

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – January 13, 2016 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 were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Atty Atanasoff; Assr Erhart; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC and Residents. Comm Brennan was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| General Fund: | \$ 98,520.65 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 149,606.49 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 301,037.69 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 235,722.34 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he spoke with Mike Mottes and we might get some prices by the next meeting. Also, there will be a meeting at the ICRC of the Task Force on Thursday 1/14/16 @ 1:00pm. This is a meeting with the Twps/Cities and they assign where the money will go for the next 5 years. This was how Sunset Lake Rd got on the list. At this time Sunset Lake Road’s engineering has been done and the project will be started this fall.

ROAD PROJECTS

Windsor Report - Supervisor Helgemo (Twp Rep on Windsor Board) gave an update. There is a tentative closing date of 1/21/16 of the lot across from the Windsor Center. They are selling it for \$82000. He credited the “Friends of Windsor” with a lot of hard work and fund raising. To date about \$65000 has been raised through the following: Open Mic has raised \$34000, Movies \$5800, Sound System/Entryway Donations \$12000, \$1700 Donated for New Marque, \$1500 donated for movie projector. He stated that there is now a very nice Video Conferencing room on the 2nd Floor. Much of the furniture was donated by Lake Shore/IMT when they closed. There is Wi-Fi service and there are new dusk to dawn lights. Schmidt questioned as to when it will be self sufficient? Helgemo said that he doesn’t know if it will ever be without the millage. He said the Board is very conservative with its spending. He said that they are constantly looking for a “base business’s” for the building.

WINDSOR CENTER FLOOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there was 4 permits issued, 0 new inquiries, 0 new violations, working on resolving old open violations. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date = 31. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

IronLine Sponsorship – A motion was made by Helgemo to support the Ironline Event with a \$200 sponsorship. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. (Brindle noted that the new address is: POB 524, Iron River, MI 49935)

IRONLINE SPONSORSHIP

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Sale of 2004 Chevrolet Truck Bids – The bids were opened as follows: Mike Bittner \$2016; M.A. LaCoy \$1758; Lindwall Motors \$1200; Albert Shindorf \$6101. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the bid for \$6101. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

2004 CHEVY
TRUCK SALE

Veteran's Memorial – Supervisor Helgemo stated that we can longer even get a call back from the people that were supposed to do the job. He is going to talk to the people in charge of the Iron River City Memorial and see who will be doing the name engraving. We want this done before Memorial Day.

VETERANS
MEMORIAL
ENGRAVING

Restricted Roads-Rescind Vote – Supervisor Helgemo started by saying that at the December board meeting there was a unanimous vote restricting some additional portions of roads. The next day a Board Member wanted to rescind their vote. Helgemo made a motion to rescind the vote of the December 9, 2015 meeting. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. /

ROAD
RESTRICT.
RESCIND
VOTE

Restricted Roads Additions - Helgemo proceeded to make a new motion to add the following roads to the restricted list: Shoquist Rd (US2 to top of hill); Section 22 Rd (Thunander Rd to Shoquist Rd); Philips & Noren (From Forsberg to Demboski). Supported by Bobnock. Discussion opened: Nelson stated that she was not comfortable that the permits are issued at the discretion of the Supervisor. What if the next Supervisor is not so liberal with the permits? Helgemo countered that it is the decision of the Board to issue to the permits, Nelson countered that maybe the next Board will not issue permits. Ernie Schmidt stated that the Timber Industry is not out to beat up the roads. Philips and Noren Rd are primary roads and cannot be restricted. Helgemo countered that he did not think they were. Schmidt reaffirmed that yes they were made primary roads a long time ago. He stated there would probably not be this type of traffic on the portion of Shoquist or Sec 22 Rd either. Nelson said if that's the case then why bother restricting them. Helgemo stated that he thought chip seal would keep Shoquist Rd from washing out. Nelson stated that if a Resident wanted to put up a garage or home on Shoquist Rd they would have to get permits for trucks to get in/out. She stated that it's not just the loggers, its farmers pulling bales of hay, cattle, recreational people, horse people that are affected. Atty Atanasoff stated that there are other areas that have restricted roads. Bobnock stated that it would be nice if the Timber Industry would chip in some money towards some of the costs to maintain these roads. Schmidt said that isn't going to happen, let it go and besides some residents are in the industry and they are taxpayers. Helgemo said that it was never the intention to limit anybody. It was to protect the residential areas in part from gravel trucks pounding the pavement. Nelson stated that she just doesn't like to see homeowner limited from having free access to their property for whatever the need. She said that gas, oil, garbage trucks are all over 10000 pounds, school buses too, other construction vehicles, and horse trailers. After much discussion Helgemo said maybe we should just put this to rest. The Board agreed. There are no further additions to the list.

ROAD
RESTRICT.

Schmidt thanked the Board and said that he appreciates all of the hard work that the Board is doing on behalf of the Township.

Cemetery Parking/Driveway – Supervisor Helgemo stated he spoke with Mike Mottes and they have looked at the cemetery. The roads must be 10' and the cemetery roads are 9' but it could still be worked out. Ernie Schmidt said that this project is a great idea. It will enhance the cemetery and we should be very proud of it. Helgemo said that we are waiting on a price.

CEMETERY
PARKING/
DRIVEWAYS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated that on a recent visit to the courthouse he was told by the Treasurer that BSA has an auto-backup system. She didn't think the township was using it. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the Township currently backups offsite. Nelson and Erhart will look into the BSA backup. There was also some discussion about the ROD charging municipality for copies of deeds. This topic had been discussed at an earlier meeting and the matter is resolved for Township purposes.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart gave her report as follows: Personal Property statements were mailed 1/7/16; She drafted a letter to the State in response to the Township's AMAR report for Supervisor Helgemo to sign; She submitted the 2016 database to the State through TMA as part of the State's annual requirement; She discussed the State's procedure on denied PREs; She presented a March Board of Review Informational document on How to Appeal your Assessment which Clerk Benson-Stafford will have uploaded to the website; the March BOR dates are Organizational Meeting-March 11 from 9am-11am / Meetings to hear protests are March 16 from 1pm-5pm & 6pm-9pm / March 18 from 9am-2pm / All meetings are at the Township Hall. (Copy of the report is kept on file by Clerk Benson-Stafford.)

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Assr Erhart also noted that the County's website has obsolete information on it and it is causing delays when people mail documents or try to contact local municipality officials. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she knows this is a concern but it is out of our hands. There is nothing we can do, that is a County responsibility.

General Ops/Road Millage Renewal /March 8 Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that with SB571 signed into effect on 1/6 the new law bans public bodies including township officials from discussing any information even if it is purely factual about local proposals 60 days prior to an election. She also stated that SB13 was signed and that will eliminate straight party voting. / She reminded that there is an election on Tuesday, March 8th, polls open from 7am-8pm. If a registered voter in the Township needs an absent voter ballot they will need to fill out an application first. All voters will need to choose between a Democratic ballot with local proposals, a Republican ballot with local proposals or a no Presidential candidate with only local proposals ballot.

GEN
OPS/ROAD
MILLAGE –
MARCH 8
ELECTION

Windsor Center Board/Twp Representative – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to re-appoint Supervisor Helgemo as the Township's representative on this Board. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

WINDSOR
BOARD
APPOINT.

UP LOGON – Supervisor Helgemo stated that for many years they paid \$1100/yr rent space for their equipment on the Chicagon Mine Rd tower. After some research it was determined that the electric bills were very high. The Township increased the rent for 2015 to \$3000 – in two \$1500 installments. Mr. Corollo stated that his equipment uses minimal electricity. After some research between Benson, Helgemo and UPPCO it was determined that there was heat tape that was causing the majority of the "cost of electricity." A motion was made by Helgemo to charge UP LOGON \$1500 for 2016 to rent the space on the tower. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. It was also noted by Employee Benson that UP LOGON needs to be reminded that their equipment will have to be moved in the near future because it is blocking access on a ladder that will be needed for an upcoming project.

UP LOGON

GUEST COMMENTS

Ernie Schmidt reminded the Board of their invitation to the WIC Fire Dept Christmas party on Jan 30th @ 6pm at the Fire Hall.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Benson stated that he got the map to GEI to make the additions/corrections that he and the Clerk found. The lot binders are being worked on. There is still many hours of data entry that still has to be done by the Clerk. All of these tasks are above and beyond the Clerks duties and he would really like to see the Clerk be compensated for it. He said he knows that when it comes time for a pay increase that it's hard for the Board Members to ask even though it is well deserved. The Clerk thanked him for recognizing her work. / Nothing new to report. / Park – Helgemo stated that last year's Park Hosts will be back again this summer. He said that the Board might want to consider keeping the park open later into September. Maybe just try it for one year. There was also discussion on new signage at Sunset Lake Rd/US2 and Reiman Rd/US2. / 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 @ 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 – February 10, 2016 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 were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Atty Atanasoff; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC and Residents. Assr Erhart & Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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 January 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| General Fund: | \$ 113,868.17 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 136,307.48 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 304,417.10 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 277,852.94 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there is nothing new to report, he is waiting on the prices.

ROAD PROJECTS

GIS Mapping – Water System – Supervisor Helgemo stated that this is a requirement of the DEQ. The Twp is waiting on bids but so far the cost will probably end up being around \$7000-\$8000. Also, the property splits and other parcel information needs to be updated. AECOM did the original mapping program for the township and GEI did the water hydrant mapping. A motion was made by Helgemo to authorize Helgemo/Benson to look into the costs of the mapping updates. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GIS MAPPING NEW INFO AND UPDATES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there was 1 permits issued, 1 new inquiries but the permit was denied as it does not meet zoning rules, no variance requested, the same was also 1 new violations, where a possible garage addition was going to be built. He made contact with Owner and they picked up an application for a permit. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 0. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk. / Also Oberlin informed the board that he planned to issue a permit to the home that was 100% destroyed by fire on Mid Summer Dr. That home originally had a variance granted. They will not be changing the footprint with the rebuild. They will also be using the same foundation.

ZONING UPDATE

IRONLINE SPONSORSHIP

Sale of 2004 Chevrolet Truck Bids – The Buyer of the truck requested a reimbursement for the cost to repair the speedometer. While the Board agreed that the sale was final, the Board also noted that they were pleased with the bid so as a good faith gesture they would reimbursement the cost. A motion was made by Nelson to reimburse \$552.18. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

2004 CHEVY TRUCK SALE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Veteran's Memorial – Supervisor Helgemo stated he obtained the name of someone else that could economically engrave the names. He will follow up with information at the next meeting.

VETERANS
MEMORIAL
ENGRAVING

Cemetery Parking/Driveway – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the double chip seal bid from Farhner came in at \$54000 which was higher than expected. He is waiting to see if the blacktop price will come in less. ICRC Schmidt said that it won't be cheap partly due to the required prep work. He stated that it should be done and it will last a long time. Helgemo said that the road fund is in great shape. Bobnock said that it will probably need a culvert, Helgemo agreed. Action is tabled until the blacktop prices come in.

CEMETERY
ROAD
BLACKTOP

Board of Review Dates - BOR dates are Organizational Meeting-March 11 from 9am-11am / Meetings to hear protests are March 16 from 1pm-5pm & 6pm-9pm / March 18 from 9am-2pm / All meetings are at the Township Hall.

BOR DATES

Chicagon Mine Rd Water Tower - The St. Germain price came in at \$37700. Helgemo said that there is money already in the maintenance account. The Otto Rd tank was done last year. This tanks interior was done in 1995. In 2004-2005 the outside was done for \$29000. A motion was made by Bobnock to go forward with the project. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHGN MINE
TOWER

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated that nothing new to report except the updated information on the elections.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart had submitted a report stating that the Personal Property Statements have her report as follows: Personal Property statements deadlines is 2/10/16. The ones that have been received have been entered. She recommended that the Board adopt three resolutions. She also spoke with some Residents regarding their tax bills. Each situation was due to an unclear understanding of uncapping.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing – A motion was made by Helgemo to adopt the Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LOCAL
RESIDENTS
PROTEST
RESOLU-
TION

Federal Income Guidelines – A motion was made by Helgemo to adopt the Federal Income Guidelines for Poverty Exemption. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

POVERTY
GUIDELINES

Asset Test – A motion was made by Helgemo to adopt the Application for Property Tax Exemption Asset Test. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ASSET TEST
APPLICATN

Register of Deeds/ Open Account – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to open and account at the ROD with an initial amount of \$200. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROD
ACCOUNT

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Land Value Maps – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the State is mandating that the Township have land value maps. Another state mandate that they should be paying for. He stated that Coleman Engineering has done this for some municipalities. Tabled action until future meeting.

LAND VALUE
MAPS

Budget Workshop Date – A Board budget workshop has been set for Thursday, March 17th @ 5:00pm.

BUDGET
WORKSHOP

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission Mtg will be held on 2/11/16 at the Windsor Center at 6PM. This will be a video conference with WUPPDR and the meeting is a continuation of working on the Master Plan.

PC MTG

General Ops/Road Millage Renewal /March 8 Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded everyone about the election on Tuesday, March 8th, polls open from 7am-8pm. If a registered voter in the Township needs an absent voter ballot they will need to fill out an application first. All voters will need to choose between a Democratic ballot with local proposals, a Republican ballot with local proposals or a no Presidential candidate with only local proposals ballot.

ELECTIONS

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – There were two water leak repairs. / Sewer – Upkeep and maintenance program has been good. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Helgemo stated that some kids had gone joy riding on 4 wheelers or side by sides. The Sheriff's Dept was notified and the damage has been documented. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Snowplowing – November & February are Bates Twp's month for snowplowing the fire hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

- WUPPDR – Ltr RE: 2016 Regional Prosperity Initiative Funded
- ICMCF – Ltr regarding Foundation Pavilion Project

GUEST COMMENTS

Farmer's Market – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to allow Arvilla Trag of Section 16 Rd to hold a Farmer's Market on the front parking lot/lawn during mid June to mid August. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____

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ATTENDEES

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MINUTES

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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| General Fund: | \$ 154,936.86 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 141,001.40 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 271,301.11 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 275,543.61 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there is nothing new to report, he is waiting on the prices. Trustee Bobnock asked if the Board should get a bid for the back parking lot. The Board agreed that might be a good idea. Helgemo stated that Kellstrom Rd might be a blacktop project instead of a chip seal project. ICRC Schmidt asked if Willis Rd was going to be blacktopped. Helgemo stated that Mike Willis didn't want it blacktopped because of his heavy equipment.

ROAD PROJECTS

Various Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he just wanted the Board to give some thought to some of the projects that the Township should do including the Chicagon Mine Rd tank, mandated DEQ mapping, installation of meter pits and removing old booster stations. He reviewed the potential prices of the projects. The projects will be discussed at the upcoming budget workshop.

VARIOUS PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 2 permits issued, 2 inquiries, and he continues to work on the same violations, followed up on a variance request. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 2. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Veteran's Memorial – Supervisor Helgemo said he spoke with a new Engraver and he sounds legitimate, cheaper and he can have the job done by Memorial Day.

VETERANS MEMORIAL ENGRAVING

Cemetery Parking/Driveway – Supervisor Helgemo stated the Board is waiting for bids and waiting for the snow to melt. ICRC Schmidt said the first bid was a good bid. It's probably not going to be cheaper next year. He really wants to see it done. It would be a good decision by the Board. It will last forever. Action is tabled until the prices come in. Schmidt thanked the Board.

CEMETERY ROAD BLACKTOP

Board of Review Dates - BOR Member George Holm will not be able to be at the BOR this year due to health problems. Mike Franzene was appointed to the position to cover the opening. BOR dates are March 16 from 1pm-5pm & 6pm-9pm / March 18 from 9am-2pm / All meetings are at the Township Hall.

BOR DATES

Budget Workshop Date – A Board budget workshop has been set for Thursday, March 17th @ 5:00pm.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

General Ops/Road Millage Renewal /March 8 Election Results – Clerk Benson-Stafford thanked the Residents for passing the millage on behalf of the Board. She also extended a thank you to the election workers who work hard to get the job done. Schmidt added that Clerk Benson-Stafford does a great job also.

ELECTION RESULTS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated there is nothing new to report except that he was briefed on an issue regarding a water turn off. He stated that he knows Benson takes good notes and that's important. Helgemo stated that the issue was dealt with. The bill will be paid this month.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but submitted a report stating that the Notices of Assessments were mailed on the 24th. She fielded calls regarding changes to assessments/taxable values. She stated that if people have a concern they should call her at 906-358-0504. Her report contained a reminder of the BOR dates. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the Clerk.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Board Salary Resolutions - Supervisor Helgemo started off by saying that it's hard to compare Municipalities because they are all different. Bates has a Cemetery, Park, Water system and Sewer systems. There is a lot going on and a lot of responsibility. The work loads are heavier than most townships because of this. /

BOARD SALARY RESOLUTION

Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she loves her position and wanted to state that her work experience has always been in customer service, office management, she was a bookkeeper at a CPA firm and then did billing. She is also a Michigan licensed real estate Broker and the Secretary for the Iron County MTA. All of this experience helps her with her daily duties as Clerk. She stated that she believes that she has demonstrated a dedication to the job and that in 15 years as Clerk she has only missed two meetings that were due to family illness and death. Some of her duties include general correspondence, record keeping files, ordinances, resolutions, proceedings, payroll, monthly-quarterly-annual payroll reporting, W-2's, 1099's, Workman's comp audits, Accounts Payable, FOIA Coordinator ,Cemetery records, Oversee elections, Inspectors, AV applications, Ballots, reporting, and many extra duties that no one sees. She asked that her salary match that of the Treasurer. Schmidt stated that through the years sometimes raises were very small and many years not at all. Helgemo said that the Clerk does a great job, followed up by Bobnock and Wodzinski. Atty Atanasoff stated that whenever he has a request it is handled promptly. A motion was made by Helgemo to increase the Clerks salary to \$24327.23/yr to match the Treasurer's salary. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, Abstain; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Supervisor Helgemo stated that he would like to see the Supervisor position increased by \$1000/yr to \$17500. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to increase the Supervisor salary to \$17500/yr. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, Abstain. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Supervisor stated that although Treasurer Nelson was not present she did not indicate that she would want a raise. He stated that he felt the Planning Commission Members, BOR Members were fine. The Assessor was under contract for at a specific salary for another year. ZA-Constable Oberlin stated that he was fine with his wage. The Trustees said that they were happy with what they had. Clerk Benson-Stafford said that the Election Workers had competitive wages and that it was not necessary to increase the Hall Coordinator wage. / Supervisor Helgemo made a motion to increase the hourly wage of both part time employees and the full time employee by \$.50/hour. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Mike Golas commented that he thought the Township was a really well run Township. He felt the Board Members were all approachable and always receptive to ideas. He commended the Board.

BATES TOWNSHIP

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NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Safe – A motion was made by Bobnock to allow Clerk Benson-Stafford to purchase a fireproof safe for the office with a budget of up to \$300. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SAFE

Pentoga Park DNR Grant – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to send a letter of support on behalf of Bates Township to Iron County in support of their MI DNR Trust Fund Application for Pentoga Park Accessible Paddle Craft Landing. Supported by Bobnock. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PENTOGA
PARK DNR
GRANT

Township Property – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to give the Township Board the authority to sell township property. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

TWP
PROPERTY
SALE

Deposit Resolution – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to continue to keep/use the accounts that the township currently has through the Miners State Bank and First Merit Bank. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DEPOSIT
RESOLUTION

Budget Hearing/Special Meeting – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there will be a public hearing of the Budget on Thursday, March 24th at 5:00pm at the Township Hall followed at 5:30pm by a Special Meeting to approve the budget. Copies of the budget will be available for public review.

BUDGET
HEARING

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Benson requested that repairs be made to the shop roof to prevent water from coming into the building through the windows. He recommended a roof extension. / Water – Benson advised that the Chicagon Mine Rd tank be done this year. It will be good for another 20 years. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Benson stated that some picnic tables are needed. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Lawnmowers – Benson requested that he be able to replace parts that he used to prepare the machines for the coming season.

CORRESPONDENCE

- IC Chamber – Business Expo Information & Upcoming Events
- Iron Baraga Conservation Tree Sale Fundraiser

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas mentioned the 4/14 meeting at the Beechwood hall put on by the ICC/ regarding Invasive Species.
- Ernie Schmidt mentioned that the Twp will be receiving information on the Fund Raiser for WIC Fire Dept. who is sponsoring the Tournament this year.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 @ 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 – April 13, 2016 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 were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Atty Atanasoff; and Residents. Assr Erhart & Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of March 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Wodzinski to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund: | \$ 171,876.57 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 147,152.70 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 292,635.02 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 303,650.06 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there was a carryover in the road fund from last year. The County is doing the Sunset Lake Rd project which is scheduled to begin in June with a completion date of September. There will be two chip seals projects (Helgemo Rd and Chicagon Mine Rd) which will be done this year. These were carry over projects from last year. There was discussion again on Ponozzo Rd. It is not passable in some sections. The low bid to gravel was \$32000 with a high bid of \$54000. So far the cemetery bid is \$50,000. The Kellstrom Rd bid is \$33400. A comment from the audience was that Bates Two has done an excellent job of trying to keep up with their roads. PC Nelson asked how Forsberg held up over the winter. Helgemo said well. It was also noted that the Forest Service has no responsibility to maintain county roads. A motion was made by Nelson to go forward with the projects/bids that were planned for this year. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the St Germaine bid of \$37700 to do the project. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHICAGON MINE WATER TANK

Inline Locator – There was a brief discussion about how valuable this tool would be to the Township especially with the Miss Dig laws. A motion was made by Nelson to make this purchase. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

INLINE LOCATOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 3 permits issued, 0 new inquiries, and he continues to work on the same violations. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 5. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Veteran's Memorial – Supervisor Helgemo said the Townships hopes that the new Engraver will have the job done by Memorial Day.

VETERANS MEMORIAL ENGRAVING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

GIS Mapping / Water-Sewer Systems – Supervisor Helgemo reviewed the mandate by the DEQ for required mapping of the water/sewer systems. GEI bid was lower than the UP Engineers bid. A motion was made by Nelson to accept the GEI bid of \$9950 for the project. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GIS
MAPPING/
WTR-SWR

Pressure Station Projects – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to remove the last two old water booster stations and install two new meter pits at an estimated cost of \$6000. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BOOSTER
STATION-
METER PIT
PROJECT

GIS Mapping – A bid was presented by GEI to update the Township's GIS mapping with parcel splits and owner information. This would be an update of the past 7 years of information. There was discussion about getting the mapping link on the website which would require an additional separate subscription to Mango maps. This is a big project but once the updates are done the mapping could be maintained on a monthly basis. A motion was made by Nelson to accept the GEI bid of \$5800 to update the information. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GIS PARCEL
MAPPING

Leaf Collection System – Supervisor Helgemo stated that every year the Township spends about \$500-\$700 to collect and dispose of the leaves at the park and cemetery. He recommended that the Township acquire a system. Benson will do more research on this. No action taken.

LEAF
COLLECTION
SYSTEM

NEW BUSINESS

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

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but submitted a report stating the March BOR heard 30 petitions. Copies of the Boards decisions were mailed to the Petitioners and provided to the County. The required assessment reports have been submitted to the County and State. A copy of the L-4037s were submitted to the Twp. An electronic copy of the Township's assessing database was provided to the County. April is County Equalization month – the County reviews the Township's assessments/values. May is State Equalization month – the State reviews the County's numbers. Erhart will be on vacation from 4/12-4/18. When the snow is gone she will continue visiting parcels. The County did not want the paper 2016 assessment roll so it was returned to the Twp Clerk. The Treasurer has an updated electronic 2016 assessing database. She is working on a request regarding correcting property descriptions. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Bates Park Signage – A bid was received from Newman sign for hi density reflective signs for Bates Park – Sunset Lake. A motion was made by Wodzinski to accept the bid of \$1962. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BATES PARK
SIGNAGE

Bates Park/Sunset Lake Swim Raft – The Park Hosts stated that they had received numerous inquiries as to why the raft was not out last year. It was decided to fix the leak and put the raft out this year. Action to purchase a new raft will be tabled until next year. Also, Benson will look into the cost to get some iron grills from Raymond Iron and Metal.

BATES PARK
SWIM RAFT

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates Park Tractor – There was some discussion about getting an old tractor for the park to pull a trailer. Nothing fancy and it doesn't need a mower blade. Benson and Helgemo will research further.

PARK
TRACTOR

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

PROJECT
GRAD

WIC Fire Dept – The Tournament will be held in Iron River this year. A motion was made by Bobnock to contribute \$125 for the ½ page ad in the booklet with Bates Township Park information. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WIC FIRE
DEPT

Planning Commission Member – With the resignation of Mark Gasperini, the Board will seek to fill this position with a Township Resident.

PC MEMBER

U.P. Championship Rodeo – Supervisor Helgemo stated that it is important to support our community because it can affect the Township Residents. A motion was made by Bobnock to contribute \$50. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

UP RODEO

Memorial Day Ceremony – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve the refreshments budget of \$300. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Gail Passamani will Host along with other Volunteers.

MEMORIAL
DAY

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – There was some discussion on the Chicagon Mine Rd tank project and the possibility that the Twp might have to purchase water from Iron River City during the project. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Benson stated that the park cleanup has begun to prepare for opening of the season. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Lawnmowers – Benson requested that he be able to replace parts that he used to prepare the machines for the coming season. A motion was made by Bobnock to allow the purchase of parts at \$358. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to purchase 4 picnic tables @ \$180/each. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE /GUEST COMMENTS

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

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

Treasurer’s report for the month of April 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund: | \$ 158,852.41 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 146,796.65 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 304,223.33 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 309,468.50 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan stated that at the last meeting he encouraged Bates residents to volunteer for the County committees. He was happy to say that Mike Golas is on the Resource Council & Development. Also, with the passing of Joe Sabol his position will be filled with the November election. To be fair to the 4 people that are running for the position, the commissioners appointed a neutral individual to fill the vacancy until later this year. He stated that the County can now handles the sale of County acquired properties on a local level. Aspirus Iron River Health System wants a millage to help pay for the ambulance service. The ballot language is much clearer this time.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that we are waiting for some bids and working with the County on the graveling.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Wayne Koski was present and requested dust control on Parks Farm Rd (Bates Twp stretch). Helgemo will check with Hematite Twp to see if there can be a coordinated effort to get this done.

DUST CONTROL

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the contract was signed and the project will begin in late August. The DEQ required a permit and engineering. GEI provided these services at \$1000.

CHICAGON MN RD WATER TANK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there was 1 permit issued, 2 new inquiries, and he continues to work on the same violations. There was one new violation and he spoke with the Son-In-Law and the situation was resolved right away. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice due to medical reasons. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 6. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Veteran’s Memorial – Supervisor Helgemo said he was waiting to hear from the Engraver but that the job will be done by Memorial Day.

VETERANS MEMORIAL ENGRAVING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

GIS Mapping – The Township received a subsequent bid for the GIS mapping from Waisanen Assessing & GIA Mapping for a lesser amount than the bid received from GEI. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to rescind the vote to accept the bid from GEI and to accept the bid from Waisanen for \$5050. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / The GIS mapping is already on the website with continuing updates forthcoming. This will put the Township in compliance with State mandates.

GIS
MAPPING/

Bates Park Signage – Supervisor Helgemo stated that a bid was received from both Newman sign and Nicolet sign. He wants to talk to Nicolet to make sure the specs are the same. Action tabled until next meeting.

BATES PARK
SIGNAGE

Planning Commission Vacancy – An ad will be placed to try and fill the vacancy.

PC MEMBER

Memorial Day Ceremony – The program is coming together and Gail Passamani will be the Hostess at the Twp Hall for refreshments. The program will start at 8:00AM on Monday, May 30th at the cemetery.

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated he was made aware of a FOIA request to the Twp. No action necessary. There is nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but submitted a report stating that over the past month, herself, the Clerk and the Supervisor have addressed 7 FOIA requests related to assessing. There are 2 upcoming Tax Tribunal cases that will be held on the Crystal Falls Courthouse. Both cases are valuation disputes from 2015 BOR. She has been working with Waisanen on set up and the GIS interface. The Township 2016 database was approved by the County through the April Equalization process. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Township Audit – A motion was made by Nelson to accept the bid from DS Rostagno CPA PC for \$6750. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL
AUDIT

Windsor Center Resolution – A motion was made by Nelson to authorize a Resolution to put the ballot language on the ballot for the millage renewal. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WINDSOR
CTR BALLOT
LANGUAGE
/MILLAGE
RENEWAL

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Booster stations were removed, water pits were installed and a residential shutoff was repaired. / Sewer – Spring transfers were done. The samples were taken from the lagoon but the results are not back yet. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Will be mowed and ready for the Memorial Day Ceremony. / Park – The raft is ready to go. The outbuilding from the cemetery was moved to the park for storage. The estimate to do a sewer lateral from the showers to the camp host site is about \$400-\$500 for materials. The picnic tables are ordered. Friday the water will be turned on and the boat wash will be open in time for fishing season open. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE /GUEST COMMENTS

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Supervisor Helgemo stated that MERS has gone up to \$761/Mo.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 @ 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 – June 8, 2016 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 were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Atty Atanasoff; and Residents. Assr Erhart & County Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of May 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund: | \$ 154,862.57 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 149,706.96 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 316,420.66 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 279,271.05 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report. Contracts have been signed. Waiting on prices for gravel.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo checked with Hematite Twp and they will be doing dust control on Parks Farm Rd. The company from lower Michigan that we used in the past is no longer doing our area. If we do it this year we won’t do it again for a few years, with fresh gravel it should be ok. The county is real good our prepping the roads before dust control is done. PC Nelson how feasible is it to do dry chloride? Helgemo said it isn’t. A motion was made by Bobnock to dust control the 2 mile stretch of Parks Farm Rd in Bates Twp. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DUST CONTROL

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project will be done this fall.

CHICAGON MN RD WATER TANK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there was 6 permit issued, 2 new inquiries, and he continues to work on violations. There was a new complaint about a resident raising a pig where it wasn’t permitted but no violation was found. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice due to medical reasons. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 13. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

Planning Commission Vacancy – Still looking to fill the position. There was one inquiry but no applications received to date.

PC MEMBER

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but submitted a report stating that over the past month the Township prevailed in two tax tribunal cases. Erhart and Treasurer Nelson are preparing for tax season. She has been working with Waisanen on set up and the GIS mapping program. She needs new Twp truck signs/magnets. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

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

WESTSIDE
VETERANS

Iron County Fair Book Ad – A motion was made by Nelson to sponsor the fair with the minimum ad of \$60.90. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

IC FAIR

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Consumer confidence reports will be available in July. / A leak was repaired on Wagner Lake Rd. / A culvert was replaced on Sunset Lake Rd. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Prep work with begin for the new roads. / Park – The raft broke loose and had to be resecured. The picnic tables have arrived and are very nice. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

GUEST COMMENTS

ZA Oberlin stated that the GIS mapping on the website has made his job much easier.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 @ 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 – July 13, 2016 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 were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene; Atty Atanasoff; and Residents. Assr Erhart & County Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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 June 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund: | \$ 143,201.20 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 154,369.56 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 328,588.61 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 279,316.96 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated the prices were received on the gravel. Chip seal projects will begin around the end of July.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project is completed. Handy Andy was more expensive. MJ VanDamme Trucking Inc. held to the 2014 price of \$.52/gal. There was 17000 gallons used and Parks Farm Rd was done.

DUST CONTROL

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report.

CHICAGON MN RD WATER TANK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there was 2 permits issued, 2 new inquiries, and he continues to work on violations. There was no new violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice due to medical reasons. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 15. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Supervisor Helgemo stated the current estimate is about \$2000. Helgemo and Benson have been exploring the option/cost of having the Employees build the new signs. No action taken.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

Planning Commission Vacancy – Still looking to fill the position. There was one inquiry but no applications received to date.

PC MEMBER

Rogers Location Project – Supervisor Helgemo reviewed the project agenda and a bid received by Mike Willis to clear the rocks, fill, seed, mulch and turn the lots into a park like setting. After some discussion the Audience stated that they would like to see the project put out on bids. Benson stated that he would like to see the project completed because it will also keep trees from growing into the sewer system. Clerk Benson-Stafford will publish a call for bids. Tabled until next meeting.

ROGERS LOCATION PROJECT

BATES TOWNSHIP

July 13, 2016

Page Two

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated he submitted a letter to the Auditor which is done on an annual basis.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but submitted a report stating that over the BOR would meet on July 20th at 10:00am. The purpose of this meeting is to correct qualified errors and consider specific appeals as listed in her report. She requested that the Board pass Resolutions regarding the BOR July and December meeting dates. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

BOR July Resolution – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to pass a resolution that the July BOR will be held on the Wednesday following the third Monday in July. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

JULY BOR

BOR December Resolution – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to pass a resolution that the December BOR will be held on the Wednesday following the second Monday in December. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DECEMBER
BOR

Primary Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded that the Primary is Tuesday August 2, 2016. Polls will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm.

PRIMARY
ELECTION

Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance – Supervisor Helgemo and Clerk Benson-Stafford had attended presentations of this newly formed organization which is a proposed combination of the Iron County Chamber of Commerce and the Iron County EDC. There was much discussion and a review of their presentation materials. They were requesting \$3/capita support. Helgemo stated that he was very impressed but he added that he would like to see the County get behind and match the support of the municipalities. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve the support the organization with \$3/capita contingent upon an ICBC match. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ICECA

Tax Sale – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there is a parcel for sale that is available for anyone to bid on. If the Twp were to acquire the property we would own 11% of the 70 acre parcel. The parcel has been logged 2x in the past 30 years. We currently own a undivided interest in the parcel and this would add to that amount. The auction will be held at the Covington Twp hall. A motion was made by Nelson to allow Helgemo to go to the auction and bid up to \$1200 on the parcel. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LAND TAX
SALE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson will purchase some parts to have on hand for meters. – There was discussion about the pressure on Otto Rd. The Board noted that this needs to be resolved to comply with the DEQ pressure requirements. GEI will do the permit request at \$2200. The Engineers felt the proposed project would work but it will cost around \$15000. / **Sewer** – Due to lightening several lift stations had relay switches that were blown. – Manholes were being raised on Sunset Lake Rd in preparation for the new blacktop project. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Continued prep work is being done prior to blacktopping. / **Park** – The light sensors in the bathrooms had to be replaced. The picnic tables have arrived and are very nice. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Resident Mark F. Gasperini made a presentation regarding the ICRC and the gravel for the Hannah Webb area. He was wondering if the Township would be interested in a smaller pile for use on Township roads. At \$6.25/ton a 5000 ton pile would be \$31250 investment. Helgemo stated that he wants to see what the County will do. He stated that the roads are in their current condition because the County did not maintain them. Helgemo stated that he is not against the idea but he wants a clearer picture of how the County will handle it. No action taken.

GUEST COMMENTS

Treasurer Nelson stated that she has been getting complaints about lost water bills. She gave a sample of the potential type billing that she could do (8x10). This type of billing would involve envelopes. Bobnock stated that other municipalities use the same card style billing that Bates uses. Helgemo stated that it could be an advantage because then a newsletter could be inserted. Nelson will still investigate costs. No action taken.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 @ 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 – August 10, 2016 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 Trustee Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; PC Franzene; Atty Atanasoff; and Residents. Trustee Wodzinski, ZA Oberlin, Assr Erhart & County Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of July 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund: | \$ 110,742.83 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 158,224.22 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 342,873.67 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 248,105.35 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project is completed. The Bates portion of Ponozzo Rd will not be done until it’s been graveled.

DUST CONTROL

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report, the project will begin any day.

CHICAGON MN RD WATER TANK

Otto Road Waterline – Supervisor Helgemo stated that GEI indicated that this line will boost the pressure to the residents on the hill. The Township is currently working on funding for the project.

OTTO RD WTRLINE

Rogers Location – There was one bid to clean out the lots and make them into a lawn mowing condition. The bid from G & G was for \$9500. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept that bid. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / As a side note Mr. Reitmeyer (audience) questioned where Stambaugh Twp got the money to do the bike trail along Cty Rd 424. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the money came from the DNR grant. / Then there was a question as to where the money came from for the sidewalks along west US 2. Helgemo stated that was an MDOT project.

ROGERS LOCATION PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin was absent, Supervisor Helgemo reviewed Oberlin’s report. There were 0 permits issued, he answered questions for several people that are considering buying homes in the Township, he continues to work on violations. There were no new violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice due to medical reasons. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 15. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Discussion tabled until next meeting.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

Planning Commission Vacancy – Still looking to fill a vacancy.

PC MEMBER

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but submitted a report stating the July BOR went smoothly. In the last three months there were 3 illegal land splits. She gave an explanation of the process of land division. Clerk Benson-Stafford also mentioned that the Township was very grateful for BOR Member George Holm who had recently passed away. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Three Year Road Plan – Supervisor Helgemo presented the Board with the potential road plan that the County requests each year. It is subject to change. 2017- Single Chip Seal - Reiman Road, Rogers Location. Balance of Funds – Perch Lake Area. 2018 - Blacktop - Shoquist Road; Single Chip Seal -16 Road; Balance of Funds – Perch Lake Area. 2019 - Single Chip Seal - Forsberg Road, Demboski Road; Balance of Funds – Perch Lake Area.

3-YEAR
ROAD PLAN

Clean Kill – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to hire Clean Kill to spray the hall and shop for flies. Last year some hall renters experienced the flies landing in their food. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to have this done. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CLEAN KILL

Township Hall Floors - Clerk Benson-Stafford requested permission to have the Township Hall floored waxed and buffed to help preserve their life. A motion was made by Nelson to have this done by Advanced Clean Care. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

HALL
FLOORS
WAX-BUFF

Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance – Sheriff Mark Valesano and Adam Holroyd were present to give a brief overview of their progress so far. They stated that Stambaugh Twp was going to support the project with a \$3/capita. They thanked Bates Twp for their indicated support and encouraged everyone to come to a presentation that was going to be held at the Windsor Center on Monday August 15th.

ICECA

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said the tank project will start soon. / Sewer – The systems power relay upgrades were installed and it went well. 1 sewer motor blew a seal. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – The property line by Nalipi's was surveyed. Helgemo thanked Benson and the workers for their hard work. He stated the Township is lucky to have employees with their work ethic. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Project Graduation Thank You was received.
- IC MTA 3rd Qtr Mtg/Picnic is 8/11/16 at Bates Twp Park – Sunset Lake.

GUEST COMMENTS

There were several property Owner's present from the Perch Lake Assn, Winslow Lake and Hannah Webb area. Mike O'Brien spoke questioning how their tax dollars were being spent because the roads in their area are terrible adding that there has been a terrible job done grading the roads. Supervisor Helgemo

GUEST COMMENTS (cont'd)

stated that the board has brought this matter before the ICRC long before this. He explained that the ICRC has not had the money to fix the roads and that they are responsible for maintaining the roads. The Township will budget for major improvements and has been working on a deal to get gravel on Ponozzo Rd for a couple of years now. The problem has been that there hasn't been a "pit" in that area. Until now it was just not cost effective to bring gravel in from other areas. It is difficult to work with the Forest Svc and the Township has no control over Forest Service Rds. Gasser has working with the ICRC on a pit on his property near Winslow Lake. The Township needed assurance that the ICRC would be participating in getting work done on Ponozzo Rd. The County is supposed to put 10,000 tons gravel on Ponozzo Rd and the Township is kicking in 5000 tons. This has been a long battle. / Another property owner questioned snow plowing. Helgemo stated that is strictly handled by the ICRC. We can put a bug in their ear but both of these issues should be brought before the ICRC not the Township. These are issues for the ICRC the Township has no control over them even though the road is in Bates Township. Helgemo stated that the ICRC meets at 8:30am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at their office on Franklin St. in Iron River. He added that he has had numerous conversation with Doug Tomazoski about gravel on Ponozzo Rd. / Tom Haight from the Perch Lake Assn thanked the Township Board for passing zoning protection on Perch Lake. Helgemo stated that the Board enjoys reading the Perch Lake Assn news letter. / Terry Reed stated that he thinks that Ponozzo Rd is a designated Forest Svc Hwy and that there may be grant money available. He also suggested that maybe Houghton Cty and Iron Cty could join efforts although sometimes counties don't like to work together. Helgemo said that he would mention that to Tomazoski/ICRC. / Dave Reitmeyer had issues with the "grading" work being done. Also that 2149 needs to be brushed back. It's like its one lane. Helgemo again stated that these are all matters for the ICRC. Perhaps the Property Owners should make a complete list of their concerns and take them to the ICRC. Thad Sartorelli stated that he thought the Township was passing the buck to which Clerk Benson-Stafford and Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Township is not passing the buck. The roads are to be maintained and plowed by the ICRC. The Township doesn't own road equipment or plowing equipment for that purpose, these matters are handled by the ICRC. The Township continues to voice their concerns to the ICRC but he Property Owners should be doing the same. Judy Sensenbrenner stated that this has an economic effect on Iron County because it is easier to go to L'Anse than to Iron River because of the roads. Helgemo said that he did believe there would be an initial amount of gravel put on Ponozzo Rd yet this fall but that this was going to have to be a continued effort over the next couple of years. / Resident Brian Rippey questioned what the township's intentions were for the 4th St. – Bates Gaastra Rd lots. He stated that we didn't need another park because there was playground equipment at the school. He had concerns about a "loitering element." Helgemo stated that it is not intended to be a park with playground equipment and park benches. It is to clean the area up, keep a mowed lawn, and protect the lift station. They are not really buildable lots.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 @ 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 14, 2016 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 Wodzinski and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; PC Franzene & Nelson; ZA Oberlin; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm Brennan and Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of August 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund: | \$ 102,750.12 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 153,372.89 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 302,632.14 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 202,352.92 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present and stated that the County Board had met on 9/13. They are working on the 2017 budget. Currently the spending is higher than the revenues. He stated that the budget will be balanced for the October meeting for public review. He stated that the new County Administrator, Gene Smith, is doing a good job. There was discussion about whether or not to do a new plat book and if so should it be digital or print. He also stated that Bates Twp might want to consider promoting a designated date in August as “no lights in the park” so that the public can view the wonderful northern lights. He also stated that regarding the ICECA the ICBC is going through a 2 step process. First they will dissolve the EDC and then authorize the subcontractors at the October meeting. There is a fund balance of \$34000 from the old EDC.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Sunset Lake is a County project and is still a go.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo stated the due to the weather it appeared that Forsberg Rd had fresh dust control. It had not. However, it has held up really well this year.

DUST CONTROL

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project is completed. The project went smoothly and very few people were aware of it.

CHICAGON MN RD WATER TANK

Otto Road Waterline – Supervisor Helgemo stated the PRV pit at the corner of Sunset Lk Rd and US 2 will be moved past Otto Rd. The water pressure on Otto Rd will then meet DEQ requirements. FAI has been contracted.

OTTO RD WTRLINE

Rogers Location – The project is nearly done. There will be some final touches and then it will be seeded by 9/17.

ROGERS LOCATION PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 permits issued, he answered questions for several people. He continues to work on violations. There were no new violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice due to medical reasons. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 18. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates Park Signage – Discussion tabled until next meeting.

BATES PARK
SIGNAGE

Planning Commission Vacancy – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to appoint David Koski to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PC MEMBER

Board of Review – The Township will be accepting applications for 3 new Board of Review Members.

BOR
MEMBER

Zoning Board of Appeals – The Township is looking to fill a vacancy on the ZBA. There was an inquiry and Supervisor Helgemo stated we are waiting on a letter.

ZBA MEMBER

Norway Granite/Memorial – The Township was quoted \$150/name and the invoice came for \$250/name. They refuse to return calls. They finally responded to an email stating that this is the correct amount. Clerk Benson-Stafford will write a letter.

VETERANS
MEMORIAL

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report. He has been watching SOM actions regarding marijuana grow facilities.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was not a report submitted.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

L-4029 – A motion was made by Nelson to approve the 2016 Tax Rate request. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

I-4029

Master Plan – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there will be a public hearing before the Board approves. He stated that it's a very nice plan and the Board thanks the Planning Commission for all of their work.

MASTER
PLAN

Wheels for Wishes Website - Clerk Benson-Stafford will research this company a little more. They are looking to have their link on our website.

WEBSITE

Fire Prevention week – A motion was made by Bobnock to do an ad for \$42. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FIRE WEEK
AD

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said during the tank project the wheel valve had to be replaced. The project is complete and the tower should be good for another 18-20 years. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – There was discussion about building a small shed. Benson will research costs. / Park – The Hosts will leave 9/15. The fishing pier and the buoys will be pulled. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA – Thank you for support letter.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas will research the idea of the lights out night at the park so the public can view the northern lights.
- Mark Gasperini stated that things are moving ahead with the Forest Service and he was wondering what the Township was going to do for gravel. Helgemo stated that the Township will add 5000 tons this year.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 @ 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 – October 12, 2016 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 Wodzinski and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; PC Franzene & Nelson; ZA Oberlin; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm Brennan and Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of September 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund: | \$ 88,573.43 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 158,971.26 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 274,616.83 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 165,310.29 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present and stated that the County Board believes they have a very good Administrator with lots of experience. The Budget was approved on 10/11/16 and will available for public review. An Amendment was passed for loggers that want to use county trails. They typically leave them in better shape than when they started. The Board has been reviewing the BCBS insurance programs. Brennan encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He also stated that the ICRC has four candidates vying for 2 positions. It’s a tough job. There is no money available for roads and it is hard to meet the MERS obligation.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Master Plan – Steve Lasco with WUPPDR was present and gave an overview of what comes next. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve the “proposed” plan. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The plan will now have a 63 day review period and will be available on the Township’s website as well as WUPPDR handles the publishing requirements and notifies other municipalities. The public will have the opportunity to comment if they wish. One of the benefits of the Master Plan is it will give the Township an opportunity to apply for grants especially with the DNR.

MASTER PLAN PROPOSED

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Kellstrom Rd will be blacktopped soon. Regarding the Gasperini gravel pit, the ICRC is just waiting on the forestry paperwork.

ROAD PROJECTS

Otto Road Waterline – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project has been completed. The water pressure now is within the DEQ guidelines. The Township might want to revisit this in the future and put waterlines to the homes.

OTTO RD WTRLINE

Rogers Location – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the grass is now growing. There are some questionable rocks but the big area is looking nice. Water Super Benson added that now the Township won’t have to worry about the sewer lines. The purpose for clearing the lots was for easier maintenance.

ROGERS LOCATION PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 permits issued, he answered questions for several people. 1 new violation. He continues to work on old violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice due to medical reasons. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 20. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Tabled until a later meeting. A winter project.

BATES PARK
SIGNAGE

Board of Review – The Township will be accepting applications for 3 new Board of Review Members.

BOARD OF
REVIEW
CALL

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was not a report submitted.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

General Election - Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded everyone that the polls will be open on Tuesday November 8 at 7:00am-8:00pm.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– The office roof is losing its shingles on the east side. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – The COG will come in with its jettors to do a portion of Rogers Location. This is preventive maintenance. Also Benson should get some additional lift station parts in stock. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Decorations were removed. There is continued discussion about building-obtaining a small storage building. / Park – Closed for the season. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. Benson thanked the Board for the leaf blower. This will benefit the Township in the long run.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA – Thank you for support letter.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas said that Victoria Griffie is the lady looking for additional information for her book. She can be reached at sunsetlakepavilion@gmail.com. She is looking for input from anyone that might have information/photos to add to her project.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 @ 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 – November 9, 2016 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 Wodzinski and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; PC Franzene & Nelson; ZA Oberlin; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm Brennan; Pozniak-ZBA/BOR; Stolberg-WICFD and Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of October 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund: | \$ 80,828.95 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 131,389.60 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 274,717.46 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 165,338.37 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present and stated that the next County Board meeting would be 11/14. He commented that the Election Workers in Bates do a very good job. Nothing new to report.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Kellstrom Rd blacktop is complete just needs the shoulders done. After all the project invoices are paid there will probably be about \$8000 left in the road fund.

ROAD PROJECTS

Otto Road Waterline – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project has been completed but because the pressure was so good it created several leaks in the exiting line. L & H was in the area and gave a good price to bore so the line was replaced in that are only and the Otto Rd residents should be in good shape now.

OTTO RD WTRLINE

Rogers Location – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he noticed some rocks are popping up now after the rain. He suspects there will be a rock with fights in the spring.

ROGERS LOCATION PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 permit issued, he answered questions for several people. 1 new violation. He continues to work on old violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice due to medical reasons. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 21. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Tabled until a later meeting. A winter project.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

Board of Review – The Township will be accepting applications for 3 new Board of Review Members.

BOARD OF REVIEW

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Master Plan – The plan is in the middle of the review period. It is on the Twp website. Public comments should be in writing and addressed to the Planning Commission.

MASTER
PLAN

General Election Results – Clerk Benson-Stafford reviewed the results and stated that the Election Workers did an excellent job.

GENERAL
ELECTION
RESULTS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report. Commented that the road commission still needs to get an apron on the Sunset Lake Rd project.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was not a report submitted.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Children's Christmas Party – A motion was made by Nelson to approve a \$300 budget for the annual Children's Christmas party to be held at the Bates Hall on Saturday, December 10 from 11:30-1:00. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Benson-Stafford also gave thanks for the Christensen-Hernandez family who generously volunteers their time each year to make all the preparations and then hosts the event.

CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

WIC Fire Dept – Bates Twp Representative Jim Stolberg gave an overview of recent activities. He said that recently there have been conversations with Caspian-Gaastra joining the WICFD. He said they wanted to come in as "one" entity and they wanted to maintain keep their current building. There was some discussion. Stolberg just wanted an idea on how the Township would feel about the consolidation.

WIC FIRE
DEPT

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– The heavy rains flooded and destroyed the hall basement furnace. It was clear that the basement has had several flooding's per the water marks on the wall. The furnace was older and needed immediately replacement which was handled by Westphals. An insurance claim was filed. Waiting to hear if this will be covered. It was also noted that the foundation for the basement has some serious issues and is crumbling. This will need attention in the immediate future. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – Benson said that he was prepping the lagoon for winter shut down. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. Still investigating the cost of building-obtaining a small storage building. / Park – Closed for the season. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA – Thank you for support letter.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Bob Pozniak questioned if there was a noise ordinance. He also wanted to know the procedure to file a complaint on burn barrels and fireworks. The Twp has a nuisance ordinance. All complaints must be in writing.

COMMENTS

Clerk Benson-Stafford took a moment on behalf of the Township and the Board Members to thank both Supervisor Grant Helgemo and Trustee Al Wodzinski for their many years of service to the township. / Helgemo stated that he felt fortunate to have such a good board to work with as well as excellent employees. He recalled some of the stories from his early years when Nancy Nelson, Assessor at the time was so very helpful in helping him learn about the Township. / Wodzinski said that he really enjoyed his time serving and enjoyed working with everyone also.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, 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, December 14, 2016 @ 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 – December 14, 2016 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, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Atty Atanasoff; and Residents. Treasurer Nelson, Assr Erhart, County Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of November 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| General Fund: | \$ 58,013.76 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 168,677.67 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 267,036.21 |
| Road Fund: | \$ 165,365.55 |
| Liquor Law: | \$ |

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the ICRC had been paid for all invoices for 2016. / As part of the 3 yr road plan the Township plans on investing in gravel in the northern part of the township. Mark Gasperini was present and stated that if the Township wanted to increase gravel tonnage it will not be a problem. The material is there. He didn’t expect the crush date to happen before July. Historically it doesn’t happen before Memorial Day for sure. / Attorney Atanasoff stated that he talked with the Forest Service people and questioned them as to why if it’s a forest service road they don’t assist the county & townships. He was told funding is available. Oberlin asked Atanasoff to turn over the contact information to him. / Also, Oberlin stated that the County received additional funding so it is expected that the ICRC will complete an additional phase of Sunset Lake Rd this summer.

ROAD PROJECTS

Vinnedge Rd Waterline – There was much discussion about a waterline break. Property Owner Stanton was available. The Board told Stanton that it is never the Boards intention to just discontinue water service without notice to a property owner. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that it was not the Board intention to shut the water off immediately. The Board in the past has given property owners sometimes as much as 2 years notice to prepare for a well. Stanton stated that she can’t afford \$7500-\$10000 for a well and without water her property would lose value. Wtr Superintendent Benson stated that the line would have to go under the swamp. The cost could be about \$4000. Stanton stated that she could probably split the cost. A motion was made by Franzene to do the project with Stanton paying for 50% of the cost. The line would be replaced to the home. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

VINNEDGE RD WTRLINE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 new permits issued, he met with a person building a cabin near the Paint River that will begin in the spring. He is scheduled to meet with another property owner before year end to issue a new garage permit. 0 new violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice due to medical reasons. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 21. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates Park Signage – This is a winter project. Benson stated that he loved the first proposal that the township received from an outside Vendor. He will give the information to Oberlin to review. Tabled until a later meeting. BATES PARK SIGNAGE

Board of Review – The Township will be accepting applications for 3 new Board of Review Members. BOARD OF REVIEW

Master Plan – The plan is in the middle of the review period. It is on the Twp website. Public comments should be in writing and addressed to the Planning Commission. MASTER PLAN

Children's Christmas Party – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the party was a bigger success than previous years. The Board thanked the Christenson-Hernandez family for the great job that they did and for their continued service to the Township. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated he reviewed the policy for the Supervisor to act as the interim Zoning Administrator and there is no conflict. / He mentioned that there is a berm on the Bates School forest property and was stated that it could be hazardous. The Board stated that the school continues to feel that they own it so any problems should be directed to them. ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Clerk Benson-Stafford presented her report. She requested that the Board direct \$200 of the \$1440 invoice for additional services previously handled by the County to Treasurer Nelson for her additional time. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to pay Nelson \$200 and Erhart \$1240. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A copy of the Assessor report will be kept on file with the Clerk. ASSESSOR REPORT

MSB – Close Safety Deposit Box – A motion was made Benson-Stafford to authorize the closing of the Safety Deposit Box at Miners State Bank for lack of use. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. MSB – SAFETY DEP BOX

MSB – Change Authorized Users – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to file the requested paperwork with Miners State Bank listing the current/new account authorized signors. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. MSB – SIGNORS

Zoning Administrator – Supervisor Oberlin officially resigned at the Township's Zoning Administrator because of his new role as Township Supervisor. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to authorize Supervisor Oberlin to act as Interim Zoning Administrator until such time as a replacement is made. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. / Clerk Benson-Stafford will publish a call for a qualified Zoning Administrator. ZONING ADMIN WANTED

PC Member Franzene Resign/Reappointed – Trustee Franzene officially resigned as a Planning Commission Member. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to appoint Franzene to the Planning Commission as the Township's Liaison Member. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. / Clerk Benson-Stafford will publish a call for a qualified Planning Commission Member. PLANNING COMM WANTED

Township Hall Foundation – Supervisor Oberlin wanted to alert the Board that the hall foundation is in serious deterioration. This issue will need to be addressed immediately in the spring. HALL BASEMENT

Hall/Shop Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin is working with Wtr Superintendent Benson to price out LED lighting for the hall/shop. Tabled until next meeting. This could be a substantial savings to the Township. LED LIGHTING

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Employee Christmas Bonus – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to give the fulltime Employee a \$150 bonus and the part-time Employees a \$100 bonus. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHRISTMAS
BONUS

UPSET – A motion was made by Bobnock to support with community program with \$400. Supported by Oberlin. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

UPSET

2017 Iron Belle Trail – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to issue a letter of support to Crystal Falls Township for the Iron County Heritage Trail Group. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

2017 IRON
BELLE TRAIL

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–It was also noted that the foundation for the basement has some serious issues and is crumbling. This will need attention in the immediate future. / Water – A leak will be repaired on Anderson Rd. / Sewer – Benson said that he was in need of some seals. The Board approved the purchase of this inventory. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Closed for the season. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

GUEST COMMENTS

- Chris & Lisa/ Bates Twp Residents on Parks Farm Rd came to present their case to the Board. Because of their location they have to use an Amasa mailed address. They wanted to the Board to authorize the portion of Bates Twp that they live on to be somehow connected to Hematite Twp so that they could feel a part of their community. They also wanted to address their road condition and wanted to know what the Township would be doing about that. The Board stated that it is the County's responsibility to gravel the road. The Township can/does provide dust control. They were also told that it will never happen where Bates will turn over the portion of Bates Twp to Hematite Twp. That is just not feasible. They also wanted to know why their Bates Twp taxes were more than their neighbor's taxes that lived in Hematite Twp.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____