will drop but they are making goods cuts but may have to go after more cuts. / Regarding DICSA and stated that he has some concerns about our senior’s however the Iron River Senior Ctr is doing well. / Regarding the EDC he doesn’t see anything on the horizon. One of the options could be merging the EDC with the Chamber or consolidation of some sort. / On the table is the hospital still wants a millage for the ambulance. This must go through the county commissioners. They want clear ballot language no this will not end up on a November election. / Brennan mentioned the temporary displacement of the Veterans office due to the flooding and damage that occurred at City hall. He stated it’s been a tough year for them also with the retirement of Joy DeNicola. He said that there is a new worker coming on this is promising.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated the chip seal could not be completed this year because the State has deadlines. Farnher is going by the requirements but they will hold the prices for the spring. Treasurer Nelson commented that she didn’t think Sunset Shores Rd looked completed or acceptable. Helgemo will look at it.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____

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Sewer Fund:	\$ 138,926.15
Water Fund:	\$ 277,612.86
Road Fund:	\$ 204,912.62
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo presented a proposal for the 3 year road plan. (Subject to change) There discussion. A motion was made by Bobnock to authorize Helgemo to continue to work with the Road Commission on the proposal, bids will follow. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. 3 Year Rd Plan Proposal as follows: **2016-** Kelstrom Rd – Pulverize & Double Seal Coat (1/4 mile); E. Lake Emily Rd – Single Seal Coat (1 ¼ mile); W. Lake Emily Rd – Double Seal Coat (1 mile); Shoquist Rd – Double Seal Coat – from US2 to end (1/2 mile combined w/...Sec 22 Rd – Double Seal Coat - from Thunander to Shoquist; Otto Rd – Double Chip Seal (1/2 mile); Andreski Plat – Double Seal Coat; Double Seal Coat - Andreski Plat Rd (from Krans Rd to Mid Summer Dr.) *Share Cost w/ Crystal Falls & Stambaugh Twps* ; Double Seal Coat - Mid Summer Dr (from Andreski Plat to existing blacktop) *Share Cost w/ Crystal Falls Twp*; Double Seal Coat - W. Chicagon Lk Rd (from Andreski Plat to end) *Stambaugh Twp will pay for this.*; Rogers Location – Single Chip Seal (1 1/4 mile); Javoroski Rd – Double Chip Seal (1/4 mile); **Gravel** - Ponozzo Rd, Chicagon Mine Rd, Nelson Rd, Wagner Lake Rd. **2017 - Double Chip Seal** Passamani Rd & Larson Rd. **2018 - Chip Seal** Fairview Rd & Forsberg Rd. *We would like to do 100% dust control all of our gravel roads. Can you please grade, crown and roll them BEFORE we put down the dust control in the spring. All roads depend on the prices, funding available and/or priorities due to expansions in some areas. /* There was also discussion about the condition of Ponozzo Rd. There was a bid received to crush gravel from Gasperini's pit. But it was too much money. Larry Nelson asked if there were any corporate lands with pits? Helgemo stated that there are about 80-100 residents, camps, structures up there.

ROAD PROJECTS

Ordinance Update - The public hearing was held October 14th. There will be an ad published stating there is a full text available for public inspection at the Township offices.

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 5 permits issued, 0 new inquiries, 0 new violations, 0 violations resolved. Oberlin is still working with people on junk cars. There was also a barking dog complaint. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date = 27. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Cemetery Tree Removal – The job is complete. Limb Walkers did an excellent job and did exactly what he said he would do.

CEMETERY
TREE
REMOVAL

Board Budget Review – The Board met earlier and reviewed the budget. Looks good. There will be some small adjustments.

BOARD
BUDGET

Veteran's Memorial – Helgemo stated that there have been continued attempts to reach the man that is supposed to engrave on the new names. Nothing new to report.

VETERANS
MEMORIAL

Krist / Sunset Lake Land Division – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the easements are completed.

KRIST LAND
DIVISION

Memorabilia Display Case – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he and Clerk Benson-Stafford had talked again about doing a display case. The most recent acquisition is a 1914 photograph of the Bates Mapleton band. Helgemo asked the Board to think about ideas on how and where to construct the display case.

DISPLAY
CASE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated that there is nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – The Assessor was not present but submitted the following report; She attended the Land Division seminar and she expects to be present at the December meeting to do a presentation on tax billing.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Rogers Lot – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township acquired the lot at the corner of 3rd & Bates Gaastra Rd for only \$700. This allows that area to be cleared very nicely and next year it will be leveled further to create a lawn for a park.

ROGERS LOC
LOT

Children's Christmas Party – The party will be held Saturday, December 12th from 11:30-1:00pm.

CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Restricted Roads – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he would like to restrict the following additional roads: Shoquist Rd (US2 to top of hill); Section 22 Rd (Thunander Rd to Shoquist Rd); Philips & Noren (From Forsberg to Demboski). Larry Nelson stated that he hates to see the Loggers restricted. Helgemo stated that the Township realizes that Logging is big and we don't want to discriminate. Out of the area loggers don't pay anything into taxes for Bates. Nelson followed up with as long as they have a good alternative route.

ROAD
RESTRICTIO
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Township Hall Vacuum – A motion was made by Helgemo to approve a budget of up to \$200 for a new vacuum for the township hall. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TWP HALL
VACUUM

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

PARK
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GIS
MAPPING /
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Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said there was an old service line discovered in the recently acquired lot. – There was a waterline repair on Erickson Dr. There are probably 3 candidates for meter pits currently. One pit is going to be installed on Shoquist Rd. There will be a waterline repair on Section 22 Rd & Bates Amasa Rd. The materials and backhoe rental are being funded as an anonymous gift to the home owners. The heater went out on the Chicagon Mine pump house. Smed gave a quote of \$1300. Cost to replace or repair will be researched further. / Sewer – Lagoon samples came in good. Benson also noted that the Lagoon needs a spray system. It's just too dangerous to mow the sides. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

Leaf Removal – Helgemo stated in years past the township has paid about \$500/yr. It would be a good investment for the township to acquire its own leaf removal equipment since this is an annual expense at the park & cemetery. He stated that he and Benson will go to Fleet Farm one day and research and get price

GUEST COMMENTS

- Meter Pits – Jon Oberlin stated that it would be a good decision for the board to pursue putting in the meter pits where necessary. Helgemo and Benson agreed that after putting them in we will be saving many gallons of water.

CORRESPONDENCE

- IC MTA Meeting, Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 5:30 at Crystal Falls Twp Hall.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

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ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Nelson to approve the minutes. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

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FINANCIAL
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General Fund:	\$ 64,477.58
Sewer Fund:	\$ 144,188.96
Water Fund:	\$ 291,396.54
Road Fund:	\$ 204,946.31
Liquor Law:	\$

Supervisor Helgemo noted that there is still an outstanding invoice from the Iron County Road Commission that needs to be paid for approx. \$50000. The Board is clarifying the amount because it was different than originally expected.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan encouraged Bates Residents to get involved on the County Committee's. There are many openings on several committee's and they really need people to serve. He stated that there will be a Dickinson Iron Health Dept millage renewal on the March ballot. He stated that the services are good and we all get a good deal for our money. He reminded that this is not a new millage this is a renewal. He stated that the County passed a 20 year forestry plan. He gave a brief overview of the Sr. Ctrs and stated that the money received for Iron County gets exclusively split among the Centers. He stated that they try to be fair and some people think it should be split differently but they try to split the money according to services provided and number of people served. Regarding the County Administrator position the lady that was offered the position changed her mind and there will be an ad in the paper next week as they begin the search again.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated the the tentative 3-year road plan was turned into the ICRC. It will go out for bids and then the board and make final decisions.

ROAD
PROJECTS

Ordinance Book Update - Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she just compiled some ordinance books for Township Officials. She just has a few additions and then she will distribute them.

ORDINANCE
BOOKS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there was 1 permit issued, 1 new inquiry, 0 new violations, 0 violations resolved. Oberlin is still working with a Resident on an old blight violation and he is working with a Resident planning to be a new home on a sub-standard lot. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date = 29. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Restricted Roads – Supervisor Helgemo said that it is a statewide problem trying to raise money for our roads. The County owns them, the Township pays for them but there is no one to protect them. He stated that he would like to take formal action to restrict the sections of roads that were discussed at the last board meeting. Trustee Bobnock questioned as to whether the loggers can get around. Treasurer Nelson pointed out that it could be a problem for property owners that want to log their property. Helgemo stated that we are not against logging. Nelson said that she was not comfortable with restricting the roads. Helgemo stated that there have already been permits issued when requested and so far no one has been stopped from logging. Nelson said “what if the next Supervisor isn’t as liberal with the permits.” Helgemo said that the Board gets a vote also, it’s not just the Supervisor’s decision. Nelson said, well what if the Board says no? Bobnock added that property ownership changes also. Attorney Atanasoff added that from the comments that he has heard it was the right thing to do on Sunset Shores Rd. Helgemo stated that the intent was never to restrict logging or commercial enterprise. With that a motion was made by Helgemo to restrict the following additional roads: Shoquist Rd (US2 to top of hill); Section 22 Rd (Thunander Rd to Shoquist Rd); Philips & Noren (From Forsberg to Demboski). Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD
RESTRICT.

Cemetery Parking/Driveway – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he is going to get a price to see what it would cost to do the parking lot and the driveways. Once the board has that information we can further discuss the pros and cons. He also stated that Clerk Benson-Stafford and Employees have been doing very extensive work on a new cemetery program and maps. The employees mapped out every single lot in the cemetery and the Clerk has been doing data entry into a new cemetery program. There has been a lot of work put into this and Benson-Stafford has put in countless additional hours. They have a lot to do yet but he would like the Board to think about additional compensation for the Clerk for this. This is going to be really nice when it’s done. Benson-Stafford also suggested a display case at the cemetery with the map so that it is easier to find specific lots which Helgemo thought was a great idea.

CEMETERY
PARKING/
DRIVEWAYS

NEW BUSINESS

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ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart and presented a proposal whereby her and Treasurer Nelson would take over services that have been provided by the County in the past. By doing so the Twp would save approximately \$425 on the printing of the Assessment Change Notices and Personal Property Statements and save approximately \$1353 on printing tax rolls. Erhart also stated that the Township should have control of their own records for better accuracy. One current obstacle is that the ROD wants to charge the township \$1.00/deed. This needs to be straightened out as there shouldn’t be a fee charged to township. Atanasoff confirmed that Erhart is already performing these same services for other municipalities that she is the Assessor for. Also, Erhart said the Township should have custody of their Tax Maps, not the County. She added that she likes the Bates Twp GIS mapping program, it is user friendly. A motion was made by Nelson to accept the proposal subject to the ROD removing the fee. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. (A copy of the detailed proposal is on file with the Clerk.) Also the AMAR review will come to the Supervisor. Helgemo stated that he heard no one in the surrounding counties has passed.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Board of Review - Assessor Erhart stated that the Board of Review will meet Wednesday, December 10th at 10:30. This is a meeting of the Board to do “corrections only.”

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NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Employee Christmas Bonus- A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to give a \$100 bonus to the 3 employees. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Helgemo added that it is well deserved. Employee Benson said thank you.

EMPLOYEE
BONUS

Children's Christmas Party – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded everyone that the party will be held Saturday, December 12th from 11:30-1:00pm.

CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Safety Jackets – A motion was made by Nelson to purchase reflective safety jackets for the 3 employees, Zoning Administrator & Assessor. These will enhance safety. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Benson-Stafford will also order the door signs for the new vehicle. Erhart also suggested that she would like an ID. Benson-Stafford will look into these.

SAFETY
JACKETS

General Ops/Road Millage 3 Mil Renewal – A motion was made by Helgemo to authorize Clerk Benson-Stafford to provide the County with the ballot language by the County deadline to put the Millage Renewal on the March ballot. Supported by Nelson. All Ayes. Motion carried.

MILLAGE
RENEWAL

IronLine Sponsorship – Josh Brindle with the IronLine Sleddog/Fat Bike race was present. He stated that the participation and interest for this year are even greater than previous years. He asked the Board for sponsorship for the 2016 races. He requested a \$200 sponsorship and thanked the Board for sponsoring the event in previous years. Supervisor Helgemo stated that since this was just brought before the Board this evening that he would like to table any action until the next meeting so the Members have a chance to review the information. The dates of the event are January 29-30 weather permitting. There are contingency dates if necessary.

IRONLINE
SPONSOR-
SHIP

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson said there was a waterline repair at Sec 22/Bates Amasa Rd. The employees installed modine propane heaters in the Chicagon Mine Rd pumphouses (front & back). There has been 1 of 3 meter pits installed and already it is clear there is a leak that the property owner will have to repair or pay for the water loss. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** Nothing new to report. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **New Truck** – The new truck should be ready next week and then the old truck will be put out for bids. No minimum bid.

GUEST COMMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____