

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – January 10, 2018 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; Residents. Assr Erhart & County Commissioner Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of December 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:	\$ 116,347.10
Sewer Fund:	\$ 102,589.53
Water Fund:	\$ 355,835.11
Road Fund:	\$ 83,243.17
Liquor Law:	\$

Clerk Benson-Stafford pointed out that the Water Fund has owed the General Fund \$21291.64 for engineering fees since 2012. A motion was made by Oberlin to have the water fund pay back the general fund the full amount. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects / Gravel Project – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the 3 year road plan will be submitted the following week. There was some clarification/discussion about the road fund balance and if all of the 2017 invoices had been paid – which they had.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There was 0 new permit 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.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Planning Commission met twice in December to review the public comments about the Master Plan and make changes on some language. This information will go to WUPPDR to make the changes and then soon the plan will be close to being finished.

MASTER PLAN

Paint River Acreage – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township is waiting for a copy of the signed & recorded deed at which time some volunteers will start clearing some of the fallen wood. Oberlin was going to check with Hannula to see about liability regarding the volunteers. Franzene questioned if the workers would know where the green belt was. Oberlin stated that Rich Sloat is familiar with that and knows exactly where it is.

PAINT RIVER ACREAGE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates School Acquisition – Oberlin stated that the property inspection would be done at 10:00 on Friday the 12th. He stated that he, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Mike Stafford from Parks & Rec were given a tour of the school by Dane Shovald, current maintenance man. Shovald indicated that he would work for the township on an as needed basis. Oberlin stated that the school looks very solid and has all new windows, a two boiler heating system a newer water & sewer lines and some of the restrooms are new and we put in by the ISD. Everyone knows that the roof needs to be addressed. He stated that there were also some maintenance items (small heater motors) that Superintendent Thomson stated would be fixed prior to turning the school over to the township. At this time the rental income is about \$48000 and the expenses are about \$35000. There was some discussion about what to do about getting title insurance. A motion was made by Nelson to secure a title policy for \$336,000 at a cost of \$1518.57. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

MDNR Rec Plan – The Parks & Rec committee turned information over to GEI and they are working on the plan. Oberlin stated that he would like to see the Windsor Authority listed in the plan, which is what Stambaugh Twp is doing in their plan also. Mike Stafford will relay that information to GEI.

REC PLAN

Park Ordinance – Action tabled until next meeting.

PARK
ORDINANCE

Water System Capital Improvements Plan/ DEQ Mandate – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the GEI is working on the plan and the Township has a March 1, 2018 deadline.

WATER
SYSTEM
CAPITAL
IMPROVE
PLAN

Splitting of Platted Lots Ordinance # 210 – This ordinance was adopted at the December 13, 2017 meeting and will go into effect 30 days from publication date which was January 17, 2018.

ORDINANCE
210-SPLIT
PLATTED LOT

Alley Vacating Procedures Ordinance # 211 – Attorney Atanasoff added the fees of \$400 which can vary at the Township Board's discretion. A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt this ordinance. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. This will be published in the January 17, 2018 Reporter and will be effective 30 days from publication date.

ORDINANCE
211 – ALLEY
VACATING

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Supervisor Oberlin read her report. She stated that the Personal Property Statements had been mailed out. She stated that the State has directed Assessor's not to include the small business exemption form in the mailing. Some residents questioned that because they received the exemption form in with their PPS from other municipalities. Clerk Benson-Stafford arranged for links of the forms to be put on the website. A copy of the Assessor's report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Parks & Rec Committee Salary– A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to pay the members the same as the Planning Commission members which is \$65/meeting and \$80/meeting for the Chairperson. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, abstain. Motion carried.

PARKS & REC
MEMBER
SALARY

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

IC MTA Meeting – Supervisor Oberlin reminded the Board that the meeting was being held Tuesday, January 16th at 5:30pm at the Crystal Falls Twp Hall with Iron River Twp as the Host.

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 – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Aspirus Community Conversation, Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, 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, February 14, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – February 14, 2018 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; Jim Stolberg-WICFD; Mike Golas & Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec; Margee Brennan in for County Commissioner Brennan; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

Minutes were approved as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report for the month of January 2018 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.

MINUTES

General Fund:	\$ 171,051.85
Sewer Fund:	\$ 107,371.96
Water Fund:	\$ 352,101.30
Road Fund:	\$ 127,958.38
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – (Comm Brennan was absent.)

Margee Brennan presented the report. The Board approved an agreement with Aspirus Hospital for countywide ambulance service. There will be a garage on the east and west sides which will make a response time of 15 minutes or less. / There were no applicants to fill the County Parks & Rec Committee vacancy. Residents in the Twp are encouraged to apply. / The County approved a budget for MSU for \$32000. This is an important program for Iron County and includes 4-H even though membership has gone down. / At the meeting there was a presentation by UPSET & Communities that Care (Paul Cleath). Cleath presented data on the Iron County 2017 Risk & Protective Factor Community Assessment Report. Results were very disturbing. Maybe invite Cleath to a Township meeting. / The State is paying for new voting equipment to be used beginning August 2018. / The update on the logging project at Larson Park is that it is 50% completed. The selective cut will be completed by August.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report. The 3 year road plan was submitted but was the same as discussed last year with carryover of Section 16 & 22 Rds.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permit issued, 3 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 2018 = 1. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Dave Gutowski worked extensively reviewing the plan and incorporating the changes discussed at the last PC meeting. Oberlin will review and get the changes to WUPPDR. Mike Golas requested that the public comments on the Master Plan become a part of the permanent minutes.

MASTER PLAN

Paint River Acreage – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township now has the deed and Rich Sloat can begin working with volunteers to clear the downed trees and brush. Hannula Insurance provided a liability waiver for the volunteers to sign. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she wanted to be sure that there was not going to be any clear cutting to protect the privacy of the homeowners on the other side of the river. Oberlin said that it will be a clearing of “downed trees and brush only.” Mike Stafford stated that it should also be noted that Sloat is very environmentally friendly.

PAINT RIVER ACREAGE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the closing took place at 9:00am this morning and the Township has now acquired the building. Three companies have been contacted or roof estimates. There was a building inspection done and is available for public review. So far the renters will remain and there has been no notice on when the Hospital plans to vacate.

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

MDNR Rec Plan – A motion was made by Franzene to adopt the Recreation Plan Resolution for 2018-2022 with the changes that were noted at the public hearing. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REC PLAN

Park Ordinance – Action tabled until next meeting. Mike Golas requested a rough draft of the proposed changes.

PARK
ORDINANCE

Water System Capital Improvements Plan/ DEQ Mandate – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to adopt the Capital Improvement plan done by GEI. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. This is a state mandated plan that must be in place which is an inventory of the current water system and a plan of 5 year and 6-20 year plan of upgrades and changes. Per Water Superintendent Benson we are in good shape with a majority of the water system being newer than 1994.

WATER
SYSTEM
CAPITAL
IMPROVE
PLAN

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Supervisor Oberlin read her report. The report included the March BOR dates as well as a request to adopt the 2018 Federal Poverty Exemption guidelines. A copy of the Assessor's report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

March Board of Review Dates – The Organizational Meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2018 at 1:00PM. BOR meets Tuesday, March 13th from 9-3pm and Thursday, March 15th from 3-9pm.

MARCH BOR
DATES

2018 Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines – A motion was made by Nelson to adopt the 2018 Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

2018
POVERTY
EXEMPTION
GUIDELINES

MDNR Trust Grant Application – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve fees for GEI up to \$3000 to complete the application. The project will be the Paint River boat launch and no more than 3 primitive campsites. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MDNR TRUST
GRANT APP

Bates Township Legacy Book – Clerk Benson-Stafford would like to explore the option of having the Bates Legacy Book 1885-1985 scanned and posted to the website for public review. The Board gave comments on the cost effectiveness of trying to reprint the book. The original data is not in the Township's possession and many of the original photos were loaned to the Township by local families and then returned. Clerk Benson-Stafford will try to bring some options to the next board meeting.

BATES TWP
LEGACY
BOOK

UPSET – In view of Iron County's extreme opioid epidemic a motion was made by Benson-Stafford to contribute \$500 to the organization. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. UPSET's requests are every 2 years.

UPSET

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates Twp Cemetery Ordinance – There was a review of the cemetery ordinance. Some of the dates/fees were obsolete since December 13, 1989. A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt the ordinance with the changes. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Clerk Benson-Stafford will provide Attorney Atanasoff with a copy for review and then publish the ordinance.

CEMETERY
ORDINANCE
CHANGES

Budget Workshop – The Board will meet on Monday, March 5th at the Bates Twp hall at 5:00pm for the workshop.

BUDGET
WORKSHOP

Budget Hearing – The Bates Twp Board will hold a Budget Hearing on Monday, March 19th at 5:00pm at the hall.

BUDGET
HEARING

Bates School Maintenance Person – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Dane Shovald who has been the maintenance man at the school for many years made a proposal to continue doing the building/boiler inspections on a daily basis for \$25. There is no operator engineers licensing required. He has the experience. It's a low pressure boiler and an annual state inspection is required. A motion was made by Bobnock to approve the \$25/for one hour daily inspection. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BATES
SCHOOL
MAINTEN.
PERSON

Board Salary Resolutions – There was extensive discussion about raises and experience as well as what other municipalities do. A motion was made by Franzene to adopt a resolution that effective April 1, 2018 the Clerk's salary will be \$26000. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, abstain. Motion carried. The Supervisor declared the motion adopted. / A motion was made by Franzene to adopt a resolution that effective April 1, 2018 the Supervisor's salary will be \$21000. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, abstain. Motion carried. The Supervisor declared the motion adopted. / A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt a resolution that effective April 1, 2018 the Treasurer's salary will be \$25327.20. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, abstain. Motion carried. The Supervisor declared the motion adopted. / The Trustee's salaries will remain the same.

SALARY
RESOLUTION

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – The sewer motors that were refurbished are now back in the townships inventory. The Township probably saved about \$20,000 by reworking the old motors. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- A Resident asked if Enbridge notifies the Township whenever they do work on the pipelines. Oberlin responded no.
- Mike Golas asked if there was any more thought on the street lights? He would like to see the light turned off at the park boat landing. He stated that people like to watch the northern lights from the park and the light is a problem. There are concerns that there are drug deals happening at the boat launch.
- A Resident asked if a copy of the Treasurer's report can be available for the public. Clerk Benson-Stafford said yes and that Treasurer Nelson can handle that.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 8.02pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 @ 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 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Public Hearing held at 5:30pm.

Roll call was taken at the Public Hearing at 5:30pm with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Ernie Schmidt – ICRC; Mike Golas & Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec; Residents. County Comm Brennan and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of February 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 195,723.43
Sewer Fund:	\$ 103,284.96
Water Fund:	\$ 317,580.36
Road Fund:	\$ 160,510.24
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permit issued, 1 home addition permit denied due to setbacks; homeowner may request a variance meeting. 2 permit applications are out and 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 2018 = 2. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

MASTER PLAN

Bates School – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he and Clerk Benson-Stafford have been talking to potential renters. The hospital’s leases run through August 31st. Two bids were received on the roof: Okler Construction and Services Inc. at \$53000-Main Bldg. & \$30,600 Office/Gymnasium for sum of \$83600. Markell Company at \$63220 minus \$1500 discount if done at all once for \$61720. Material costs will go up 5-7% at the end of March. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the Markell Company bid. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BATES SCHOOL

MDNR 2018 Trust Fund Grant Application- A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to adopt the Resolution of Authorization for the MDNR 2018 Trust Fund Grant application. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MDNR TRUST GRANT APP

Park Ordinance – Action tabled until next meeting.

PARK ORDINANCE

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he will have a proposal to bring to the Board for the next meeting. He did speak with a resident near the boat landing who does not want the light to go away. Oberlin will also contact UPPCO about lighting style choices. Golas stated that safety and security are first, which all agreed.

STREET LIGHTING

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. No report provided. She requested that the Board review a platted lot land division split application. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the split subject to the Township receiving the \$100 fee. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Stambaugh Twp Support Letter – A motion was made by Franzene to do a letter of support for Stambaugh Twp’s grant application for Holmes Park improvements. Supported by Bobnock. All Ayes. Motion carried.

STAMBAUGH
TWP
SUPPORT
LETTER

Wage Increase – A motion was made by Nelson to increase the Park Host position from \$325/mo. to \$350/mo. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Oberlin to increase part time employees J. Nelson from \$14/Hr. to \$15/Hr., and Franzmeier from \$14.75 to \$15.75/Hr. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Nelson to increase Public Works Superintendent from \$22/Hr. to \$25/Hr. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, abstain; Nelson, yes. Motion carried.

WAGE
INCREASE

Part Time Helper – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township will place an ad looking for part time help for mowing lawns, but not limited to. Wage will be at \$11.25/Hr.

PART TIME
WORKER

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – There are several conflicts with the MDOT 2019 road project from Ice Lake Rd to the hall. That has been reduced to 9 immediate conflicts that will need attention. There was discussion of costs. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting. / Sewer – A sewer motor that isn’t working will be pulled on 3/15 for assessment. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- A Resident questioned the status of the Windsor Center & why does it still need a millage. The initial presentation for the building was that it was going to be self-sustaining. Oberlin stated that it may occur down the road but not now. It was pointed out that the residents that use the Center from the communities that didn’t support it through a millage are supposed to be paying per activity and they’re not.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Aspirus Grand Opening Invitation, March 15th @ 1:00pm

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7.29pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Date Approved: _____

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Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Deputy Treasurer Franzene and Trustee Franzene present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Jim Stolberg, WICFD; Mike Golas & Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec; County Comm Brennan; Residents. Treasurer Nelson, Trustee Bobnock and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of March 2018 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:	\$ 218,183.42
Sewer Fund:	\$ 107,069.95
Water Fund:	\$ 328,954.59
Road Fund:	\$ 192,166.77
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was present and gave his report. He stated that there are 2 opening on the Parks & Rec Committee and he encouraged anyone interested to apply. / He stated that County Treasurer Camps had encouraged the county to keep the foreclosures local. Sometimes with the expenses of cutting the grass, paying water/sewer, etc., it sometimes didn’t work out well. There are 35 houses in the county that will be demolished, none in Bates. In some instances adjacent property owners have expressed interest in purchasing the lots once the homes are torn down. / There are two millages up for renewal this fall: IC Medical Care Facility at 1.5 mills and the IC Youth Camp at ½ mill. / The County 911 system will be getting an upgrade to Smart 911. / He gave the Twp a 2018 IC Equalization Report. (A copy is on file with Clerk Benson-Stafford).

COUNTY COMM REPORT

Mike Carey / For State Senate – Mike Carey was present and gave a brief overview of his platform running for Tom Casperson’s State Senate seat. Carey is running as a Republican. (A copy of his information is on file with Clerk Benson-Stafford.).

CAREY FOR STATE SENATE

SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 new permit application returned and both will require variance meetings. No new inquiries. No new violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 4. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

MASTER PLAN

Bates Twp Park Ordinance – The Park Ordinance changes were reviewed. A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt the changes to the Park Ordinances. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

BATES PARK ORDINANCE

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that each Board Member has a review of the street lights and the proposed lights that he/Franzene propose to be eliminated. Copies were provided to the public in attendance. Tabled until next meeting.

STREET LIGHTING

BATES TOWNSHIP

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

UP Championship Rodeo – A motion was made by Franzene to contribute \$50 to the sponsorship of this event that benefits many in the community. Supported by Oberlin. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Motion carried.

UP RODEO

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but provided a report. There were 39 petitions processed at the BOR; 10 were Disabled Veterans Exemptions; 4 were improper property splits that were lacking the Land Division application; 1 petition was for PRE, 3 petitions were Assessor requested corrections; remaining were Owner's questioning the change in their property value. She requested that the Board grant the parcel split between Harkness & Koivunen and to require the property owner to have the new westerly corners of the split marked by a Surveyor and have the Surveyor write up the formal legal descriptions of both Lots 1 and 1A. / Supervisor Oberlin pointed out that the split was approved at the last meeting pending the following: signature of Seller on the land division form, payment received by the Twp Board and he added that they will have to comply with the requests regarding the Surveyor and legal description. Both Harkness and Koivunen were present at tonight's meeting and agreed.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

MDOT Performance Resolution – A performance resolution is required by the MDOT for purposes of issuing to a municipal utility an "Individual Permit for Use of State Highway Right of Way", or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Highway Right of Way." A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt the MDOT Performance Resolution. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MDOT
RESOLUTION

Dust Control – A motion was made by Oberlin to use Van Damme (the same Vendor as last year) for 2018 dust control. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DUST
CONTROL

2017-2018 Audit – A motion was made by Franzene to accept the audit bid from Haukkala & Co., PC at the same price as last year. It was noted that DS Rostagno CPA PC has done the township audits for nearly 20 years and that Haukkala is the same firm with a new owner. Supported by Oberlin. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Supervisor Oberlin stated that next year he would like to publish looking for other bidders just to see how the price lines up. Jim Stolberg mentioned that the WICFD has advertised for auditors in the past with no response.

2017-2018
AUDIT

Memorial Day Ceremony - A motion was made by Oberlin to allow a budget of \$300 (which has been the amount for the past several years). Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. Benson-Stafford stated that Gail Passamoni and her crew will host the brunch at the hall. Oberlin stated that we have a speaker in place.

MEMORIAL
DAY

Campground Camping Rates – A motion was made by Oberlin to increase campsite fees from \$10 to \$12/night effective this year. The park pavilion fee will remain at \$50 for 2018 but will increase to \$60 for 2019. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

CAMPGRD
FEES

Bates Township Signage – No action taken. Benson-Stafford will look in the cost to add the 2018 Olympic Games to Nick Baumgartner's recognition portion.

BATES TWP
SIGN

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

WAGE
INCREASE

Bates Township Clean Up Day – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to see a day when Bates Township Residents coordinate and participate in a community clean-up day. Mike Golas stated that the Sunset Lake Assn has done this in the past so he will talk to them. No date set at the meeting.

Project Graduation – A motion was made by Oberlin to contribute \$50 to the program. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bates Cemetery Veteran’s Memorial – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to get the names engraved prior to Memorial Day (of the recent burials of those who served). The cost is \$90 each for 9 names. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. Ed Benson asked about the Buy A Brick program. Benson-Stafford stated that we have to have a minimum of 10 bricks to place the order and so far the minimum has not been reached.

PART TIME
WORKER

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – There are several conflicts with the MDOT 2019 road project from Ice Lake Rd to the hall. Benson had received two bids for the whole project which was FAI at \$700,000 and Hebert at \$470,000. The Township doesn’t have that kind of money and to go for a USDA grant/loan there would have to be a substantial increase in water rates. Research will be done to see about a local loan to cover just the main areas that are conflicts. No action taken. / Sewer – A motion was made by Oberlin to purchase electrical safe packs for all 12 lift stations at a cost of \$6720. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

Bates Twp Board 2018-2019 Meeting Schedule – A motion was made by Franzene to adopt the meeting schedule of the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm, excepting November 2018 will be the 1st Wednesday. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Franzene. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 @ 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 9, 2018 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 Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Ernie Schmidt-ICRC & WICFD; Mike Golas & Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec; Residents. Assr Erhart and County Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of April 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 201,160.73
Sewer Fund:	\$ 111,374.69
Water Fund:	\$ 342,722.12
Road Fund:	\$ 192,198.36
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated read the bids that were received for West and East Park Drives and also stated that Van Damme continues to have the best price for dust control. Bacco bid \$73,861.10 on W. Park Drive and \$54,160.05 on E. Park Drive. Payne & Dolan bid \$71,238.10 on W. Park Drive and \$57,727.20 on E. Park Drive. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the P&D bid of \$71,238.10 for W. Park Drive, accept the Bacco bid of \$54,160.05 on E. Park Drive, and accept the Van Damme dust control of \$11,210. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

/ There was some general discussion about complaints on the condition of N. & S. Trybom Drive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 new permits issued. 1 variance meeting scheduled for 5/29/18. No new inquiries. 1 new violation. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 7. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report at this time.

MASTER PLAN

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to table this for another month to allow further public comment.

STREET LIGHTING

Bates Township Clean Up Day – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Mary Baumgartner and Mike Golas are coordinating the day which will be May 19th from 9:00-12:00. The event will start at the Bates School and there will be refreshments following at the school. Volunteers will get vests and road assignments upon arrival.

TWP CLEAN UP DAY

Bates Township Signage – Benson-Stafford stated that the contact information for the previous Vendor was no longer working. She will seek another Vendor to give an estimate on the update of the recognition of 2018 Olympic Games to Nick Baumgartner.

BATES TWP SIGNAGE UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Lawn mowing – The Board discussed originally placing an ad for a part-time person at \$11.25/hour for lawn mowing. Current part-time employee Jim Nelson became available to do the work. Since he is already a trusted employee a motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to retain Jim Nelson at his current rate of \$15/hour to mow lawns for 20 hours/week. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LAWN
MOWING

Cemetery Expansion – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he spoke with adjacent land owner Mrs. Nalipi and she was not interested in selling a 100'x300' piece of her land adjacent to the cemetery. It was noted that currently some of the trees planted in Row A are encroaching on her property. Employee Benson asked the board to consider proposing a few options: a price for a 10' strip; 20' strip; 30' strip, etc. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

CEMETERY
EXPANSION

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but provided a report. She noted the classes that she has attended. / She stated that the current 2018 tax roll is complete as of the end of the March 2018 BOR. / BSA has an additional component to their software which is MMSVP. This software has been installed on the Assessor's computer. / She is pursuing her MAAO Assessor Level III certification which is a one year process. / There is a bill soon to be introduced to the legislature that could have serious detrimental impacts on assessing in Michigan. She will keep the Board updated on the proposal as it makes its way through the legislature. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Assessing Changes / Letter to Legislature – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he sent an email to the legislature expressing the Board's concerns about a regional Board of Review and what appears to be a power grab by the state. (Copy on file with the Clerk.)

STATE GRAB
PROPOSED
REGIONAL
BORS

MDOT-Waterline Conflict Projects – Supervisor Oberlin reviewed the conflicts that the Township's waterlines will have along US2 in regards to the MDOT's highway project in 2019. In order to get a USDA loan it would be mandated that the board raise water rates for \$4.00 - \$7.00 a month depending on the size of the loan. The Board doesn't want to raise water rates at this time. A motion was made by Oberlin to spend \$50,000 from our repair fund on as many of the "conflicts" as the money will cover." Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MDOT
RESOLUTION

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – MDOT Waterline Conflict Project. / Sewer – A motion was made by Oberlin to accept of bid of \$2000 from Crane Engineering to repair the rails on the Planets Resort lift station. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Signage should be in soon. A motion was made by Nelson to accept Gasser's bid of up to \$600 to tweak the new areas of the campground project with his skid steer. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / School – Benson asked about clearing the trees on the north side of the tennis courts. No action taken.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Ernie Schmidt reminded the board that the engineering had been done years ago to continue the sewer line down US 2 to the hall from Passamani Rd. Maybe there would be grant funding available.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by 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, June 13, 2018 @ 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 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

ATTENDEES

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Jim Stolberg-WICFD; Mike Golas & Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec; Residents. Assr Erhart and County Comm Brennan were absent.

MINUTES

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

Treasurer's report for the month of May 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk 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:	\$ 206,060.73
Sewer Fund:	\$ 113,380.45
Water Fund:	\$ 355,372.72
Road Fund:	\$ 203,494.57
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMM REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that Sec 16 & 22 have been chip sealed. The ICRC is waiting for clarification on the project end date from one of the Vendors. We are also waiting for a "rebid" on Sunset Lk Rd to the Park. The gravel project up north will begin soon. The county will do the ditching, culverts and will spread the gravel. Dust control was completed on 6/5 & 6/6.

ROAD PROJECTS

Larson Park Logging - Trustee Franzene commented that the logging job on the roadside from US2 up Thunander Rd to Section 22 Rd was very sloppy. The Logger has left a mess. Oberlin will contact the ICBC & ICRC to make them aware of this and go after the logger to get it cleaned up. (This was a project being done under the authority of the ICBC.)

LARSON PARK LOGGING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 3 new permits issued. 1 variance was approved from a meeting held on 5/29/18. 1 new inquiries. 1 new violation (fence built without permit). Continue to work with current violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 10. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – The Planning Commission will be meeting soon to review the most recent copy.

MASTER PLAN

Street Lighting – Clerk Benson-Stafford has received no new comments; Mike Golas asked if possibly some of the lights in the park could be moved; Trustee Franzene asked if the township could put up our own dusk to dawn lights and put them on as needed; Supervisor Oberlin suggested that he/Franzene will revise the list and bring it to the next meeting.

STREET LIGHTING

Bates Township Clean Up Day – Supervisor Oberlin gave a very big thank you to all of the volunteers; as well as Mary Baumgartner and Mike Golas who were instrumental in the organizing of the event. The Township has plans to make it a bigger event next year. He also thanked Gasser's for taking the 22 tires that litter's left on the roadside.

TWP CLEAN UP DAY

Bates Township Signage – No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

BATES TWP SIGNAGE

BATES TOWNSHIP

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Memorial Day Ceremony – Clerk Benson-Stafford extended a thanks to all who participated/volunteered and to Supervisor Oberlin who had to be the speaker at the last minute due to the unfortunate circumstances of the noted speaker.

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Westside Veterans – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to provide \$250 support. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE
VETERANS

New Cemetery Board – Clerk Benson-Stafford requested a cemetery information board for the new section of the cemetery. A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to purchase an informational board identical to the original cemetery informational board at the same cost of the original board. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW
CEMETERY
INFO-BOARD

Park Showers / Pay per Shower – Supervisor will look into the cost of shower doors and a system that will accept tokens that can be paid for in advance. At this time the Board has approved a fee of \$3.00/shower for non-campers. The Park Hosts will collect this fee and monitor the shower users.

PARK
SHOWERS

Sewer Lift Station Clean Out – PW Benson requested that the Board allow the project to go forward. The lift stations should be cleaned out at least every 5 years and they are currently past due at 8 years. The Vendors will be the City of Iron River Vactor Truck at \$165/hour and/or North Country Septic at \$100/hr. Some lift stations require one or the other or both vendors for the clean out. One lift station was just recently cleaned so a motion was made by Bobnock to proceed with the project. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried. Oberlin stated that this is good preventive maintenance and agrees 100% with the project.

SEWER LIFT
STATION –
CLEAN OUT

Bates School Sink Conversion – The DIISD has agreed to pay rent for a room that they had previously used for storage. A motion was made by Franzene to allow the township to do a sink conversion that will accommodate the DIISD's dishwasher at an estimated cost of up to \$300 per Oberlin. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

BATES
SCHOOL
SINK
CONVERT

Bates School Sign – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is waiting for information on changing and updating the sign at the Bates School.

BATES
SCHOOL
SIGN

Bates Township Janitorial –Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she has been looking into janitorial options for the school. Currently the DIISD is waiting on a bid from the township. There is a possibility that the DIISD would have the township handle the janitorial and then pass through the expense to them on their portion of the services.

BATES
SCHOOL
JANITORIAL

Windsor Rec Authority/November Millage Request – A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to allow the millage request to go on the November ballot. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WINDSOR
REC AUTH-
MILLAGE
RENEWAL

Township Newsletter – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that it was not going to be cost effective to do a newsletter with the summer 2018 tax billing. No action taken.

TWP NEWS-
LETTER

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Township Newsletter – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that within less than a week of the township cleanup there was new litter on the Bates Gaastra Rd. Mary Baumgartner did another round of cleanup. The township will get an estimate on posting littering signs and look into the ordinance fines/prosecuting offenders.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – MDOT Waterline Conflict Project has started. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Backhoe** - Benson stated there was a valve repair. / **School** – The annual fire extinguisher inspection was done at the township. There were 3 that needed changing at the school but all others throughout the township are good until next year. / **Park** – Pat gave their report. This will be their last year as Hosts. They were busy prepping the park for the season; there have been mixed reviews on the changes at the campground with regards to the campsites; people are getting confused with the expanded parking by the pavilions; there were 10 campers over Memorial Day weekend; There was an incident where it was necessary to call the Police; the Park Hosts recommended that the individual involved be banned from the park/campground; the boat wash is being used regularly; there were still some issues with the showers; they managed to come up with a way to rid the beach of the geese. (Copy of the report is on file with the Clerk).

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas stated that the DNR is talking about planting walleyes in Sunset Lake. He stated that the Lake Assn is in favor it that.
- Larry Nelson stated that he appreciated how quickly the dust control was done this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 @ 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 11, 2018 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 Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Mike Stafford, Parks & Rec- ICECA; Mike Golas, Parks & Rec-Sunset Lake Assn; Park Hosts; Residents. Assr Erhart and County Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of June 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

General Fund:	\$ 139,337.83
Sewer Fund:	\$ 109,294.54
Water Fund:	\$ 371,896.15
Road Fund:	\$ 210,133.64
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the East & West Park Drive bids were approved. There will be no more chip seal this year because the jobs had to be rebid. The ICRC will hold over the \$15000 to next year which will give the township \$30,000.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 3 new permits issued. 1 variance was approved from a meeting held on 5/29/18. 1 new inquiries. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 13. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – The Planning Commission met on 7/10/18. There were additional changes made. The plan has been sent back to WUPPDR.

MASTER PLAN

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin and Trustee Franzene presented the board with a final list of the lights to be shut off. Oberlin is hoping the township will save as much as \$4000 annually. Some of the lights will be replaced with the township's own lighting. A motion was made by Nelson to accept the proposed list of lights that will go dark. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A copy of the list is on file with the Clerk.

STREET LIGHTING

Bates Park Swim Raft – Treasurer Nelson stated that she has heard that the current condition of the raft has sharp edges, some rotting boards and screws sticking up. Public Works Benson will take a look at it. Oberlin stated that if it has to be replaced it could wait until next year. No action taken.

BATES PARK SWIM RAFT

Bates Township Signage – Clerk Benson-Stafford reached the original Vendor. A motion was made by Oberlin to accept the bid of 3 sign sides @ \$35/each to add 2018 to the sign. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

BATES TWP SIGNAGE

Park Showers / Pay per Shower – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to try and get through this year without doing a locked door renovation. Park Hosts have been turning off the hot water. When a shower is paid for they turn the hot water on. It seems to be working as a temporary fix. One Resident cautioned that there could be damage to the showers if the hot water is not on. The Board agreed that we will try to get through this year before taking action.

PARK SHOWERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates School Sink Conversion – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Ahlberg will be doing a GFCI outlet for the dishwasher. The sink conversion will be done soon.

BATES
SCHOOL
SINK
CONVERT

Bates Township Janitorial –Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she has been found a Janitor and is negotiating with the Janitor and the DIISD.

BATES
SCHOOL
JANITORIAL

Littering Ordinance – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that within less than a week of the township cleanup there was new litter on the Bates Gaastra Rd. She would like to talk with the Township Attorney to see what the law will allow for more strict penalties. The ordinance will be given to the attorney for review.

LITTERING
ORDINANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Bates Park –DEQ Mandates – There was a list of MDEQ mandates regarding the park and campground. Supervisor Oberlin will talk with the new Health Inspector to see if these items are all required. No action taken.

PARK MDEQ
REQUIRE-
MENTS

Anderson Road Waterline – Supervisor Oberlin wanted the Board to think about a date of last service for the current private line servicing the 4 homes on Anderson Rd. Public Works Benson will talk to the newest homeowner that indicated he might do the work to replace the line. No action taken.

ANDERSON
RD WTLN

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – MDOT Waterline Conflict Project is underway. There will be a re-bore on Kellstrom. / Sewer – Cleanout project will begin the next week. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Pat gave their report. The Hosts are implementing the “pay at the time of reservation.” There is some abuse of the boats using the fishing pier for short term docking. The campground map on the website needs to be updated. The boat wash has been used regularly this year. Campers seem to respect the new generator rules. ORV’s have been causing problems/danger with no regard for the guests. Oberlin told the Hosts to call the police when this happens.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Property owner thanked the board for doing dust control on Parks Farm Road.
- Linda Golas thanked Ed and the Board for the Bates Park/Sunset Lake sign at Sections 16 Rd and Bates Amasa Road.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, 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, August 8, 2018 @ 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 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Clerk Benson-Stafford called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In the absence of Supervisor Oberlin, Trustee Franzene made a motion to appoint Clerk Benson-Stafford to chair the board meeting. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken with Clerk Benson-Stafford and Trustees Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Mike Stafford, Parks & Rec- ICECA; Margee Brennan, ZBA; Jim Brennan, County Commissioner; Park Host; Residents. Supervisor Oberlin, Treasurer Nelson and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

MINUTES

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

Treasurer's report for the month of July 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 104,548.69
Sewer Fund:	\$ 112,940.78
Water Fund:	\$ 389,918.84
Road Fund:	\$ 145,176.78
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was present and stated that the county had been working on the 2019 budget and it has been 6 years in the black. Also, Pentoga Park breaks even. / He stated that the County will be meeting 1 time per month instead of two times. There will no longer be a special finance meeting, it is a full board meeting. / He stated that the logging harvest plan that was adopted will provide discretionary funds for 4-H, etc. / He commented on how nice the Bates Twp properties in Bates look, including the school grounds and the newly painted fence. / He stated that Bates Township was in the top 3 of the countywide voter turnout. As a whole 25.29% of the county came out and voted in the August primary election. / He is going to look into the logging clean up on Section 14 Rd where some dropped trees and brush were just pushed into the ditch and the loggers never came back to do a cleanup.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

Smart 911 - Steve Gagnea from Iron County 911 came and gave a brief presentation of this database which is nationwide but new to our area. People can go to the database and input/save as much or as little information about themselves, their homes, pets, family into a profile that is linked with their cellphones, landlines, and address. It is a free service and if anyone wants help on setting up a profile they can call 906-875-6669-Dispatch for assistance. You can also sign up for weather alerts and road closures. More information can be found at smart911.com

SMART 911

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Clerk Benson-Stafford had nothing new to report other than it appears that the ICRC is starting to spread the gravel up north on Ponozzo Rd.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Clerk Benson-Stafford gave the zoning report. There were 3 new permits issued. Working on a few zoning inquiries. 0 new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 16. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Master Plan – The plan has been sent back to WUPPDR for changes and the only thing new to report was that the Perch Lake Assn requested a draft for review.

MASTER
PLAN

Street Lighting – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Oberlin has been working with UPPCO to disconnect the lights that were approved for shut off at the June meeting.

STREET
LIGHTING

Bates Park Swim Raft – Pat the Park Host said that she had not received complaints on the dock. PW Benson noted that the dock would be pulled out of the water by the end of the month anyway.

BATES PARK
SWIM RAFT

Littering Ordinance – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Attorney Atanasoff is reviewing the ordinance. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

LITTERING
ORDINANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

August Primary Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford thanked the voters for coming out and especially thanked the Election Inspectors for their hard work. There was new election equipment countywide and yet everything went very smoothly.

AUGUST
PRIMARY
ELECTION

Anderson Road Waterline – Don Gollakner was present and stated that the homeowners are working with the newest neighbor who has the equipment and skills to install the new waterline. He is requesting that the township provide the materials. PW Benson will look into the cost of the materials. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

ANDERSON
RD WTLN

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – MDOT Waterline Conflict Project is almost ½ done. / Sewer – Cleanout project is done and should be done as maintenance every three years. He has two quotes on replacing one of the lift stations, but no action taken at this meeting. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – The brush in the overflow parking area aka tennis courts have been cleaned out. Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Pat gave their report. It has been a quiet month. Campsite 4 needs a little more work on the “pad” area. Showers are being used by the public and some pay and mention that they appreciate the availability. Still discouraging watercraft in the swim areas. The dumpsters need replacing there are some rusted through. Still need some additional signage.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Public Works Superintendent Benson stated that he appreciated the comments on how nice the township is being maintained and he wanted to acknowledge the hard work of employee’s John Franzmeier and Jim Nelson.

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: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Franzene. The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 @ 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 12, 2018 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 Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Larry Nelson-PC; Mike Golas Parks & Rec-Sunset Lake Assn; Park Hosts; Residents. County Comm Brennan and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of August 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 101,131.87
Sewer Fund:	\$ 111,640.14
Water Fund:	\$ 344,092.71
Road Fund:	\$ 145,201.44
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMM REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the township’s portion of gravel on Ponozzo Rd will not be spread until next year. The ICRC has been working on the “north” end and next year they will work from Winslow Lake south. / Due to the strike with the paving companies, the ICRC will be refunding our road project deposits. The projects will be done next year for the same price because the road companies will be too far behind in projects once the strike is over. Oberlin stated that he is looking into N. Trybom as a project for next year, as well as trying to make a decision regarding S. Trybom.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave the following report. There were 2 new permits issued. Working on a few zoning inquiries. 0 new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 18. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk. / Treasurer Nelson questioned about the lawn at the Mapleton? Why hasn’t it been maintained? Oberlin will look into this. /Golas questioned the status of the Johnson building on US2 that had the fire. Oberlin stated that the new owner does have a plan that will be implemented shortly.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

Bates Park Swim Raft – PW Superintendent Benson stated that the raft is leaking along the seams, it is loaded with seagull poop, and the frame needs work. It is a 12’x8’ raft that has been patched in the past. Oberlin stated that the Board will have to make a decision to either repair or replace before next season.

BATES PARK SWIM RAFT

Littering Ordinance – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there have been three more incidents with tire dumping. A motion was made by Bobnock to adopt the revised Ordinance with more strict fines and penalties. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LITTERING ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Anderson Road Waterline – Mr. Gollakner was present and again asked the Board if the Township would pay for the materials for the waterline replacement. Supervisor Oberlin stated that it is private property and that the Board originally rescinded their proposal from last year after there was no respond from the homeowners. Oberlin stated that the Board would think about the new proposal from the homeowners which would be done in the spring. Mr. Gollakner pointed out that there 4 homes bring in utility revenues.

ANDERSON
RD
WATERLINE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Park Closure – Pat and Brad Nicholson (Park Hosts) were present and gave their last report. They will not be returning next year. They also donated a beautiful handmade buckboard set and bean bags that they had handcrafted. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that if there was anyway the Board could talk them into returning next year, they would. Supervisor Oberlin and the Board thanked them for all of their contributions these last few years. / Resident Golas asked what the park revenues were for the season. Treasurer Nelson stated that she would prepare a report for the October meeting.

PARK
CLOSURE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said he is waiting on the Hebert invoices. / Sewer – Benson said he is waiting on the new sewer motor that was ordered. Also the fence at the lagoon needs to be repaired. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – There is now a gymnastics class on Thursdays and a Women's Volleyball coming soon on Monday nights. The fence looks great and we're getting a lot of compliments. The hospital is continuing to keep a storage room for another year. The DIISD currently has 5 rooms. Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – See above.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas talked about Wildlife Unlimited working with the DNR to stock the lakes with walleye. They will be planting 5500 walleye around the 2nd week of October in Sunset Lake. There will be 5500 planted in 2019 and 2020 also.

CORRESPONDENCE

- MDNR Trust Grant Application – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township's preliminary score out of 500 points was 240. GEI and the Parks & Rec Committee are working to increase the point total. If we can reach 300 points there is a decent chance that the grant will be funded. The deadline for the additional submissions was October 5th.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Franzene. The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 @ 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 10, 2018 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 Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Larry Nelson-PC; Jim Stolberg-WICFD; Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec/ICECA; Residents. County Comm Brennan and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes with a clarification under Road Projects. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of September 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 89,263.59
Sewer Fund:	\$ 110,497.48
Water Fund:	\$ 360,549.86
Road Fund:	\$ 145,225.31
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was present and stated that the County budget is available to the public for review for the next 31 days. / He stated that the County has been operating in the black for the last 6 years and has been running very smoothly. / Larry Nelson questioned the County’s participation in the County Fair. Brennan stated that in 2011-2012 there was a disagreement between the county and the fair board. After that the county did not give any funds however funds were contributed in 2017 & 2018 and are the budget for 2019. / Brennan stated that he will be 81 at his next birthday. He always tried to be fair, honest and tough minded. He is retiring from the ICBC. The Township thanked him for his service.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that he will be getting more information on a Larson Rd project. There is a saw mill and maple syrup operation that require a Class A paved road. The ICRC is looking into grants and the township may have to do participation funds. PW Benson mentioned that there might be a waterline conflict that will have to be resolved on that road.

ROAD PROJECTS

Senate Bill 396 – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the local ICRC states that this is not a good bill. They are asking local municipalities to pass a resolution opposing it. Larry Nelson stated that he believes the loggers have a good working relationship with the county. A motion was made by Bobnock to resolve to oppose Senate Bill 396. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

SENATE BILL 396

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave the following report. There was 1 new permit issued. Working on a few zoning inquiries. 0 new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 19. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR REPORT

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Three Year Road Plan – Supervisor Oberlin presented the Board with the 3-year road plan that was given to the county. (A copy is on file with the Clerk).

3 YEAR-ROAD PLAN

School Elevator–PW Benson is waiting on service quotes. No action taken.

SCHOOL ELEVATOR

General Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded everyone about the Tuesday, November 6, 2018 General Election. Polls will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm.

GENERAL ELECTION

Children’s Christmas Party – A motion was made by Oberlin to provide a budget of \$300 (which is the same as the past several years.) Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

School Gymnasium – Trustee Franzene stated that the 7 & 8th grade may be looking for a place to practice. Approximately 40 students.

SCHOOL GYM

Rogers Location 1st St. – Trustee Franzene has had complaints that the loaded logging truck & pup that uses 1st St is ruining the blacktop. Supervisor Oberlin will address the matter with the resident again.

ROGERS-1ST ST BLACKTOP

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is waiting to hear from UPPCO regarding the rate reduction before giving final turn off notice.

STREET LIGHTING

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said there were two leaks – Gendzwill & Little Finland Rd. Also, Hebert’s will be connecting up Reiman Rd and Kellstrom Rd within the next few weeks. / Sewer – Benson said he is waiting on the new sewer motor that was ordered. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Benson winterized the park and will be doing the boat wash in the coming week. Also, the boat launch is damaged and will need repair. It was mentioned that maybe the DNR should be contacted about this.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Gasser asked for clarification on where the gravel was going to be spread up north. Oberlin stated that it would be from Winslow Lk on Ponozzo Rd going south. 1-1 ¼ miles, 10000 tons.
- Don Powell running for Iron County Probate Judge gave a presentation of his platform.

CORRESPONDENCE

- County of Marquette – Memo RE: Notice to Prepare a Master Plan
- MM Legal Update – Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00pm at WIC Fire Dept.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Franzene. 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 6:48pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 7, 2018 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 Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Larry Nelson-PC; Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec/ICECA; Residents. County Comm Brennan and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes with a clarification under School gymnasium. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of October 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit. / Mike Stafford questioned where the road revenues come from. Supervisor Oberlin explained that we have a millage but the increase this month was due to a refund from the ICRC for projects that couldn’t be done because of the union workers strike.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 78,047.13
Sewer Fund:	\$ 114,347.28
Water Fund:	\$ 378,873.19
Road Fund:	\$ 197,673.32
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent. Newly elected Iron County District 2 Commissioner Mike Stafford was present. He noted that the ICBC contributed \$10,000 towards the ICECA funding. Supervisor Oberlin asked Stafford to keep his eyes open for any grants or funding for the projects that the township is hoping to do in the future.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is still waiting on the Larson Rd project information from the ICRC. PW Benson mentioned that he had been talking with UPPCO about the 3 Phase power that will be going in and there might be a waterline conflicts.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave the following report. There was 1 new permit issued. A land use issue will be brought before the planning commission. 0 new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 21. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

School Elevator–PW Benson rec’d two quotes: Bach Mobility’s and Otis. Otis has been doing the inspections and currently has the key for the elevator. Trustee Franzene questioned if there was a way to build a ramp and do away with the elevator and the expense of the quarterly inspections. Clerk Benson Stafford wondered if the current obsolete shower in the gymnasium could be converted to a handicap accessible bathroom. PW Benson wondered if the closet area behind the kitchen could be renovated and used as the area for a ramp. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

SCHOOL ELEVATOR

General Election Results – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that 513 of the 820 registered township voters voted. Thank you to the election inspectors who did a wonderful job.

GENERAL ELECTION

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that UPPCO said that the lights that currently cost us about \$8000 will drop down to about \$5200-\$5500 next July. The Township will still shut off 2 at the park, 2 at the hall, 1 on Krans Rd, 1 on East Emily Lk Rd, 1 at Section 16 Rd and 1 at the tower. Some will be replaced with lights from the township structures. He also said that UPPCO would leave

STREET LIGHTING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Street Lighting (cont'd) - the poles at the hall but the township would have to sign for responsibility of them. / Oberlin stated that he will be having another meeting with a Vendor at the school to finalize the cost estimate of changing to LED's.

STREET
LIGHTING

Sunset Lake Boat Launch –PW Benson spoke with a man at the DNR in Baraga that installs boat launches for the state. He stated that they are completely booked for next year. He would be willing to come and see our damaged boat launch and make recommendations. Ed visited the Indian Lake boat launch at this man's recommendation and it was very nice. Oberlin stated that he might know someone who might donate time and equipment to the project. Benson's estimate so far is about \$6400 for materials alone. It was also noted that if this project is done, there will have to be a skirt in the water to protect the environmental species. It was also recommended that the concrete launch not be used in the winter and that an alternative launch off of the grass right next to it would be more suitable for winter use.

SUNSET
LAKE BOAT
LAUNCH

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report

ASSESSOR
REPORT

December Board Meeting Date Change – Due to unexpected conflicts a motion was made by Oberlin to change the meeting date from Wednesday, December 12 to Wednesday, December 5. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

DECEMBER
MTG DATE
CHANGE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said the state required PFAS results have been posted on the township website. Both wells came back "non-detect". The results will also be included in the January consumer confidence report. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – The boiler inspection was done at the school. It is a shared expense with WICPS. The fire inspection was done at the school and will be paid for by the DIISD. This needed to be completed by February 2019 when the Early Childhood certification deadline is. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE

- UPSET – A general information letter and funding request letter. Larry Nelson questioned if this was double dipping. We already have law enforcement, why do we support this. Oberlin stated that they do a good job. He would like to see support in 2019 since the township already made a donation in 2018. Board members can do further research on their own. Action will be tabled until the January meeting.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, 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 6:40pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 @ 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 5, 2018 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 Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Larry Nelson-PC; Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec/ICECA; Residents. County Comm Brennan and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes with a clarification to the Water Fund. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of November 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

General Fund:	\$ 62,254.14
Sewer Fund:	\$ 117,617.93
Water Fund:	\$ 396,888.79
Road Fund:	\$ 197,705.82
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent. Newly elected Iron County District 2 Commissioner Mike Stafford was present.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the ICRC applied for a grant and they have earmarked some money for the project.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 new permits issued. As the Assessor was doing her reassessments there were several violations found with building additions and buildings built without permits. Fines will be assessed & violations will be turned over to the County building inspector. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2018=21. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report. WUPPDR lost a lot of records in the June flood so their office is still coming back together.

MASTER PLAN

UPSET – A motion was made by Oberlin to contribute \$500. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

UPSET

Children’s Christmas Party Reminder – Saturday, December 8th from 11:30-1:00. Special thanks to the Christensen-Hernandez family for their many years of hosting the event.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

MDNR Passport Grant – PW Benson will talk with Robb/GEI to see if our boat launch repair would qualify for this grant.

MDNR PASSPORT GRANT-BOAT LAUNCH

Rogers Location-Loaded Log Truck w/Pup –Trustee Franzene has received complaints about the fully loaded truck and the damage that it is doing to 1st St. Supervisor Oberlin will talk to the owner again. Since a previous conversation the owner has violated the verbal agreement at least 9x. The Board agreed that they understand the owner is working to make a living but is hoping that he can make arrangements to park the “loaded” log truck somewhere nearby.

ROGERS-LOADED LOG TRUCK

Street Lighting – A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to disconnect these UPPCO dusk to dawn lights: 1 at the water tower, 3 at the hall and 1 at the park. These will be replaced with LED lights by the Township at an estimated fixture cost of \$315. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. UPPCO will leave the poles for the township.

STREET LIGHTING

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Larson Road Resolution – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the ICRC is seeking the Township's support of the plans & efforts to convert Larson Rd to a Class A Paved Rd. They are not seeking financial support at this time, however they will come in the future. A motion was made by Franzene to adopt a Resolution of Support (Non-Financial) of the ICRC Plans & Efforts to convert Larson Rd to a Class A Paved Rd. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. (A copy of the resolution is on file with the Clerk.) PC Nelson stated that he feels this is worthwhile because there is the potential for additional employees in the future.

LARSON RD
RESOLUTION

IC MTA – Save the date: The 2018 4th quarter meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019. Details to follow.

IC MTA

Employee Christmas Bonus's – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to do the same bonus's as last year with PW Benson @ \$150 and part-time Franzmeier and Nelson @ \$100. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE
CHRISTMAS
BONUS

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – There was discussion about converting the whole center to LED lighting. There is a potential for up to \$2500 in rebates by doing this. One bid was received from Ahlberg Electric. It was decided that Supervisor Oberlin would redefine the specific areas to be converted and ask for other bids. No action taken.

BATES TWP
CENTER-LED
CONVERT

Bates Township Center Gym – There was discussion about multiple inquires on using the gym and how much to charge. No specific action taken. A fee of \$10/hour was talked about.

BATES TWP
CENTER GYM

Krist Oil Pop Machine – Supervisor Oberlin saw a pop machine for sale for \$350. He will talk with the Sellers and see if he can negotiate a better price. The Board felt the pop machine would be a good asset at the Bates Township Center.

KRIST-POP
MACHINE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said there was a 4" and 2" water main break. The water meter reader has been repaired again. / Sewer – The lagoon samples were good. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – The fire alarm inspection was completed. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, 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, January 9, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____