

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – January 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Nelson-PC; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm Brennan; Mike Golas-Sunset Lk Assn; and Residents. Assr Erhart was 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 December 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 89,219.51
Sewer Fund:	\$ 173,111.48
Water Fund:	\$ 276,613.47
Road Fund:	\$ 88,101.29
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present and gave an overview of the upcoming Larson Park Select Cut Timber Harvest which is part of the managed forest program that the county is doing. There will be 320 acres harvested. There will be no revenues passed through to the municipalities but the revenues will have a separate fund so that the county can monitor income/expenses. / The County Administrator is one of 2 Iron County people on the National Assn of County Boards board. There will be information published soon about prescription/dental/eye plans offered at lower rates to the public. / Mapping Solutions has been chosen to do the new County Plat book. / Of the nearly \$10,000,000 in 2016 County Building Permit projects Bates had \$1.3 million.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Oberlin stated that it has been confirmed that this summer the ICRC will be doing 2 phases of the Sunset Lake Rd project which will go as far as Section 16 Rd. / Oberlin had a conversation with the ICRC regarding Ponozzo Rd and any Forest Service grant would have to be initiated by them. At this time they have been working on a grant for Ottawa Lk Rd. In essence, if there were two grant requests they would compete with each other.

ROAD PROJECTS

Vinnedge Rd Waterline – Supervisor Oberlin stated that in the process of beginning the project it was discovered there was a problem with a PRV in the home. This problem has been resolved and the home has good pressure. The Township did not have to move forward with the repair of the waterline. Benson stated that a waterline in this condition and because of it’s location will need to be addressed in the future. Oberlin agreed that it would be a project for better weather.

VINNEDGE RD WATERLINE

Anderson Rd Waterline – Supervisor Oberlin and Wtr/Swr Super Benson gave an overview of the Anderson Rd waterline. At this time 4 homeowners are being serviced through and old 4” line that turns to a 2” line and runs through the swamp. There is a much newer 8” line that runs alongside Anderson Rd. The old line has had numerous repairs. Oberlin asked Board Members to review the material and come to the next meeting with ideas as to how we should move forward on this matter. Typically the homeowner is responsible for the cost/maintenance of the waterline from their structure to the Township’s waterline main. Because there is a good waterline in the area it would not be recommended that the residents be cut off and have to seek their own wells. Proposals will be addressed at the February meeting.

ANDERSON RD WATERLINE

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 new permits issued, 0 new inquires, 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. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 0. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Tabled until next meeting.

BATES PARK
SIGNAGE

Board of Review Member – The Township will be accepting applications for 2 new Board of Review Members. We have 1 new Member.

BOARD OF
REVIEW

Master Plan – There were some issues with the plan that was provided by WUPPDR for publishing. There were parts of the plan with inaccurate information. Still waiting on WUPPDR to provide a corrected updated version. Treasurer Nelson stated that we should get a discount. It was a general feeling that the meetings that the PC had with WUPPDR lacked organization. Oberlin will be discussing this with PC Chairperson to get an update for the next meeting.

MASTER
PLAN

PC Member – Supervisor Oberlin has a person that was going to consider the PC but is now giving further consideration to the Zoning Administrator position. Tabled until next meeting. The Board is still seeking a Member.

PLANNING
COMM
WANTED

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Helgemo is still exploring costs to make the change. Tabled until the next meeting.

LED
LIGHTING

NEW BUSINESS

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

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was no report provided.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Tax Settlement – S. Littleton – Supervisor Oberlin stated that at the March BOR a matter was brought up that Sheena Littleton had purchased a home with a true cash value of \$46000 but she paid \$35000. Assessor Erhart recommended that the Twp settle because it would be unlikely that the Twp would prevail in this matter before the Tax Tribunal. The Twp proposed a new cash value of \$37,378 which Littleton accepted. Littleton will pay the \$25 filing fee. The matter is settled.

TAX
SETTLEMENT
- LITTLETON

ICECA Update - Mike Stafford was present from the ICECA to give an update on the progress of the organization. They are still waiting for the contract from the County. They hope to interview candidates for the Executive Director soon.

ICECA
UPDATE

Employee Policy – There was some discussion and clarification of the policy. Supervisor Oberlin stated that the eligibility for vacation time should accrue from “hire date to anniversary date” not the “calendar year.” A motion was made by Oberlin to make that change in the policy. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE
POLICY

Ironline – No representative. No action taken.

IRONLINE

UPLOGON Tower Rental – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she will issue the invoice for \$1500 for the tower rental with no changes from the previous year.

UPLOGON

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report./ **Water** – A leak was repaired on Demboski Rd on Christmas Eve. The repair took 7 hours. / **Sewer** – Benson said that he had problems with the Christensen lift station. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Closed for the season. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

GUEST COMMENTS

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of January 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit. / Supervisor Oberlin noted that the Board approved amending the budget to pay off the Sewer Lift Station loan in full thereby saving the township approximately \$25000 of interest over the remaining life of the loan. The sewer fund now has no debt.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 122,893.72
Sewer Fund:	\$ 176,084.28
Water Fund:	\$ 290,932.09
Road Fund:	\$ 132,931.06
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report at this time. His initial thought this year is to put funding into gravel for up north and save the rest for 2018 projects, however this will be reviewing closer to spring.

ROAD PROJECTS

Anderson Rd Waterline – The Board discussed a couple of options regarding a resolution to the current waterline that has continuous breaks. One option is for each of the homeowners to put in their own waterlines that will go out to the new 8” main. Another option is to run a main off of the 8” and bring it closer to the 4 residents and they can tap into that. Another option is to turn over the current line to the residents and they would be responsible for all future waterline repairs. At one time the land was all owned by one party. Action is tabled and there will be some research on easements. Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to see the township upgrade slowly as opposed to taking on large projects with debt. Once all options are detailed out then the township will approach the owners for their input.

ANDERSON RD WATERLINE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 new permits applications. 1 granted, 1 denied – they are considering asking for a variance. 1 new inquiry, 1 new violation. 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 2017 = 1. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – There was some discussion about the need for detailed signage. Trustee Franzene stated that he thought the signs were too much money and that the Board should just look at universal markers indicating boat launch, park, etc. Benson stated that currently one of the signs is just held together with a strap. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Board of Review Member – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to appoint three new BOR Members: Jane Adams, Judy Girard & Bonnie Puskala. Supported by Franzene. All Ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTEES

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Chairperson Tom Kniivila was very frustrated with WUPPDR and the results of the Master Plan. WUPPDR is currently reworking the plan.

MASTER PLAN

PC Member – Supervisor Oberlin made a motion to appoint David Gutowski to the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMM APPOINTEE

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the estimate to go to LED lighting would probably be around \$575. Action is tabled until the new fiscal year.

LED LIGHTING

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report. He reiterated previous conversations regarding Gibbs North Rd, grant money and the ICRC.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was no report provided.

ASSESSOR REPORT

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report./ Water – A leak was repaired Kellstrom Rd & Wickstrom Rd. / Sewer – The Salo lift station continues to have issues. There was discussion that a new pump motor could be \$6000. Benson said that he should have a spare. More research will be done. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Closed for the season. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

GUEST COMMENTS

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 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 – March 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm Brennan and Residents. Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of February 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 157,599.32
Sewer Fund:	\$ 84,721.09
Water Fund:	\$ 285,505.51
Road Fund:	\$ 139,994.02
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan stated that things are quiet at the courthouse. Currently the Board is waiting to what the cost of the murder trial was. The jury fees came to about \$12000 and that has been paid.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

ROAD PROJECTS

Anderson Rd Waterline – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there is nothing new to report at this time. No action taken. Research is still being done. Tabled until next meeting.

ANDERSON RD WATERLINE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 3 new permits issued. 0 new inquiries. 0 new violation. 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 2017 = 5. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – No action taken. Research is still being on. Tabled until next meeting.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated a new Master Plan draft was just emailed to the Planning Commission for review. The original WUPPDR person that was assigned to work with us is no longer with WUPPDR. He didn't do the job correctly. Once the PC approves the draft, it will be published for public review & comment and the 63 day period will begin.

MASTER PLAN

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that it has been determined that some of the “fixtures” may have to be changed therefore the original estimate of \$575 may increase by approximately \$300. Action is tabled until the new fiscal year.

LED LIGHTING

Board of Review Member – Supervisor Oberlin gave a reminder that the Board of Review dates are March 15th & March 17th.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Sewer Motor Project – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Ed found some old pumps and although they had been sitting outside in the elements since 2010 it appears that a few of them can be refurbished. This could result in a savings to the township bringing the original estimate of buying new down from \$20000 to maybe \$10000-\$13000.

SEWER MOTOR PROJECT

NEW BUSINESS

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

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was no report provided.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Insurance Audit – Supervisor Oberlin stated that with the recent annual audit by the Insurance Company everything looks good in the township. There was one recommendation that was not mandatory, just a suggestion that the township consider doing “new hire background checks.” This would not apply to Elected Officials or anyone already working for the Township. Treasurer Nelson thought that was a good idea. A motion was made by Nelson to start doing “new hire background checks” effective with the next new hire. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

INSURANCE
AUDIT –
NEW HIRE
BACKGRND
CHECKS

Board Salary Resolutions – Board Members did not request any salary increases for themselves. A motion was made by Nelson to increase the part time employees by \$.75/hour and full time employee by \$.69/hour.

SALARY
RESOLUTION

Township Property – A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to give the Township Board the authority to sell township property. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP
PROPERTY
RESOLUTION

Deposit Resolution – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to continue to keep/use the accounts that the township currently has through the Miners State Bank and First Merit Bank nka Huntington Bank. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

DEPOSIT
RESOLUTION

Budget Amendment – A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to do a final amendment the 2016-2017 budget. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BUDGET
AMENDMENT

GEI Scan Project – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the bid to scan the old minutes and books from the early township days was for \$1500 or \$1800 with individual pdfs. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the Township has a responsibility to preserve this information and technology now allows it to be saved on computers. A motion was made by Nelson to accept the bid of \$1800 allowing more separated details of the files. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

GEI SCAN
PROJECT

Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the budget will be Tuesday, March 28th at 5:00pm at the Township Hall immediately followed by the Annual Meeting to approve the budget. Copies of the budget will be available for public review.

BUDGET
HEARING

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Closed for the season. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

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GUEST COMMENTS

Mike Golas stated that there will be a meeting April 13th at 6:30pm at Bay College in Iron Mountain. The topic is Conversations & Coffee with DNR Fisheries Division. Interesting information about surveys of the fish. / The 2017 Michigan Lake and Stream Associations' Annual Conference will be held April 21-22 in Thompsonville. Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program training will be held on May 3 at the Windsor Center. This is a free event. They will train people on how to help protect your favorite lake. Volunteers have been doing this on Perch Lk for about 6-7 years, Hannah Webb – 3 yrs., Lake Mary about 15 years. This year Winslow, Sunset, Chicagoan and Emily Lakes have been added to the list.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Franzene to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 @ 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 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; PC- Nelson; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm Brennan; M. Golas, Sunset Lk Assn and Residents. Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of March 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Oberlin. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 167,864.50
Sewer Fund:	\$ 88,844.57
Water Fund:	\$ 271,620.75
Road Fund:	\$ 178,303.62
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan reviewed a couple of things before the recent County Board one of which was the County budgeted \$15000 to give to UPSET for more education and law enforcement. Brennan has deep concerns regarding the drug abuse and deaths. He believes that more education is the answer, not necessarily more law enforcement. He stated it is sad that a large percentage of the current inmate population are women that have children. / He stated that Indian Lake has had water level problems since 2011. The County has lent money on this matter. There will be a special assessment added to the taxpayer’s bill to cover the cost to correct the matter. / Crystal Falls Twp has the leadership on the Heritage Trail expansion.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Oberlin stated that we are waiting on the start of the rock crushing season to have work done on Ponozzo Rd. Currently there is a washout north of the Block House Rd, use caution if you’re heading in that direction. Also, he requested bids from the ICRC on the following roads for the Board to review: West Park Drive; Thunander Rd from Section 22 Road to past Erickson’s; and seal coat on Section 16 Road.

ROAD PROJECTS

Anderson Rd Waterline – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

ANDERSON RD WATERLINE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 4 new permits issued. 1 new inquiries. 0 new violation. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 9. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he received a bid of \$1400 from a different company. The original bid from Newman Signs was \$1962. Since that bid was a year old and had expired he requested a new bid from them. Since last year they have new printing equipment which substantially reduced the original bid down to \$847.66. A motion was made by Franzene to accept this bid from Newman Sign Company and order the signs. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Mike Golas questioned if there would be a replacement sign at Section 16 & Bates Amasa Rd? Oberlin stated maybe in the future. It wasn’t quoted in the bid.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Planning Commission reviewed the most recent draft at their meeting on March 27th. They have given the changes to WUPPDR and will meet again on May 8th. Once the Master Plan is presented to the Board the 63 day period for public review and comment will begin.

MASTER PLAN

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is researching whether or not the Township would be eligible for a rebate. Action is tabled until the next meeting.

LED LIGHTING

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he had a meeting with the Superintendent of Schools and there is some interest in turning over the Bates School to Bates Township. Currently the Head Start wants to stay on as Renters. In the near future the hospital will be pulling out to go into their \$13,000,000 addition at Ice Lake. Currently Head Start is doing a \$20,000 renovation to the bathrooms. There is a yearly boiler inspection that needs to be done but maybe the cost of that could be handled as part of the Head Start rental agreement. The school will probably need a roof soon. Oberlin stated that the taxpayers of Bates Twp built that building through their tax dollars. About 8 years ago it was on the table and the Residents at that time expressed their opinion that they would like the Township to get the building returned to Bates. Bates Township also purchased the school forest from the DNR back in the 1940's and the Township would like to get that back and perhaps use it for education and nature trails. A motion was made by Franzene for Oberlin to continue discussions with the West Iron County Public Schools and to try and get ownership of the Bates School. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes.

BATES SCHOOL ACQUISIT.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was no report provided.

ASSESSOR REPORT

May 2nd Special Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded everyone that there will be an election on Tuesday, May 2. The polls will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm. There is one question on the Bates Twp ballot regarding the school millage sinking fund. If anyone needs an absent voter ballot they should get and complete an absent voter application as soon as possible.

MAY 2ND – SPECIAL ELECTION

Road Millage Renewal – Board Members reviewed the ballot language for a renewal of the Twps 2 mills for roads as follows "PROPOPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR BATES ROAD REPAIR MILLAGE RENEWAL REQUEST: In 2014 (2014 through 2017) the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Bates Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution for Bates Township was increased by 2 mills (\$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for township road improvements, repair and maintenance. This millage increase, approved by the voters in 2014 will expire. Shall the present tax rate in Bates Township be renewed at 2 mills (\$2 per \$1000 of taxable value) for road improvements, repair and maintenance for the years 2018 through 2021, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$ 100,453.58? (This is a renewal of the Bates Township road repair millage of 2 mills).[] Yes[] No. A motion was made by Oberlin to approval the language for a ballot to go before the voters at a Special Election on August 8, 2017 for a renewal request of the 2 mills exclusively for roads. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD MILLAGE / 2 MILL RENEWAL

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NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Rostagno & Haukkala, CPAs, PC Audit Bid – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to accept the Rostagno & Haukkala CPA's bid of \$6750 for the annual 2016-2017 audit. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. Supervisor Oberlin stated that next year he might like to seek bids from other firms. We still may retain Rostagno & Haukkala even if they're a higher bidder, he just would like to see where the bid prices come in at.

AUDIT BID

Cemetery Bulletin Board – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to budget up to \$1000 to purchase an enclosed bulletin board for the cemetery which will have the maps and names posted on it. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CEMETERY BULLETIN BOARD

Cemetery Outbuilding – Tabled until the next meeting / waiting on more information.

CEMETERY OUTBUILDG

Memorial Day Ceremony/Budget – A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to budget \$300 (same as previous years) for the Memorial Day Ceremony refreshments. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Gail Passamani has graciously volunteered to Host the event. The Township is very grateful for her services and for her helpers.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Swim Raft Ladder – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to purchase an aluminum retractable ladder for \$276 for the park swim raft. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

SWIMRAFT LADDER

Project Graduation – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to support the event with a \$50 contribution. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

PROJECT GRAD.

UP Rodeo – A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to support the event with a \$50 contribution. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

UP RODEO

Clean Kill – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that although the Board approved having Clean Kill spray last year, they were not able to schedule us. A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to approve Clean Kill to spray the hall & shop. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. All Ayes. Motion carried.

CLEAN KILL

Township Attorney – Supervisor Oberlin and Township Attorney Atanasoff discussed relieving Attorney Atanasoff from monthly meeting attendance. This would reduce the legal fees to the township. All agreed and Atanasoff stated that there was no need to pay a retainer fee. It is understood that he is still retained as the Township Attorney. A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to retain Atanasoff as the Township Attorney with no retainer fee required. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Benson has continued to monitor the Hall basement and to date there hasn't been more than 2" of water. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Benson stated that in the next few days he will begin the lagoon transfers and White Water will be sampling. There have been a couple of new issues with the lift stations. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Work will begin to get the park opened for the season and the Park Hosts should arrive around the early part of May. The Township will provide a washing machine for them in lieu of a stipend increase. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

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GUEST COMMENTS

- Glen Warrvik representing the Bearded Apple was present and made a presentation regarding their business plan. He stated that they are a nonprofit business and they have been part of the community for several years and that they incubate businesses and train them up. They are trying to do more retail outreach to try and help get the buildings in the community get filled with businesses. Their interest is to purchase the Bates School. They are especially interested in the kitchen and the additional space of the building would allow them to continue with their business plan for the future. Oberlin stated that as far as purchasing the building goes, again it was the Bates Twp residents that paid for the building and they would like the building turned back over to the authority of the Township and the Board is going to pursue that. Mike Golas interjected that maybe it would be good hear out the proposal that the Bearded Apple has. Oberlin stated that yes, in no way did he want to indicate that the Township wouldn't be willing to work with their organization because perhaps the Township could, but that to be clear the Bates Twp board is going to pursue ownership of the Bates School. Clerk Benson-Stafford asked what businesses have they incubated so far and Warrvik responded that they incubated Contrast Coffee, Mission Arabica, the Northern Grocery Coop and that they were currently working with another business but at this time it was still confidential. Oberlin asked if they would have interest in renting the kitchen from the Township. Warrvik indicated that they would pursue purchasing the building because they find it easier to conduct business if they don't have to be under the authority of any board.
- Basketball Court / Park – Larry Nelson asked if the Township could resurface the basketball court at the park.

INVOICE APPROVAL

Treasurer Nelson asked the Board if she could forgive a water bill of \$200. A Buyer purchased a home and upon his arrival the waterline had broken inside the upstairs of the home and had flooded the lower and upper level with water. It is a substantial loss and the home owner was asking the Township to forgive the bill. It was noted that sometimes in the winter months residents are allowed to let run.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 @ 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 – May 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; PC- Nelson; County Comm Brennan; E. Schmidt, ICRC; J. Stolberg, WIFD; and Residents. Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of April 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 174,428.07
Sewer Fund:	\$ 93,088.61
Water Fund:	\$ 287,576.66
Road Fund:	\$ 185,470.66
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan stated that the County Board had met on 5/9/17. The new County Administrator has had much experience in previous counties with a free discount prescription car. This will soon be available to Iron County residents. / Brennan stated that there are 33 properties in the County that are 3 years behind in tax payments. Of the 33 probably ½ of the properties should be torn down. These properties will be coming up on auction. The State will get the first opportunity to bid followed by the municipalities and the County will be 3rd. The auction is slated for 8/26/17 at LVD casino. / Reminder that the senior citizen center millage will be on the August ballots. / A resident stated that many tax payers were not happy that a millage went to a private ambulance firm.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Oberlin stated the chip seal bids are not out yet, maybe the week of May 15th. He was looking to have Rogers Location chip sealed and blacktop on Thunander Rd to Section 14 Rd; and Section 14 Road down the hill maybe. Also the road restrictions will be lifted at 6:00am Friday the 12th. He stated that the township is planning to do dust control as it is normally done. Wayne Koski requested dust control on Parks Farm Rd. He stated that the Bates portion of the road held up better than the Hematite Twp portion and that the road needs another good year of dust control to really make a difference Greg Lund stated that the last couple of years it seemed that dust control went down first on Erickson Rd and then the county graded it which made the dust control useless. Brian Rippey stated that he doesn’t want the township to do chip seal in the Rogers Location. It has sharp edges, the texture is terrible and right now the roads surface is smooth from the blacktop. He said that he has heard complaints about the Bates Gaastra Rd. People are not happy with the chip seal that was done. / Oberlin also stated that the County match for roads increased by \$5000 from \$10000 to \$15000.

ROAD PROJECTS

Anderson Rd Waterline – The Board made a decision to hold a special meeting at 5:30 on June 14 to meet with the Residents so that options can be discussed and a decision can be made regarding the leaking 2” line.

ANDERSON RD WATERLINE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 new permits issued. 1 new inquiries. There was a zoning fine for a building without permits. The Assessor alerted that there were 3-4 new violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 11. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk. / Oberlin stated that on recent property visits (mandated by the State) the Assessor has found properties where home owners have put up buildings without going through the permit process. He stated that it is much cheaper to get the permit because the fines can be large, especially from the County. PC Nelson questioned what happens when the property is sold if the structures are discovered after the property was sold, you can fine the new owner. Oberlin said that was correct.

ZONING
UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Supervisor Oberlin stated the signs will be delivered around 5/11/17.

BATES PARK
SIGNAGE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Jerry at WUPPDR has the final revisions made by the PC. He will get the final draft to us shortly. Then the 63 day review period will begin.

MASTER
PLAN

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated the estimate comes to \$1145 but there is a rebate incentive of \$473 available leaving a cost of \$672. Plus there should be a dramatic savings in the power bills. A motion was made by Nelson to purchase the bulbs and fixtures. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LED
LIGHTING

Cemetery Outbuilding – A motion was made by Bobnock to purchase an 8x12 maintenance free metal outbuilding W/roll up door from Lato for \$2300. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / A building was available from Forslund for \$1800 but it still needed to be painted and it had swinging doors and not a rollup door. / Benson stated that he will get some 3" blocks and some gravel to level the area for the building.

CEMETERY
OUTBLDG

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he presented the W IC School Board with a letter of the Township's possible intentions if they were to acquire the school building. He also told them that the Township would like the forest back also. This was a result of the Superintendent reaching out to the Township stating that this could be a possibility. Resident Jim Stolberg voiced some concerns wondering what the advantage would be for the Township to get the building back as well as how much money would be needed to maintain or repair the building. He stated that he is not happy that the resident's continue to support the Windsor Center with a millage. Resident Ernie Schmidt stated that he isn't happy about the Windsor Center millage either. The idea was for the Windsor Center to sustain itself after the initial investment from the municipalities, however Schmidt would like to see the Township get the school back. Oberlin stated that at this time the school income is a little more than the expenses. When the hospital classes move out the ISD/Headstart income will break even. They want to stay long term. They are currently investing \$20000 in bathroom upgrades. Greg Lund stated that the Township should get the forest back, package deal. The grant money that was supposed to be for the roof was used on a different project and moved with the Early Childhood Education program up to the school campus. Stolberg stated that he would rather put the millage on the Bates School and not the Windsor Center. Oberlin stated that most residents have indicated that they would like to see the Township reacquire the building. Employee Benson said that it would be wise for the Township to get the building so that they would have control over what happens to the building.

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates School Acquisition (cont'd) - Supervisor Oberlin stated that the research indicates that in 1957 Bates took out a bond millage and paid for the school. Even when the consolidation occurred Bates residents continued to pay off that loan and each municipality did the same for their loans. The loans did not consolidate.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was no report provided.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Assessor Contract – The Assessor’s contract expires June 30th. A motion was made by Franzene to put a call for bids in the paper. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Benson-Stafford will make sure to let Assessor Erhart know so that she can submit a proposal.

ASSESSOR
CONTRACT

Park Changing House – There was one bid received. A motion was made by Oberlin to accept the bid from Stik Bilt Construction for \$6350. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The insurance would cover up to \$7000.

PARK
CHANGE
HOUSE

4th Street Corner/Rogers Location – Resident Brian Rippey presented the Board with a petition signed by 12 families from the Rogers Location that requested that the Township not spend any more money on the cleared area between 3rd & 4th Streets. They are against a park, picnic tables or any devices placed on the land, as it will be a draw to the area for more trash being dumped along the road. As Rogers Location residents we are aware of the traffic patterns of the area and the additional types of traffic a park area would result in. The location could also use additional street lighting instead of a park. It was suggested in the future the residents could be polled through utility billing. Employee Benson stated that there were root issues and with the sewer lift station located there this was the best way to prevent sewer lift station issues. The Board told Rippey that it was not intended to be a park and this Board had no intentions of making it such. The Clerk will keep a copy of the petition on file.

4th ST
CORNER-
ROGERS

Cemetery Information Center – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to budget up to \$1000 to purchase an enclosed bulletin board for the cemetery which will have the maps and names posted on it. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CEMETERY
INFORMATI
ON CENTER.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Shop – A motion was made by Oberlin to purchase a Husqarvana chain saw for \$750. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to authorize Benson to purchase \$400 of lawnmower parts inventory and 4 picnic tables @ \$169/each. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. – The park is being prepped for opening. The park Hosts should be in town next week. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Street Lights** – Oberlin asked Board Members to review the street light for the next meeting to see if the \$8000/yr costs could be reduced. \$8000/year.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Aspirus Ground Breaking on Thursday, May 25th at 11:00.

GUEST COMMENTS

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 @ 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 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; PC- Nelson; Assr Erhart; Brad & Pat – Park Hosts; Jim Stolberg, WIFD; Residents. County Comm Brennan was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of May 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 151,549.56
Sewer Fund:	\$ 89,653.24
Water Fund:	\$ 302,748.25
Road Fund:	\$ 185,502.17
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Wagner Lake Rd - Supervisor Oberlin stated that we received a blacktop bid for the final mile of this road. Stambaugh Twp is planning to finish the road in their municipality. Wtr Superintendent Benson expressed some concerns because of the waterline. It is an older line and if we need to fix breaks it could damage new blacktop. It is a mile of waterline. Action is tabled for further discussion.

ROAD PROJECTS/
WAGNER LK

Ponozzo Rd – The original contact person for the Vendor was released from the company and the new contact person had no idea there was a job to do for Iron County. The project was supposed to begin in spring. Now the crushing has been pushed back until fall because of the Vendor which means the gravel might not get on the road until next year. Supervisor Oberlin will let the Perch Lake Assn know as soon as he receives more definitive information from the road commission.

PONOZZO RD

Chip Seal – The estimates to do West Park Dr., East Park Dr., Section 16 Rd & Sec 22 Rd came in at about \$45000 (8/10's of a mile). We may drop Sec 22 Rd because of the budget. Oberlin stated that the County says that the chip seal extends the life of the road 5-10 years. The ICRC will match up to \$15000 on the project.

CHIP SEAL PROJECTS

Dust Control – Oberlin stated that this was scheduled for 6/23 but the County needs more time to grade the roads so this has been pushed out until 6/29. The County will fix Erickson Rd.

DUST CONTROL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 3 new permits issued. 1 new inquiries. 0 new violations. Continuing to work with old violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 13. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated there was nothing new to report.

MASTER
PLAN

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the supplies should arrive within the next week or so.

LED
LIGHTING

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report. There are several scenarios as to how this could work. The majority of the school board is in favor of the Township acquiring the building.

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was present and gave her report. There were two cases that could go to the Tax Tribunal from the March BOR but the Township settled one case and the other had a hearing in May and was dismissed by the MITT. / July 19th is the next BOR meeting. / Erhart found some structures that have been built and were not on the assessment rolls. / The AMAR follow-up meeting will be July 25th at 1:30pm in Watersmeet. She encouraged one or more of the board members to come. Oberlin stated that he will be there. / Erhart stated that she is implementing a safer practice regarding address changes to the tax roll. They will no longer be accepted by telephone calls. They must be written requests.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Assessor Contract – There was some discussion as to the terms of the contract. A motion was made by Oberlin to accept a 5 year renewable contract subject to annual reviews; pending a final review of the contract and it's terms. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR
CONTRACT

DNR Grant / Bates Rec Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated he was contacted by the Basso's who had an interest in updating. They stated that they also had experience helping entities with various projects and they were aware of another municipality that acquired a school building and received a grant to work on the building. Our current rec plan is expired and would need to be updated in order to be eligible for the grants. A motion was made by Nelson to authorize Oberlin to contact GEI to get an estimate of what it would cost to update our current plan since they were involved with the first plan. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

DNR
GRANT/REC
PLAN

Summer Tax Collections – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to have Treasurer Nelson collect the summer taxes on behalf of the schools with the same terms that have been in place for over a decade. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUMMER TAX
COLLECTION

Park Pavilion Rentals/ Park Hosts – Brad & Pat Nicholson were present to give a report on the park. / The geese are a big problem. The Board has allowed the purchase of an environmentally friendly spray for the grass to see if that will keep them away. / There has been a couple of incidents where people don't want to use the boat wash. Oberlin stated that they should call the Police and not put themselves in harm's way. / Some of the campsites can get unsightly if there isn't a time limit to at least get the site mowed. The State parks have 7 day limits. / The last wedding pavilion rental went well, there were no problems and no damage. However, there could be issues with music being too loud, and the setup-tear down of the tent. It was determined that the charge will be daily for each day the tent is up. There will need to be an equivalent security deposit and a contract signed. / Campsites – Trustee Franzene stated that he would like to see more campsites. Ed/Jon and Franzene will make a plan. Jim Stolberg said it is a good idea for a time limits staying at a campsite. Clerk will check with Health Dept on campground limits/requirements with restrooms.

PARK
PAVILION
RENTALS /
CAMPSITE
DISCUSSION

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Principles of Governance – A motion was made by Franzene to approve the Resolution of the Principles of Governance in which the township states that the township to maintain the highest standards and traditions of Michigan Townships will embrace the principles. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Clerk Moncivais will keep a copy of the signed Principles of Governance on file.

PRINCIPLES OF GOVERN.

Rogers Location Chip Seal – Resident Brian Rippey was present and gave the board a signed petition to keep on file. The Residents of Rogers Location do not want chip seal on their streets. There was some discussion regarding technology and the best methods to preserve our roads. Oberlin stated that we can't allow the roads to deteriorate. Rippey stated that tar & patch would be better than chip seal. The chip seal stones are just too sharp. The Board will keep the petition on file.

ROGERS LOCATION CHIP SEAL

Rogers Location Lawn Mowing – There was a neighborhood complaint regarding an un-mowed lawn/absent owner. Oberlin set the process in motion and contacted the owner and gave a deadline when the lawn was to be mowed by. If the lawn doesn't get mowed the township will mow it at a very large price and add the bill to the utility billing.

UNMOWED LAWN – BLIGHT

Bates Hall Benefit – Clerk Benson-Stafford received a request from a family to use the hall for free for a benefit. At this time rent is even when the hall is used for a funeral meal. The Board determined that this would set a precedent so the answer was no. However, at this meeting there were a few anonymous donations that covered the cost of the hall rental for this benefit. Benson-Stafford will let the family know.

FREE USE OF TWP HALL

Westside Veterans Council- Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she thought the Township should increase it's donation for many reasons. The Veterans put up the flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day; they provide flags to the Township at no cost when our flags are tattered; they take our old flags and property dispose of them. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to donate \$250. Supported by Oberlin. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE VETERANS COUNCIL

Iron County Fair Book Ad – A motion was made by Oberlin to support the IC Fair with the ad of \$62.73. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

IC FAIR BOOK

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Discussions are underway with the Anderson Rd residents. No action taken at this time. More research into costs will be done. / Sewer – Annual samples have been taken at the lagoon, results are not back yet. One pump is done. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – The new information center (board) is up. / Park – Excessive rains caused a washout at the park. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. /

GUEST COMMENTS

- Greg Lund questioned the county gravel crushing specs. Oberlin stated that it is the county's responsibility to make sure it's to county specs. / There was another comment about a Sunset Lk road washout close to the blacktop where the county patched one side and not the other.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 @ 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 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; PC- Nelson; Pat – Park Host; County Comm Brennan; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of June 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 158,109.40
Sewer Fund:	\$ 92,820.32
Water Fund:	\$ 319,775.41
Road Fund:	\$ 197,048.52
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present. He stated that the County approved a program for free health discount cards for prescriptions. There are also options to cover dental, hearing aids and pets. The County Administrator has seen success with this program in other areas. / The report from the Auditors stated that the County had a good audit and is financially sound. / Brennan wanted to note that the County Veterans have a very good office to receive service from.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Ponozzo Rd – Supervisor Oberlin stated that initially it looked like the gravel would not get crushed until late this year but the County found another Vendor – North Star Crushing, Escanaba. They will start crushing in about a 1.5 weeks. The gravel still might not get put on the roads until next year. It was noted that FAI bid for gravel was less than Gasser's however the cost to transport the gravel would have erased any savings. As a good faith gesture Gasser gave a \$5000 discount. A motion was made by Nelson to commit \$57500 for the Ponozzo Rd gravel project. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Larry Nelson noted that he doesn't feel the Township should be paying for the Ponozzo Rd gravel. He feels that it should be the Counties responsibility. Oberlin stated that the County is going to haul and spread the gravel. Another resident noted that Plum Creek should kick in money for the roads, they tear them up with their logging trucks.

ROAD PROJECTS/
PONOZZO RD

Wagner Lake Rd – The blacktop project is tabled. We have to think about waterline replacement before a road project can be done.

WAGNER LK

Chip Seal – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to SCS Sec 16 & Sec 22 Rd at a bid of \$39739.40 minus the County portion of \$15000 = \$24739.40. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Oberlin stated that the County recommended holding off on East & West Park Drives because as part of the Sunset Lake Rd project the first 100' of these roads will be included in the County project.

CHIP SEAL PROJECTS

BATES TOWNSHIP

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SPECIAL PROJECTS (cont'd)

Dust Control – Oberlin stated that dust control went well. Wayne Koski/Parks Farm Rd property owner thanked the board for dust control on the Bates stretch. / Oberlin had spoken to the County and they did the gravel work on Erickson Rd which then received dust control also. It was noted that with all of the rain the county was still working on some washouts.

DUST
CONTROL

Road Discussions – A resident noted that Kofmehl Rd is bad. Oberlin stated the Stambaugh Twp will not chip seal any roads. It was noted that Demboski Rd has some bad bumps. Oberlin noted that they may hot seal Sunset Shores Rd next year and cold patch Demboski next year.

ROAD
DISCUSSION

Anderson Rd Waterline – There was a discussion about the options and the cost. Trustee Franzene stated that the Twp has an 8" line on Anderson Rd. It isn't the Townships responsibility to run the line to the resident's property, however he said maybe the Township could split the first 700' cost. Employee Benson stated that the residents have been very cooperative. Bobnock stated that these are longtime residents and he isn't opposed to the Township employee's helping the Vendor put in the lines as part of the Township's cooperative effort. Employee Benson stated that there has to be an agreement that the township has the ability to "shut off" any individual service. Action was tabled until next meeting.

ANDERSON
RD WTRLINE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 5 new permits issued. He is working with a builder on a previously issued permit and waiting for a new application from another party. 0 new violations. Continuing to work with old violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 18. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the PC will be meeting Wednesday, July 26th at 6:00pm at the hall to review along with WUPPDR the most current draft of the Master Plan.

MASTER
PLAN

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the supplies are in, the project will begin and once it's finished the application for rebate will be applied for.

LED
LIGHTING

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there are good renters in the building. There are grants available for maintenance once the municipality owns the building. There is nothing new to report.

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

DNR Grant / Bates Rec Plan – Nothing new to report. Clerk Benson-Stafford will follow up with GEI regarding a cost to update the current plan.

DNR GRANT
/REC PLAN

Street Lighting – There was board discussion about the annual cost and the possibility of eliminating some of the lights. UPPCO will be contacted to check the protocol on turning them off; and if necessary turn on again. No action taken.

STREET
LIGHTING

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was not present but provided a report. She stated that in 2016 there were 603 PRE parcels, as of July 1st there were 602 PRE parcels. There were 36 transfers of ownership during the first 6 months of the year. The July BOR is the 19th at 1:00PM at the hall. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

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NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

MDEQ Water Asset Mgmt. Plan Requirements – Supervisor Oberlin stated that this is another state mandate. We are currently looking into the requirements.

MDEQ WTR
ASSET MGMT
PLAN

Special Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded everyone that there is a special election on Tuesday, August 8th. Polls are open from 7:00am – 8:00pm. There is a Bates Twp 2-Mil Road Millage Renewal & a Senior Centers Millage on the ballot. If anyone needs an absent voter ballot they should request an application as soon as possible.

SPECIAL
ELECTION

Park Hosts Report– Pat Nicholson was present to give a report. There was a lengthy discussion about the need for additional signage, should large weddings be allowed; the problem of geese on the beach; people just coming to the park to use the showers; people using the “changing house” as a restroom. The Board agreed to do further research and update the current ordinance. Tabled to next meeting. (Copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.)

PARK
REPORT

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Discussions are ongoing with the Anderson Rd residents. No action taken at this time. More research into costs will be done. / Sewer – Lightning strike will be reported to insurance company. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – See above. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. /

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 @ 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 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; PC- Nelson; Pat & Brad – Park Hosts; County Comm Brennan; Ernie Schmidt-ICRC; Jim Stolberg-WICFD; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Assn; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of July 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 125,019.98
Sewer Fund:	\$ 92,975.16
Water Fund:	\$ 338,598.00
Road Fund:	\$ 197,095.01
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present. He stated that the County Board meeting is postponed until Tuesday August 15th. He reviewed the countywide results of the election stating that the senior center millage passed with 85% of the vote. Overall 9 ½ % of the county turned out to vote. Bates had a 17% voting turnout which was good overall.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Ponozzo Rd – Supervisor Oberlin stated that crushing will begin in about 2 weeks.

ROAD PROJECTS/
PONOZZO RD

Wagner Lake Rd – Ernie Schmidt questioned if this road would be blacktopped. Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Twp would have to think about waterline replacement before a road project can be done.

WAGNER LK

Chip Seal – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the County has been sealing the cracks in preparation of the project. / Oberlin stated that with the County’s advice we will hold off on East & West Park Drives until next year because as part of the Sunset Lake Rd project the first 100’ of these roads will be included in the County project. / Oberlin stated that he is waiting on a bid for 1/3 mile of Demboski Rd. Schmidt stated that this part of the road was in good condition at the time of the previous blacktop project and that is why it wasn’t done then. / There was discussion regarding Wickstrom Rd and how bad it gets in the spring between Wildwood Drive and Cooks home.

CHIP SEAL PROJECTS

Anderson Rd Waterline – There was a discussion about the options and the cost. Trustee Franzene proposed that the Twp put in the first 700’ of line off of Anderson Rd and the 4 shutoff valves and let the homeowners do the rest. Employee Benson stated that doing that would completely change the bid because the bid was for the whole project with the help of the Twp employees. Clerk Benson-Stafford wanted to hear feedback from the audience on what they thought. Some felt the Twp should just give the 2 year break on the water bill and let the residents get wells. Larry Nelson questioned if the 2” line would be sufficient. There were mixed opinions. It was decided that Oberlin would bring a couple of options to the residents. Action was tabled until next meeting.

ANDERSON RD WTRLINE

BATES TOWNSHIP

August 9, 2017

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 new permits issued. 4 new inquiries. 0 new violations. Continuing to work with old violations and making some progress. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 20. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the PC has recommended that the Twp approve this draft of the MP. A motion was made by Franzene to put the final document out to the public for a 63 day review period. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried. It was noted that any public comments should be directed to the Planning Commission. Clerk Benson-Stafford will get a copy uploaded to the website and provide a copy to the library and township hall for public review. / Oberlin also stated that the balance due to WUPPDR is \$3750 but they have proposed a price reduction of \$1250 due to the problems that the Township experienced with the previous WUPPDR personnel that was assigned to the project. The general concession was that Oberlin should try to get a larger price reduction.

MASTER
PLAN

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the project has been completed and the paperwork has been submitted for the rebate.

LED
LIGHTING

Bates School Acquisition – Nothing new to report. Bobnock did question if the Twp was going to get the school forest back. Oberlin stated that if it is no longer used as a school forest

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

DNR Grant / Bates Rec Plan – A motion was made by Oberlin to have GEI update our Rec Plan for a cost of \$1000. Supported by Benson-Stafford. The plan will be good for 5 years. It will be good to have an active plan in the event the Twp wants to apply for grants.

DNR GRANT
/REC PLAN

Street Lighting – The Board will review the street lighting again and talk to residents and find out where the bus stops are. It can be expensive to turn the lights off and then back on again, so the decisions should be certain. Also it was determined that it would not be cost effective to do a "lights out" at the Bates Park. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

STREET
LIGHTING

Park Ordinance – It was determined that working on this would be too much for the regular board meeting so Trustee Franzene will hold a sub-committee meeting with the park hosts, Mike Golas-Sunset Lk Assn and Trustee Bobnock. They will take the research and information done by the park hosts and Clerk Benson-Stafford and try to bring recommendations to the Board. Then Attorney Atanasoff will be consulted when the ordinance is ready to be updated.

PARK
ORDINANCE

Election Results – Clerk Benson-Stafford thanked the voters for renewing the 2 mill road millage 108 yes to 30 no.

ELECTION
RESULTS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – No report was submitted.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Eagle Mine LLC – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Twp received correspondence from the DNR stating they received a metallic minerals lease request in the northern part of Bates Twp. This is nothing new. A public notice was published in the July 24th Iron County Reporter. So far they have done some Ariel photos, no exploratory drilling.

EAGLE MINE
LLC

MDEQ Water Asset Mgmt. Plan Requirements – Supervisor Oberlin stated that it has been determined by the MDEQ that we are exempt from this mandate due to our population at this time.

MDEQ WTR
ASSET MGMT
PLAN

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Street Signage – Road signage is the township’s responsibility and because much of the current road signage is in poor condition a motion was made by Nelson to replace the township’s road signs (paid for by the road fund). Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

STREET
SIGNAGE

Park Address– The park hosts pointed out that it would be nice if the park/campground actually had a fire number/address especially in the event of an emergency/911 calls. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to obtain an address from the Iron County Construction Code office and to put up a mailbox. Supported by Benson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK/CAMP
GROUND
ADDRESS-
MAILBOX

IC MTA Meeting – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded the board of the IC MTA meeting to be held at the Mastodon Twp Hall on August 10th at 5:30.

IC MTA MTG

ICECA Update – Mike Stafford was present to give the Board an update. Paul Schytuma has been brought on as the Executive Director. He will be at the IC MTA meeting to meet Township officials. / There will be an Economic Summit on October 29th at George Young’s. More information to come. / The ICECA has been working on a 5 year strategic plan. / The ICECA board visited the Camp Ottawa prison to assess possibilities for future use. / Dan Beneshek, Jim Chihak are working with an Airport Committee to look into a possible airport. They are meeting with the MDA on September 13th. There is federal money available and the airport could be managed by the state. / The ICECA regarding local businesses, they are gathering expertise to assist businesses in financials, business planning, internet presence, etc.

ICECA
UPDATE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – DA shutoff was fixed at the Mapleton Inn. / A new tap in was done on Little Finland Rd. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – See above. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Dump Truck – It has issues. Discussions were about looking for a new unit. Bobnock suggested looking into a dump trailer. More information is needed, no action taken.

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 @ 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 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; PC- Nelson; Pat & Brad – Park Hosts; County Comm Brennan; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Assn; Mike Stafford-ICECA; Carol Margoni & Don Gollakner/Anderson Rd Residents; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of August 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 123,641.27
Sewer Fund:	\$ 94,062.58
Water Fund:	\$ 296,329.82
Road Fund:	\$ 186,811.29
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present. He stated that the County approved the Bates proposed Master Plan. / The County abolished the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. 2005 was when the committee was established and it never met. If a municipality had the need and wanted an Authority they could do one. / Richard Sloat has done some presentations to the County for the Paint River acreage. At one time the County wanted to sell the property so it was subdivided into lots. For lack of interest and public protest the lots were pulled from the market. In June the storm that passed through blew down many trees. Brennan suggested that the County may in interested in deeding the acreage to Bates if Bates had any interest in doing a primitive campground as suggested by Richard Sloat. He stated that at one time the County deeded Smokey Lake Park to Stambaugh Twp and Gibson Lake Park to Crystal Falls Twp. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Bates had sent a letter of interest to the County back in 2006-2007 hoping to acquire the land then. / Someone asked who is responsible for Larson Park. Benson stated that it is taken care of by the State and that the ICRC pays the water bill.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects /

ROAD PROJECTS/
PONOZZO RD

Ponozzo Rd – Supervisor Oberlin stated that crushing has begun on the pit.

Sunset Lake Rd – The County blacktop project will begin this week.

SUNSET LK
RD

Demboski Rd – The bid came in for 1/3 mile on Demboski Rd at \$77005.20 from Payne & Dolan. (Minus \$1600 without stripe.) Bacco bid was \$80000. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to do the work with Payne & Dolan. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DEMBOSKI
RD

Complaints - Supervisor Oberlin stated that he has been getting some complaints on the edges of the roads not being mowed. This is a County responsibility. Their mower is broke but they will be out again mowing as soon as it is repaired.

COMPLAINTS

Street Lighting – No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

STREET
LIGHTING

Street Signs – Signs are up and look great. Well worth the investment.

STREET
SIGNS

DNR Grant / Bates Rec Plan – GEI is working on the Rec Plan.

DNR GRANT
/REC PLAN

ANDERSON
RD
WATERLINE

Anderson Rd Waterline – There was continued discussion about the options and the cost. Carol Margoni and Don Gollakner were present and expressed concerns that they haven't had much time to research their options. The current proposal is a vendor quote of \$26000 which would be split by 4 property owners and the township. Supervisor Oberlin stated that this is a good price and the Township was willing to allow the Employees to help so that the cost could be kept down. There is a chance that the Vendor will not hold the price until next year. Oberlin stated that the Township will not participate anything further than the \$5200. Also, it was agreed that the board would talk to the Twp Attorney about easements and the legality of a private waterline. Action tabled. All sides agreed to continue discussions.

ANDERSON
RD
WATERLINE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 9 new permits issued. 2 new inquiries. 0 new violations. Continuing to work with old violations and making some progress. There was a variance meeting on 9/7/2017 that was approved for a deck on a home at Sunset Lake. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 28. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Master Plan had been sent out to all adjoining municipalities for review/comment.

MASTER
PLAN

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township will do a sealed bid to try and acquire the school building.

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

Park Ordinance – Trustee Franzene gave an overview of the meeting of the committee (Franzene, Bobnock, Golas, and Park Hosts). He stated that there were a lot of good ideas brought forth. The idea is to make life easier for the Park Hosts. There is a big need for bigger and better signage. This winter will be a great time to work on signage and making the necessary changes before the park opens next spring. The Township Board and the Sunset Lake Assn thanked the Park Hosts for all of their hard work this year. / There was also some discussion about the boat wash and enforcement.

PARK
ORDINANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

Assessor Report – No report was submitted.

Cemetery Decoration Removal – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated 10/01 deadline.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – There was an illegal sewer hookup that is going to be corrected and there is another possible illegal hookup that will be investigated. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – See above. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Dump Truck – A replacement is being looked at.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

CEMETERY
DECORATN
REMOVAL

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the ICRC is asking for people to write to Representatives regarding Senate Bill 396 which will lift road restrictions year round. This will destroy our blacktop roads.

INVOICE APPROVAL

Fire Dept Ad - A motion was made by Bobnock to run the ad. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:59pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ 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 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Ernie Schmidt-ICRC; Mike Stafford-ICECA; Residents; Residents. Assr Erhart and County Commissioner Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of September 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 112,997.81
Sewer Fund:	\$ 99,419.35
Water Fund:	\$ 308,337.05
Road Fund:	\$ 184,391.51
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects /

Ponozzo Rd – Supervisor Oberlin stated that we received the invoice for the crushing part of the project. We actually got 10066 tons. This will be spread next year which was confirmed by Ernie Schmidt, ICRC.

ROAD PROJECTS/
PONOZZO RD

Sunset Lake Rd – This year's phase of this County blacktop project should be completed by the end of the week.

SUNSET LK
RD

Demboski Rd – The project is done. Supervisor Oberlin received a call from a Resident that thanked him for getting the road done.

DEMBOSKI
RD

Anderson Rd Waterline – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Board has not received any further communication from the Residents. Franzene stated that they were given time to respond. Ernie Schmidt said that the policy on abandoned waterlines clearly states that 2 years of free water is only given if the homeowner is going to put in a well. If you give free water on a service line that will set a precedent. He followed up with the fact that they are further ahead to keep the service lines. There should be 4 taps put in on the Anderson Rd water main. Supervisor Oberlin stated that the offer is no longer on the table. Mike Stafford questioned if that was in the minutes. Oberlin said that they didn't meet the deadline and he made a motion to rescind the offer to assist on the project. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ANDERSON
RD
WATERLINE

Chip Seal Projects – All chip seal projects are rescheduled to next year.

CHIP SEAL
PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 6 new permits issued. 1 new inquiries. 0 new violations. Continuing to work with old violations and making some progress. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 34. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

ICECA Update – Paul Schuytema, Executive Director was present to introduce himself and give an overview of the project that the ICECA is working on. He stated that he was contracted through the County and the ICECA has laid out a 5 year plan. They are working on 5 pillars of action. They are hoping to revive Genesee Street, they are working on trying to fill the Ottawa Camp. There is an Economic Summit open to the public on October 20th at GYRC and the event is free. There will be upcoming customer service trainings for area “wait staff and bar staff.” The theme for the area is “Live, Work, Play.” The ICECA is working toward getting a full page ad in the Delta Sky Magazine which has 6 million monthly readers that would promote Iron County. He stated that he is glad that Bates Twp is working on a Master Plan. He stated that if there is anything that his office can do, please feel free to contact him. He also thanked the Township for supporting the ICECA.

ICECA
UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Master Plan is still in the public comment phase.

MASTER
PLAN

Paint River Acreage – At the recommendation of County Commissioner Brennan Oberlin stated that the Township sent a letter to the IC Parks & Rec Chairperson as well as the ICBC. The Township requested that the 22 acres be turned over to the Township. ICPR Chair Tom Clark invited Oberlin to a meeting on 10/12/16 to present the Township’s proposal to them.

PAINT RIVER
ACREAGE

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township was the only bidder. Because of the need to publish twice the deadline was extended to October 14th. He also stated that it appeared that the WICPS wanted to partner with Bates on the recreational use of the school forest.

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

Park Ordinance – Supervisor Oberlin asked Franzene and Bobnock to figure out what changes they would like to recommend to the Board regarding the Park Ordinance and present them at the November 8th meeting. Then we can consult with Attorney Atanasoff.

PARK
ORDINANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart is working on information for the November 8th meeting.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

BSA Seminar – Treasurer Nelson requested to go to a free BSA seminar but to have her mileage reimbursed.

BSA
SEMINAR

November 7th Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded that there will be an election. Anyone needing an absent voter ballot should request an application as soon as possible. Polls will be open from 7:00am – 8:00pm.

ELECTION

Children’s Christmas Party- A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the \$300 budget for the Bates Twp Children’s Christmas Party to be held December 9th from 11:30-1:00. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Senate Bill 396 – Oberlin reminded everyone that the ICRC is encouraging everyone to write to our Representatives opposing this bill which will limit the number of days that seasonal weight restrictions can be in place. This could destroy our roads. The ICRC is asking everyone to stay on top of this.

SENATE BILL
396

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that the annual DEQ evaluation will be coming up. / **Sewer** – Lagoon samples will be taken next week and that will be the last time for the year. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – The cemetery is now closed for the year. / **Park** – The pavilion has been winterized and the park is now closed for the season. The projects will be started in the next week or so. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Dump Truck** – The replacement truck runs great. Benson thanked the board. A motion was made by Oberlin to put the old truck out front of the hall with a sign that states \$1200 obo/ first come/pay the price or best offer bid. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Gasser questioned if the Township had gotten the weight slips from the crushing project. He stated that the County did a phenomenal job of prep work and the ditching is taking shape.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 @ 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 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Mike Golas-Sunset Lk Assn; Assr Erhart; Residents. County Commissioner Brennan was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of October 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 102,841.61
Sewer Fund:	\$ 103,385.70
Water Fund:	\$ 325,699.46
Road Fund:	\$ 184,422.83
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects / Sunset Lake Rd – This year's phase of this County blacktop project is done. A culvert was put in near the Shamion & Puskala homes in preparation of the next phase which will be done next year.

SUNSET LK RD

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 5 new permits issued. 1 permit pending. 2 new violations. Continuing to work with old violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 39. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Master Plan is still in the public comment phase. There will be a Planning Commission meeting before the end of the year to discuss the comments, make changes and then go forward.

MASTER PLAN

Paint River Acreage – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he went to the County Parks & Rec meeting to present a proposal from Bates. The Committee made a motion to recommend that the County Board turn the acreage over to Paints Township. We are still waiting to see what the County has decided to do.

PAINT RIVER ACREAGE

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Bates Twp was the only bidder. The school board tabled action at their last meeting until they could consult with their Attorney about transferring ownership. If this happens it probably won't be until after January 1st.

BATES SCHOOL ACQUISIT.

MDNR Rec Plan – Still working with GEI. Nothing new to report.

REC PLAN

Park Ordinance – Trustee Franzene gave a handout for the Board to review. It has the committee's recommended changes to the Park Ordinance. Also, it includes recommended signage. This will be an agenda item at the December meeting.

PARK ORDINANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart proposed two new ordinances: Division of Lots in Approved Plat and Alley Vacating Ordinance. She stated that she currently has a request for the platted lot approval. There was some discussion. A motion was made by Oberlin to have the attorney review the proposed ordinance language. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

Winter Tax Bill/Printing Svc – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to have KCI Print Svc print, fold and mail the winter tax bills which would save the Township a little bit of money. It would also save the Treasurer & Assessor time since this is currently handled by them. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**WINTER TAX
BILLING**

Medical Marijuana Resolution / Opt Out – Beginning December 15, 2017 the SOM will be reviewing applications for licensing of various Medical Marijuana Facilities. A motion was made by Franzene to adopt an “Opt Out” Resolution Regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The Township did not have to take any official action to “opt out” however the Board felt that by passing a resolution the State would have a clear decision from Bates.

**MEDICAL
MARIJUANA
FACILITIES -
OPT OUT**

Children’s Christmas Party- Reminder/Children’s Christmas Party will be held December 9th from 11:30-1:00.

**CHILDREN’S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson stated that the annual DEQ evaluation will be coming up. / Sewer – Lagoon samples will be taken next week and that will be the last time for the year. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – The cemetery is now closed for the year. / Park – The pavilion has been winterized and the park is now closed for the season. The projects will be started in the next week or so. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Dump Truck – The replacement truck runs great. Benson thanked the board. A motion was made by Oberlin to put the old truck out front of the hall with a sign that states \$1200 obo/ first come/pay the price or best offer bid. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

Mike Golas mentioned that he had attended a very good seminar at Aspirus regarding the Opioid Epidemic in our community. He stated that he wished the Board Members had been present.

**ASPIRUS
SEMINAR**

CORRESPONDENCE

Senate Bill 396 – Oberlin reminded everyone that the ICRC is encouraging everyone to write to our Representatives opposing this bill.

**SENATE BILL
396**

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 @ 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 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson was called out on a local fire; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Mike Golas-Sunset Lk Assn; Jim Stolberg-WICFD; Atty Atanasoff; Residents. County Commissioner Brennan was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of November 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 88,241.15
Sewer Fund:	\$ 106,514.94
Water Fund:	\$ 341,188.06
Road Fund:	\$ 126,856.23
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects / Gravel Project – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the invoice came in a little under the original estimated cost.

GRAVEL PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permits issued, 2 permits out waiting for a return. No new violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 40. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk. / Resident Golas questioned whether a specific a Maple Syrup operation was in a commercial zone; Oberlin stated that it is considered agricultural and yes it is ok.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Planning Commission met on 12/11 to review the public comments about the Master Plan. There will be another meeting to continue reviewing all comments.

MASTER PLAN

- Paint River Acreage – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he and Clerk Benson-Stafford attended the recent ICBC meeting. **They accepted the Bates counter offer.** County Attorney Tinti will draft a deed with the new terms for the ICBC to sign. The County’s original terms were: Bates Township must spend \$20000 on improvements; the deadline for this is December 31, 2018; The County will retain timber rights in some specified areas of the acreage; the property must be maintained for public use; if these items aren’t handled by the deadline then the property will revert back to the County. **The new terms will be:** Bates Township will acquire the property with \$5000 required dollar amount for improvements which can be in-kind funds; A minimum deadline for some improvements will be December 31, 2019; The property will be improved/maintained for public use; The Township will have all timber rights; If Bates Township no longer wants to improve/maintain the property it will revert back to the County; The County will transfer ALL of Govt’ Lot 2 which includes the “boat landing area.”

PAINT RIVER ACREAGE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates School Acquisition – There was some questions/discussion regarding the school's condition and how well it's been maintained. Supervisor Oberlin stated that there was no mention about problems other than it would probably need a roof soon. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the school's maintenance person Dane Shovald had given Benson/Public Works a tour and discussed maintenance and upkeep. Shovald had not indicated that there were any issues either, except for the roof. A motion was made by Bobnock to have the property inspected prior to closing. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

MDNR Rec Plan – Still working with GEI. Nothing new to report.

REC PLAN

Park Ordinance – Action tabled until next meeting. Clerk Benson-Stafford will email information to Attorney Atanasoff for review.

PARK
ORDINANCE

Splitting of Platted Lots Ordinance # 210 – Attorney Atanasoff was present to discuss the new ordinance proposal #210 Splitting of Platted Lots. Clerk Benson-Stafford questioned why in Section 3 the initial application is filed with the Clerk. Atanasoff stated that is for accountability reasons since the Assessors are Independent Contractors. A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt the ordinance. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE
210-SPLIT
PLATTED LOT

Alley Vacating Procedures Ordinance # 211 – Attorney Atanasoff reviewed the information with the Board and it was determined that this item would be tabled until the next meeting so that Atanasoff could add a "fee's" clause for the cost of any potential transfers.

ORDINANCE
211 – ALLEY
VACATING

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but her report was presented by Supervisor Oberlin. December BOR had met on December 13th at 1:00pm. Eight petitions were discussed. / 2018 Personal Property Statements will be mailed to all businesses the first week of January. The State has directed municipalities not to include "exemption" forms with the statements. The exemption Forms 632 and Form 5076 will be available on the township website under Assessor. / Regarding Tax Preparation Additional Services Invoice of \$1300 (\$140 less than last year) Erhart asked that \$400 be given to Treasurer Nelson and \$900 to Erhart. A motion was made by Franzene to distribute the payment as requested. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, abstain. Motion carried by majority vote.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Water System Capital Improvements Plan/ DEQ Mandate – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township received a letter from the State mandating that this plan be completed and that the original information that the Township received stating that it was not necessary due to our population was incorrect. A motion was made by Franzene to have GEI do the plan for a cost of \$1500. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WATER
SYSTEM
CAPITAL
IMPROVE
PLAN

Employee Christmas Bonus – A motion was made by Oberlin to give Full time Employee Benson a \$150 Bonus and give the 2 Part time Employees Franzmeier and Nelson a \$100 Bonus. Same as last year. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE
CHRISTMAS
BONUS

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

There were no reports because Public Works Superintendent Benson was called out unexpectedly for a fire within the Township.

Hall/Shop – / Water – / Sewer – / Constable – / Cemetery – / Park –

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas asked if there was going to be any further discussions about street lighting. Supervisor Oberlin stated that the topic has been temporarily tabled pending further research.
- Jim Stolberg mentioned that the WICFD fire truck pumper # 2 needs to be replaced. Cost of a new truck is around \$500,000. This could be a problem. Repair parts are not available.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____