

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – January 9, 2019 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 Lk Assn; County Comm Stafford; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

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

General Fund:	\$ 148,903.11
Sewer Fund:	\$ 110,359.91
Water Fund:	\$ 287,609.89
Road Fund:	\$ 217,567.44
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present and gave a brief report. At the ICBC organizational meeting Peretto was named the new Chair and Stafford the Vice Chair and Chair of the Finance Committee.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Ponozzo Rd gravel will be put down by the ICRC this spring. / Our portion of the Larson Rd the ICRC grant project would be \$53800. If the grant is approved the ICRC would pay for the \$39000 engineering. A resident suggested getting the Willis family to participate with funding also. Oberlin stated that they’re a startup and probably couldn’t. The blacktop would not be to the end but just past the mill. PW Benson stated that we don’t want old waterline there is they’re going to blacktop. / Mike Golas noted that the County has been doing a great job snowplowing.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 1 new permits issued. He answered some questions regarding the old mine to a potential Buyer. Still working on the violations that the Assessor found during field work. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2018=22. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk. / There was a question regarding zoning of the saw mill. Oberlin stated that the sawmill was there for decades before zoning went into effect. It would just be a land use. Golas stated that the Township needs to find a way to make it work. Oberlin also stated that the noise issue should be resolved soon. There will be electric power at the mill instead of diesel.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – The lights will be arriving 1/20/19. Oberlin called for installation bids. Two of the four contractors declined to bid because of their work schedules.

BATES CTR LED CONV

IC MTA December Meeting Reminder – Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5:30pm at the Bates Township Hall.

IC MTA MEETING

MDNR Trust Grant – Supervisor Oberlin received notice that the Township was award a smaller grant of \$58000. A motion was made by Franzene to go forward with the grant and eliminate the following portions of work; all of the projects to the west & reconfigure by the boar launch. GEI engineering fees will be \$10900 and will administer the grant. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. PW Benson will talk with Robb/GEI to see if our boat launch repair would qualify for this grant.

MDNR TRUST GRANT

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Anderson Rd Waterline Project – PW Benson stated that the cost of the materials would probably \$3900-\$4000. There would be one shutoff at the road plus 4 shutoffs for each home. There is a let run going during the winter months. No action taken.

ANDERSON
RD
WATERLINE

Sunset Lake Boat Launch – Due to the damage done by a boater the left side of the boat launch cannot be used. There is a possibility of a grant but the application deadline is April 1 and the funds wouldn't be available until the end of the summer season of 2020. No action taken.

SUNSET
LAKE BOAT
LAUNCH

Bates Township Center Pop Machine – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Krist Oil Company donated the used pop machine that they had been trying to sell. They delivered it to the Bates Twp Center.

BATES TWP
CENTER

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – The Assessor submitted a supplemental invoice for a \$900 payment to be paid as \$700 to the Treasurer and \$200 to the Assessor. A motion was made by Oberlin to pay the invoice. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, abstain. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Recreational Marijuana Opt Out – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adopt Ordinance #801 an ordinance to prohibit marijuana establishments within the Township of Bates, Iron County, Michigan and establishing penalties for violations. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RECREATION
AL
MARIJUANA-
OPT OUT

Budget Workshop – The Board set the budget workshop date for Wednesday February 6 at 4:00pm at the township hall.

BUDGET
WORKSHOP

Board of Review Appointments – Supervisor Oberlin made a motion to appoint the same members to the Board of Review: Jane Adams, Judy Girard and Bonnie Puskala for another two year term. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. Oberlin stated that they have been doing a great job.

BOR
APPOINT.

Planning Commission Appointment – With the recent resignation of Dave Gutowski, Supervisor Oberlin appointed Corey Shankleton to the PC. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

PC APPOINT.

Gen Ops-Road Millage Renewal – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that there is a millage renewal coming up this year. Currently it is Gen Ops 2 mills plus Roads 1 mill. She asked if this should be changed to Gen Ops 2.5 mills plus Roads .5 mills, since there is already an additional 2 mills for roads that expires in an off year. There was discussion but no action taken. Clerk Benson-Stafford will see what other municipal elections will take place so that there can be a cost sharing of election expenses.

MILLAGE
RENEWAL

Emergency Svcs Ad – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to place this ad. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY
SVC AD

Bates Clean Up Day – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to get this date on the calendar. We should also have a dumpster available that day. There was discussion about getting Tru Recycling, Trico and other Vendors available on the same day.

BATES
CLEANUP
DAY

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said the Kellstrom Rd water connection will be done in the spring. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / 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

- Farmland Preservation Program Brochures & Information

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, 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 7:30pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of January 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.

General Fund:	\$ 113,473.26
Sewer Fund:	\$ 113,776.38
Water Fund:	\$ 363,144.47
Road Fund:	\$ 260,764.04
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present and stated that the bounty board meeting had been cancelled due to weather. There was nothing new to report at this time.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that there was nothing new to report other than the ICRC is waiting on bids which should be due around 2/2/2019.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 new permits issued. There were some new inquiries. He is still working on the violations that the Assessor found during field work. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=2. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – The LED light conversion in the Bates Township Center gym is done. The Board expects to see a cost savings.

BATES CTR LED CONV

MDNR Trust Grant – Supervisor Oberlin stated that GEI has started the engineering for the project.

MDNR TRUST GRANT

Budget Workshop – The Board rescheduled the workshop date to February 19th at 4:00pm; the original date was cancelled due to unforeseen conflicts.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Anderson Rd Waterline Project – The Board is considering the cost of materials. No action taken. Tabled until next month.

ANDERSON RD WTRLN

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – The Assessor submitted the information and requested that the board take action on the 2019 Poverty Exemption Guidelines. A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adopt the 2019 Guidelines for Poverty Exemption Resolution. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A copy of the 2019 Guidelines and the Application for Tax Exemption are on file with the Clerk’s office.

ASSESSOR REPORT

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

2018-2019 Audit – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to see a call for bids ad. Treasurer Nelson and Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that they have been pleased with the work that was done by DS Rostagno CPA which is now owned by Haukkala & Company, PC and would like to see them do the audit.

2018-2019
AUDIT

Huntington Bank Loan – There was discussion regarding this water loan. The current balance is \$115,000 (approximately). The next payment due is \$27,500. There are funds in the water fund earmarked for this loan of \$105,000. There is about 5 years left to pay on the loan. It was decided to keep a balance in the event that there are unforeseen waterline repairs needed this summer. A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to make a payment of \$57,500. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The Board will revisit this loan in the fall when the next payment is due and perhaps pay off the balance then.

HUNTINGTN
WATER LOAN

Board Salary Resolutions – All Board members declined any requests for an increase in salary for the 2019-2020 year.

BOARD
SALARY
RESOLUTION

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said the Kellstrom Rd water connection will be done in the spring. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / 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

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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: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, 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 6:30pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

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ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of February 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

General Fund:	\$ 177,876.01
Sewer Fund:	\$ 114,359.75
Water Fund:	\$ 298,978.73
Road Fund:	\$ 308,550.75
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present and gave a brief update of the economic info/scorecard for the county. He stated that the Chamber is doing so much more than ever before. 2018 was a record breaking year for retail; there are 32 new chamber members.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin presented the board with the list of road repairs (some are projects from 2018 that were not completed because of the strike). A motion was made by Nelson to approve the list which included East & West Park Drives, North & South Trybom, Dust control, and gravel or pavement on Larson Rd, contingent upon the pending ICRC grant application. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. PW-Benson pointed out that the manholes on North & South Trybom will have to be raised up prior to the road project.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 new permits issued. There were some new inquiries. He is still working on the violations that the Assessor found during field work. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=2. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is waiting on bids for the rest of the school. The gymnasium is done.

BATES CTR LED CONV

Anderson Rd Waterline Project – PW- Benson stated that the cost of the materials would be approximately \$4500 and the township would do the tap-ins. A motion was made by Franzene that the township would contribute a maximum of \$4500 in materials only and the project must be completed by November 1, 2019. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ANDERSON RD WTRLN

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR REPORT

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Employee/Appointed Wage Increase & New School/Center Position – Supervisor Oberlin pointed out that at a previous meeting the Board of Trustees declined any increase in salaries. Oberlin stated that at this time he would recommend that there are no wage increases on any board or department. Clerk Benson-Stafford asked the board to allow the creation of a new position as Bates School/Center Coordinator. This initial position would be handled by the clerk and would be a defining position to oversee events/rentals and operations at the school/center, report monthly to the board, try to fill room vacancies and further define the responsibilities of the position over the course of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. After some discussion a motion was made by Franzene to not increase any current wages/salaries; approve the new school/center position at a monthly salary of \$400/month. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, abstain. Motion carried.

WAGES/NEW POSITION

Public Meeting Notice – Clerk Benson-Stafford presented the notice of the 2019-2020 fiscal year meeting dates. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the dates. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Township Property – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adopt a resolution giving the Township Board the authority to sell township property. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP PROPERTY SALE RESOLUTION

Deposit Resolution – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to adopt a resolution to continue to keep/use the accounts that the township currently has through the Miners State Bank and Huntington Bank. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DEPOSIT RESOLUTION

Bates School-Center/Gym Painting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the township had an opportunity to get the gym painted for the cost of materials only. An individual was looking to do community service and was an experienced painter. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the cost of materials, contingent upon liability. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

BATES SCHOOL/CENTER GYM PAINTING

Bates Park-Sunset Lake/Campground Host Search – The Board discussed this opening and it was agreed that Clerk Benson-Stafford would publish an ad in the paper and get the position posted in the Chamber's weekly newsletter.

PARK HOSTS

Veteran's Memorial-Buy A Brick Program – Clerk Benson-Stafford said there that have been some new requests. After some discussion the board agreed to publish an ad in the paper seeking further interested parties. There is a minimum and Benson-Stafford would look into the requirements/cost. Trustee Franzene stated that there would be no problem putting in the new bricks.

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUY A BRICK

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson reviewed the estimates for projects that he would like to see done this summer. No action taken. / Sewer – Benson stated that the LS #1 flow meter is approximately 40 years old. He estimated the replacement cost to be \$10000-\$15000. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve this repair. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. PW Benson also stated he is getting estimated for the 4 mechanical manholes that have infiltration. Action tabled on this until next meeting. / 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

- Mike Golas commented on what a great job Ed and the employees do around the township on a daily basis.
- There was discussion about the number of fishing shacks still on the lakes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- UPPCO letter stating that they will begin replacing street lights with LED bulbs over the course of the coming months.
- Kiwanis – seeking ad sponsorship for K-Day. No action taken.
- UP Rodeo – A motion was made by Oberlin to sponsor the event with \$50. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Salute to Veterans Ad – A motion was made by Bobnock to publish the ad (\$70). Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, 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 7:31pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of March 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Oberlin to accept the report. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, absent. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

General Fund:	\$ 179,702.89
Sewer Fund:	\$ 116,472.68
Water Fund:	\$ 310,261.77
Road Fund:	\$ 337,827.92
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present. He stated that County Clerk Joetta Greig gave her resignation and will be retiring May 31, 2019. The Judge will appoint a new Clerk to fill the vacancy until the 2020 election.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the press release made it sound like the Township’s participation on Larson Rd was a done deal. Everything is on hold at this time, waiting on all bids. / He also stated that the ICRC will be waiving their oversight administration fees. In the past the municipalities pay for 100% of the road project plus the admin fees. At the 4/9/19 meeting Ernie Schmidt, ICRC, helped to get those fees rescinded for this year.

ROAD PROJECTS

ICECA/Paul Schuytema – Paul presented information from an IC report card. Things are looking good in Iron County. 41 new businesses, 17 closed with a net 24 new businesses. Over 100 new jobs created in 2018. Tourism is thriving, lodging is up and camping is up. Both school districts had enrollment increases. Over 63% of local businesses are chamber members. He asked for the townships support which is per capita based. All municipalities contribute except one. He thanked the Township for their past support. He mentioned that the State is recommending Iron County as the “model” for economic growth. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve the \$2763 support for 2020, 2021, 2022. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Motion carried.

ICECA UPDATE

Paint River Project/Rich Sloat – Rich stated that the County is doing a new plat and currently the property is still under the name of Iron County. He gave a brief history of the property as far back as the 1840’s. He requested that the township take measures to honor the heritage of the property and rename it the original name: MISKWAAGAMIWIZIIBI (MISK-WA-GA-ME-WE-ZEE-BE). He also asked permission to plant some white pine seedlings. He stated that it’s possible that the Tribal Historical Preservation Office might contribute to the purchase of a sign. A motion was made by Oberlin to recognize the original name of the property. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

PAINT RIVER PROJECT / NAME

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is waiting on bids due back 4/26, for the rest of the school. He submitted the Rebate application for what has been done so far and we will get over ½ of our investment back.

LED CONV.

BATES TOWNSHIP

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permit issued. No new inquiries. No new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=3. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Master Plan – There was a meeting at 5:00 (4/10) and there were some new comments. Although the public comment time period has long passed, the planning commission acknowledged all comments/concerns/questions. There is another planning commission meeting on 4/24 at 5:00 to change clerical errors.

MASTER
PLAN

Anderson Rd Waterline Project – Nothing new to report.

ANDERSON
RD WTRLN

Bates School Center/Gym Painting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the person doing the community service did a fantastic job painting the gym. Very professional. Oberlin requested a bid on painting the remainder of the area; doors, pillars & restrooms. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to budget \$250 for this and then the gym will be all freshly painted. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

BATES
SCHOOL/
CENTER GYM
PAINTING

Bates Park-Sunset Lake/Campground Host Search – The Township has requested letters of interest. Action tabled until next meeting.

PARK HOSTS

2018-2019 FYE Audit – There was only one sealed bid received from Haukkala & Company. The bid was for \$7000/1 year or \$6500/3 year bid. A motion was made by Nelson to accept the 3 year bid. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes. Motion carried.

2018-2019
FYE AUDIT

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Assessor Erhart would like the BOR members to have field training. The Board felt that was an excellent idea. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve and the members would be paid at their regular daily wage. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Park Showers – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he will look into modifications to the showers to allow for tokens or a keypad code. The RV Park charges \$5.00. This would be a similar situation, except free to registered campers.

PARK
SHOWERS

Millage Renewal – A motion was made by Nelson to approve the RENEWAL of the current 3 mills which is 2 mills for general operations and 1 mill for roads for 2020 through 2023 levying \$105,064 for general operating and \$52,532 for roads, totaling \$157,596 in the first year. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes. Motion carried.

MILLAGE
RENEWAL

Project Graduation – A motion was made by Oberlin to support the event with \$50, same as previous years. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

PROJECT
GRAD.

Veteran's Memorial-Buy a Brick Program – Clerk Benson-Stafford said current window of opportunity to purchase a brick has a July 1, 2019 deadline. / PW Benson has been talking with the 'engravers" and they will add the names prior to Memorial Day.

VETERANS
MEMORIAL
BUY A BRICK

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates Cleanup Day – The 2nd Annual Bates Township Roadside Cleanup date is scheduled for Saturday, May 11. Starting at the hall there will be donuts/coffee/road assignments from 8:30-9:00. Roadside cleanup 9:00-11:00. Light Lunch at 11:00. A motion was made by Nelson to approve a budget of \$300 for the event. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. Clerk will publish.

BATES
CLEANUP
DAY

Memorial Day Ceremony/Continental Breakfast – A motion was made by Oberlin to approve a budget of \$300 for the continental breakfast. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that the Kellstrom Rd project will be done in the next 2 weeks with time and materials. He would also like to lay a pipe across Larson Rd. / **Sewer** – Benson stated that the flow meter part has been ordered. / A motion was made by Oberlin to go with Tunnel Vision for the 4 mechanical manholes that have infiltration with an estimate of \$4000-\$6000. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Motion carried. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – The fire alarm inspection was completed. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – PW Benson stated that he talked with Louis Golbach who has repaired boat launches. As soon as the snow melts he will look at the Sunset Lk boat launch. Oberlin stated that the estimate the township received through GEI would be about \$80,000 with the township needing to do a percentage match. The cost to write the permit is \$300.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Jim Brennan wanted to thank the residents for allowing him to serve as the County Commissioner for the past 6 years.
- Larry Nelson wanted an update on the Chicagon Mine Rd issue (from Helgemo to the bottom the road washed out). Oberlin stated that he talked to the ICRC and that it was neglect on their part, it needs better ditching.
- A resident wanted to know is there is something that can be done with a neighbor that has had Tyvek on his home for 10 years. Was there a building permit. Do they have deadlines for completed projects? Is there anything in zoning to prevent this? / Also is there a limit to the number of propane tanks that a person can have on their property. There are currently 5- 2500 gallon tanks. Jim Stolberg said he would ask the fire department about this. Oberlin said that it wouldn't be a township matter but maybe a state matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

- WUPPDR meeting on May 3rd.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Franzene. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 @ 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 8, 2019 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; Larry Nelson, PC; County Comm Stafford; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of April 2019 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; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 176,581.04
Sewer Fund:	\$ 117,733.78
Water Fund:	\$ 330,894.02
Road Fund:	\$ 312,813.09
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present. Nothing new to report as the County meeting will be held May 14th.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin had the contracts to sign and stated that there would be a \$2500 reduction in the original cost because the ICRC was removing one mobilization fee. / He also stated that the Board has not made a final decision regarding either blacktopping or graveling Larson Rd. / He stated that the Township will dust control the same roads this year. Same quantity as last year but a slight increase of \$.05/gallon.

ROAD PROJECTS

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there two bids received from reputable companies for the LED conversion at the school. Drier Electric at \$5971 and Ahlberg Electric at \$8463. These bids are for installation. The Township will purchase the materials outside of the bids at a cost of \$3191. The rebate for the project will be \$2500. A motion was made by Franzene to accept the lower bid of \$5971 from Drier Electric. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson, yes; Oberlin, yes, Bobnock, yes, Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ICECA UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permit issued with 4 permits in process. No new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=4. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

Anderson Rd Waterline Project – Don Gollakner and Jake Jukkela were present. The Board agreed to participate with \$4500 of materials only. Project to be completed by November 1, 2019. Supervisor Oberlin will contact Attorney Atanasoff to draft the necessary legal easement documents.

ANDERSON RD WTRLN

Bates School Center/Gym Painting – Supervisor Oberlin stated there is a bid of \$250 which the Board approved to paint the pillars and doors. We just need to choose a paint color.

BATES SCHOOL/ CENTER GYM PAINTING

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Bates Park-Sunset Lake/Campground Host Search – Nothing new to report. Still seeking qualified candidates.

PARK HOSTS

Park Water Raft – PW Benson received 3 quotes on price. Hayward Outfitters \$2180, American Dock \$2116 and Waterfront Products \$3368. Benson said it is possible to repair again, but it's already been repaired 2-3 times. It was decided to see what it would cost to weld the leaking pontoon(s). No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

PARK WATER
RAFT

Park Boat Launch – PW Benson spoke with Lou Golbach, and he looked at the project. He said that he can repair the launch, but he would like to look into the DEQ requirements. He gave an approximate estimate of \$15000-\$18000. Oberlin stated that GEI can apply for the DEQ permit. PW Benson also stated that there is a culvert that should be redirected because it's causing damage to the pavement. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

PARK BOAT
LAUNCH

Park Showers – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he took measurements and the materials will cost about \$650 for the doors/keypad locks. He was going to look into the cost of labor. The doors will be 3' wide, ADA compliant. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

PARK
SHOWERS

Bates Cleanup Day – Reminder the 2nd Annual Bates Township Roadside Cleanup date is scheduled for Saturday, May 11. Starting at the hall there will be donuts/coffee/road assignments from 8:30-9:00. Roadside cleanup 9:00-11:00. Light Lunch at 11:00.

BATES
CLEANUP
DAY

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin read the report. There was general information that the 2019 Headlee Millage Reduction fraction to be used is 1.000. In May Assessors will be given the green light to roll out their 2020 databases. She has flagged 30 additional parcels to visit this year along with parcels in her 2019 plan. A copy of the report is kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Paint River Project Resolution – A motion was made by Nelson to adopt a resolution officially accepting the terms of the DNR Trust Fund Grant for the Paint River Access Site Improvements. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PAINT RIVER
PROJECT

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson stated that the Kellstrom Rd and Larson Rd projects are done, as well as a water main break on Demboski Rd was repaired. / Sewer – Benson stated the Tunnel Vision infiltration repair project is completed. / He is waiting for road restrictions to be lifted before the new flow meter will be installed. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – PW Benson said that there were three Veterans names added to the Memorial. The Engraver said that he passes through the area enough that he can engrave as needed. We don't have to wait until once a year. / School – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Ken Willis was present to talk about the Larson Rd project which was discussed earlier in the meeting. Oberlin stated that the Township would have to do a new waterline no matter if gravel or blacktop.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Supervisor Oberlin was going to try and get some information on the Opportunity Zone opportunities for Gasser and Ken Willis.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 @ 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 12, 2019 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; Larry Nelson, PC; County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn-P&R; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of May 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 174,112.01
Sewer Fund:	\$ 119,529.62
Water Fund:	\$ 342,704.55
Road Fund:	\$ 325,541.79
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present. He stated that the County approved a project that will be a single bike track east of the airport on county owned property. This will be for mountain bikes, no blacktop, and dirt trail.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

West Iron District Library - Barb Bartel & Jenn Berlinski were present to give an overview of the library and the services that it provides to the community. The library is seeking a renewal of millage on the August ballot that would also increase the millage from 1.5 to 1.75 for 5 years. They stated that the millage covers 85% of their operating budget and the rest comes from penal fines, book sales and nonresident library cards. They stated that the current millage has been in place for 25 years. The requested increase is to cover inflation and rising utility costs.

WID LIBRARY MILLAGE

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin that W. Park Drive is finished as well as North & South Trybom paving is done. The grant has gone through for Larson Rd and personally Oberlin thinks it would be best for the township to participate. Franzene asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the road and how do we know that the businesses will be there long term. Ken Willis stated that they just made a \$400,000 investment into the businesses. Oberlin said the township would be responsible for maintenance and usually 5-6 years old chip seal can extend the life. Lou Willis stated that with the States participation it is going to be a much better road. Oberlin reminded that the waterline will have to be redone too. Bobnock asked how much truck traffic the road is getting. Ken Willis stated that it is 3 trips a day of 150000 truck weight. Bobnock asked how the blacktop would hold up? Lou Willis said reminded the board that the State will not make a Class A gravel Rd. A motion was made by Oberlin to participate in the Class A blacktop project for Larson Rd. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 5 new permits issued. 3 new zoning questions. No new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=9. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates Park-Sunset Lake/Campground Host Search – Bad experience with first Hosts. They had a domestic dispute and left. New hosts coming that were recommended by the Chamber. They were previous Hosts at the city RV Park.

PARK HOSTS

Park Water Raft – PW Benson stated that Lakeshore graciously did the welding as a goodwill gesture which was greatly appreciated. We got a great deal on the decking from American Dock. New it would have been over \$2000. They had some used decking and quoted \$700 but when it was picked up they reduced the price further to \$350 thanks to the negotiating skills of John Franzmeier.

PARK WATER
RAFT

Park Boat Launch – Oberlin stated that Wildlife Unlimited might participate in the repair. They gave Oberlin an application to fill out. Golbach estimated the cost to be no more than \$16000. The DEQ said that it will be ok to proceed with the project. GEI is doing the permit application for \$00. A motion was made by Franzene to proceed with the repair. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK BOAT
LAUNCH

Park Showers – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he can't find a contractor to do the job, everyone is busy. He will keep trying.

PARK
SHOWERS

Master Plan – A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt the Master Plan as was presented at the Board meeting, but with a change of the front page cover photo. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MASTER
PLAN

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin read the report. There are 3 tax tribunals that will be held in Ontonagon on 6/24/19. There were some requests for information updates on the website which the Clerk took care of. A copy of the report is kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Township Hall Projection Screen – Clerk Benson-Stafford requested authorization to purchase a screen. She stated that there have been requests from hall renters. A motion was made by Bobnock to approve the purchase up to \$150. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP
HALL
PROJECTOR
SCREEN

Mapping Solutions – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Mapping Solutions is make a request for shape files from the Township GIS data. In the past the exchange of information was for 10 plat books. Benson-Stafford asked permission to negotiate for some wall maps too. The Board agreed that was fine.

MAPPING
SOLUTIONS
PLAT -GIS
MAP

ACH – Treasurer Nelson gave a presentation regarding moving the township utility and tax billing into some form of ACH. She said that there have been requests. There was discussion about passing the fees onto the consumer. Nelson stated that she has two different programs, Enhance & BSA, and they do not integrate. Oberlin questioned what other municipalities do? Nelson will research further and report again next month.

ACH

Iron County Fair Board Ad – A motion was made by Nelson to place the ad for \$66.51, same as previous years in support of the event. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

IC FAIR
BOARD AD

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Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that the DEQ lead & copper initial inventory report must be done by 12/31/2019. / He needs some parts for the Honda pump which pumps down the hydrants. / Larson Rd – waiting on funding for the waterline. / **Sewer** – Benson stated that the flow meter is in and might be a little less than estimated cost. / There is a new tap in that will be done on Sunset Lake Rd in the next week or so. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Spring-A-Roo gymnastics would like to do a flush mount bolting of some equipment to the cafeteria floor. A motion was made by Nelson to allow this. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – LED conversion materials are in. Benson will get Ahlberg to install. / **Dust Control** – Vendor will call to do the roads next week. / **Anderson Rd Waterline Project** – There was clarification that the Board agreed to participate with \$4500 of materials only. Project to be completed by November 1, 2019. Supervisor Oberlin will make contact again with contact Attorney Atanasoff to draft the necessary legal easement documents.

GUEST COMMENTS

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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: Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, 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 7:13pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 @ 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 10, 2019 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; Larry Nelson, PC; County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn-P&R; Officer Basanese; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of June 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 160,379.77
Sewer Fund:	\$ 107,716.82
Water Fund:	\$ 354,556.97
Road Fund:	\$ 206,850.81
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present. He stated that the County approved Atty Tinti to draft a license agreement for the single bike track east of the airport on county owned property. The County approved a strip of land to do an electronic waste dump.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin that there are no chip seal bids in yet. / East Park Drive has yet to be completed. / He stated that he wanted to clarify that if Larson Rd could be gravel and still be a Class A, with no permits necessary. The Board decided to not revisit the vote. Larson Rd will be a blacktop project with funding from the State.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 3 new permits issued. Some new zoning questions. No new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=12. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Park Water Raft – PW Benson stated that the welding did not hold on one of the pontoons. The raft had to be pulled to shore and was transported to American Dock for a seam repair. Thank you to Gasser for hauling it back to the Township hall and to Mr. Christofferson who helped to bring it to shore.

PARK WATER RAFT

Park Boat Launch – Oberlin stated the permit has been received. The project can’t start until after July 15th because of the loons on the lake; probably after August 1st. Oberlin stated that he will let Mike Golas know so that he can alert the Sunset Lk Assn. Oberlin completed the application with Wild Life Unlimited and applied for ½ of the cost of the project. PC Nelson said that there should be a sign posted that says no power loading. PW Benson said that it’s disregarded all of the time.

PARK BOAT LAUNCH

Park Showers – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he will continue to check with Contractors. PW Benson says that the toilets need to be reset into the concrete. Oberlin said that he would like to see a divider shielding the toilets. No action taken.

PARK SHOWERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

ACH – Treasurer Nelson said that she is still doing research. Commissioner Stafford mentioned that maybe PayPal was an option. Oberlin stated that he continues to wonder about the legality of a finance charge. No action taken.

ACH

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Bates Township Banner – Clerk Benson-Stafford said that the UP Rodeo staff asked if we had a banner that we wanted to display since we were a sponsor for the event. A banner can be purchased at a cost of \$7/ft with a recommendation of a 2' x 6' banner. The Board decided there was no need at this time to purchase a banner.

BATES TWP
BANNER

Westside Veterans Council – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to support their efforts with \$250 which is the same as last year. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE
VETERANS
COUNCIL

Park Playground Landscape Timbers Repair – After some discussion about the cost of various size timbers the Board agreed that the current state of the landscape timbers was dangerous and needed repair. A motion was made by Franzene to do the repair with a cost up to \$900. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK
PLAYGRND
REPAIR

Assessor Files – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that there were 2 file cabinets that Assr Erhart wanted to return to the township for storage. These documents must be kept on file forever. She initially requested that Room 104 at the school be reserved for storage, however it was decided that they could be put into the safe at the school which should protect them from fire hazards.

ASSESSOR
FILE
STORAGE

Pontoon Svcs – Resident Christofferson has helped the township on numerous occasions to put in and take out the park raft. A motion was made by Nelson to give him a \$50 gas card to help cover his expenses. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

PONTOON
SVCS

Supervisor Reimbursement – The first park hosts lost personal items prior to arriving for duty. Supervisor Oberlin loaned them \$100 to come out of their first pay check. Since they left within the first week, without pay, a motion was made by Nelson to reimburse Oberlin the \$100 of his personal money that he had loaned them. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPVR
REIMBURSE

Office 365 – Clerk Benson-Stafford requested that the township emails be transferred over to 365 for more efficiency, at a cost of \$60/address. A motion was made by Nelson to have PC Tech do the conversion. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OFFICE 365

Township Hall Foundation – There was some discussion about the west wall foundation being in poor shape. The thought of a historical building grant was mentioned. Oberlin stated that maybe the Board should start thinking about moving the township offices to the school. It was agreed that the foundation should be inspected to come up with the potential cost to fix.

TOWNSHIP
HALL
FOUNDATN

BATES TOWNSHIP

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Park – A comment was made that the park was not welcoming when you come into it. The campsites look bad and there needs to be more weed eating. The discussion continued about the ball field and the hill side looking bad. There was also a tree that fell onto the beach. After much discussion it was decided that the Parks & Rec Committee should tour the park/campground and make recommendations. Also, a motion was made by Benson-Stafford to appoint Mark "Gasser" Gasperini to the Parks & Rec committee. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that the Anderson Rd project was in progress. / Golas questioned how much water P&D is using. PW Benson stated that he is keeping a tally and they are invoiced. **Sewer** – Benson stated that they pulled out a sewer motor today. It was decided to ship it to LW Allen in Madison for repair. / He stated that the Sunset Creek station has a seal leaking which allows water to get into the pump oil. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Report on file with the Clerk / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – See special comments. / **Dust Control** – Completed for the season.

GUEST COMMENTS

- There was a question as to when the Paint River Boat Launch project would begin. Oberlin stated that we are waiting on the DNR to approve the permit. There will be nothing done on the Westside of the road. / It was also discovered that a resident on Shady Lane is encroaching on township land which was discovered through surveying. Oberlin will talk to the Resident and tell them they must remove their structure(s). / PC Nelson wondered when the culvert would be done on Bates-Amasa Road. Oberlin stated that is a County project. / Trustee Bobnock questioned when the Mapleton lawn was going to be mowed. Oberlin stated if it wasn't mowed within 2 weeks he was going to have the township mow it and send the owner a bill.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 @ 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 14, 2019 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; Larry Nelson, PC; County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn-P&R; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to approve the minutes with a correction on page 2, Pontoon Svcs, third sentence, change the word “me” to “him”. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of July 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 123,880.60
Sewer Fund:	\$ 102,358.31
Water Fund:	\$ 364,618.64
Road Fund:	\$ 194,750.98
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present. He stated that the County is currently working on the new budget; MERS continues to be a problem; Crystal Falls Twp Supervisor Tom Lesandrini resigned effective the end of August. Supervisor Oberlin said that since there is no County Administrator, how is that going? Stafford stated that so far the BOC approves payables every two weeks. Resident Larry Nelson asked if the County has any active timber sales. He mentioned an area by Smokey Lake that should be select cut. Stafford stated that Brock Van Oss did a plan for the county and there will probably be some in the next year.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin that East & West Park Drive have both been chip sealed. Forsberg/Demboski have been chip sealed. There was a complaint on Forsberg from a Resident. No further comment was made.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 2 new permits issued. Some new zoning questions. No new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=14. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Park Water Raft – PW Benson stated that the raft is back from American Dock and seems to be holding up so far.

PARK WATER RAFT

ACH – Treasurer Nelson said that she received an email from one Vendor that would waive the \$149 set up fee and give an \$89 annual fee for three years. After further discussion it was decided that the number of Residents asking for the service does not make it cost effective to do. The Board has tabled any action on this at the Treasurer’s recommendation.

ACH

Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the Election Inspectors again did a great job and thanked them for their service. She also thanked the Residents for passing the renewal of the 3 mills (2 general operations & 1 road).

ELECTIONS

Advanced Clean Care – A motion was made by Franzene to have the Township Hall floors waxed for \$826.80 (same quote when last done in 2016). Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

TWP HALL FLOORS

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Park Showers – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he will continue to check with Contractors. PW Benson says that the toilets need to be reset into the concrete. Oberlin said that he would like to see a divider shielding the toilets. No action taken.

PARK SHOWERS

Park Improvements – The committee will respond next month with the signage requests and the bid from Gasser to make some improvements to the area.

PARK IMPROVMNT

Township Hall Foundation – No information was available. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

TWP HALL FOUND.

Park Host – The second Park Hosts have left for the season (prior to the end of the season). It is determined that the search for great reliable Park Hosts for next year needs to begin "now."

PARK HOST

Park Boat Launch – Supervisor Oberlin stated that after completing an application for assistance, Wildlife Unlimited said that they will contribute \$9000 towards the project. The Township will have to put up a plaque. The Township is very grateful. The project will probably begin sometime in September when the Contractor is available.

PARK BOAT LAUNCH

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he and Trustee Franzene would like to do another assessment for the street lighting to see if there are anymore that could be permanently shut off.

STREET LIGHTING

UPPCO Smart Meters – Supervisor Oberlin provided information on the new smart meter program. To opt out of the smart meter you will be able to enroll in the Standard Meter "opt-out" program for a \$65 onetime fee and a \$15/monthly fee. UPPCO expects the smart meters to be installed by mid-November.

UPPCO SMART METERS

DTE Survey – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the residents around Sunset Lake, Bates Amasa Rd to Section 16 Rd will be getting a survey from DTE. They are looking to see the interest level in natural gas service. Resident Golas stated that in 2009-2010 there was a similar inquiry.

DTE SURVEY

MDNR Trust – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the DNR is requiring a signature from the County that they would keep the property as a park if it ever reverted back to them. The County Attorney stated that they have turned over numerous properties to the municipalities and have never had to sign anything before so they will not sign anything now.

MDNR TRUST GRANT APP

Cemetery Trees – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he received a bid from Limb Walker Tree Svc to take down two spruce trees in the cemetery, and grind the stump. A motion was made by Oberlin to accept the bid. Supported by Bobnock. / At that moment Trustee Franzene asked if the township should get another bid. Oberlin moved to rescind is motion, which was supported by Bobnock.

CEMETERY TREE CUTTING

Larson Rd Waterline Project – A motion was made by Franzene to use T&T at \$150/hours for a machine and 2 guys, with Mike Willis for fill, and Harris for backfill. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LARSON WTLN PROJECT

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Hall/Shop—Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that one of three residents are hooked up now on Anderson Rd. The fourth resident is going to get a well. **Sewer** – Benson stated that the lagoon was cut for the season. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Report on file with the Clerk / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Benson asked to purchase a set of 8’ forks to help with getting the swim raft in and out of the water (\$300). Franzene stated that he might be able to find a cheaper pair. Action tabled until next meeting.

Bates Township Center – PW Benson stated that Jim Nelson is done for the year. He will continue to read meters. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that to assist in the daily duties it would be beneficial to have Dane Shovald due the daily boiler checks at the center. A motion was made by Franzene to hire Shovald to do the checks at the previous wage of \$25/hour for work up to an hour. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

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 Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 @ 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 11, 2019 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; Larry Nelson, PC; County Comm Stafford; Yvonne Andersen, VP Sunset Lk Assn; Jim Stolberg, Ken Zanon & Tony Bongji, WICFD; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of August 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 123,128.41
Sewer Fund:	\$ 105,267.03
Water Fund:	\$ 272,001.07
Road Fund:	\$ 194,784.06
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present. He stated that the County is still working on the new budget. Also, Scott Kenney is the new Crystal Falls Township Supervisor.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that all road projects are completed for the year. The ICRC is requesting the 3 year road plan which will be due in October. Oberlin stated that he would like to add 10000 tons of gravel for Ponozzo Rd. The plan will be discussed at a future meeting.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permit issued. Some new zoning questions. No new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=15. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Park Improvements/Signage – Clerk Benson-Stafford had just received the estimate for the signs. Trustee Franzene (P&R) said that the committee will review the price list and bring a proposal to the next meeting. Also an estimate was received from G&G Svc for cleanup/restoration proposal at the park. Proposal will be reviewed.

PARK IMPROVMNT

Township Hall Foundation – Trustee Franzene stated that he had the foundation assessed by a local Contractor. The west wall of the foundation is collapsing. It is a stone masonry wall and it is not an easy fix. The basement leaks, there is insulation falling down and there is plenty of mold which is why the hall smells musty. Franzene pointed out that the back office roof needs replacing. He understands there is sentimental value in the hall but suggested that maybe the time has come to consider moving the township offices to the school building. No action taken.

TWP HALL FOUND.

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he and Trustee Franzene did not get an opportunity to further assess possible shut offs, so no action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

STREET LIGHTING

DTE Survey – Supervisor Oberlin again stated that the residents around Sunset Lake, Bates Amasa Rd to Section 16 Rd will be getting a survey from DTE. They are looking to see the interest level in natural gas service.

DTE SURVEY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Cemetery Trees – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he received a second bid to take down two spruce trees in the cemetery, and grind the stump. The bid was for \$3750. The board had previously moved and supported a bid for \$1200 from Limb Walkers at the August meeting. Because the second bid was substantially more, the board moved forward with the previously accepted bid of \$1200. The work was completed.

CEMETERY
TREES

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin read the report. Assessor Erhart stated that the printer no longer works. She will be returning the printer and the remaining toner to the hall. She has her own printer that she will use. / She appreciated that the Board approved the BOR to do some field work with her. It proved to be very educational. / In June there were 3 MTT. The disputes were as follows: 1) assessed valuation – Petitioner did not show up. There will be a new hearing in November. 2) Uncapping – the uncapping was reset accordingly. 3) Assessed valuation – The judge made minor changes to the valuations. / Erhart stated that TMA is a company hired by the State Tax Commission to audit PREs. For the 2019 roll the Erhart there were several that were removed. Anyone who should have a PRE and lost it can have the process reversed through a request to the BOR. A copy of the report and the Adams letter will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

BOR Field Day – The Board received a letter from BOR Secretary Jane Adams who stated that the BOR greatly appreciated the opportunity to do fieldwork with the Assessor and found the experience invaluable.

BOR
FIELDWORK

Township Computer Upgrade – A motion was made by Franzene to accept a proposal of \$3429 from PC Tech for computer upgrades for the township office/shop computers with the upcoming Windows 10 deadline. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP
COMPUTERS

Rogers Location Alley – A proposal was received from G&G Svc to add gravel to the alleys and upgrade them. The proposal will be reviewed.

ROGERS LOC
ALLEYS

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson stated that the Larson Rd waterline has been installed and is currently going through the testing phase. He will be replenishing \$400 of stock inventory. Sewer – Benson stated that he is waiting on a quote for generators. He has been monitoring the wells. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – He would like the Boards permission to remind people that no live plantings are allowed at the cemetery. A resident planted a tree which will cause chaos in the future as it grows. Nothing new to report. / School – Report on file with the Clerk / Backhoe – He will reach out again to the Vendor that previously worked on the backhoe. It has a leaking valve again. / Park – The raft was taken out today. There was a question as to when the Vendor will begin the boat launch repair. The Vendor asked to do it in the spring and Benson said no. It needs to be done this fall.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Ken Zanon and Tony Bongi were present and talked about hydrants and the 4" lines that were drafting. Benson stated that we have 6" & 8" lines. There was also some discussion about 911 not having clear information about fire hydrants. Benson stated that the information was given to them long ago. Benson will review/update the hydrant information and make sure to get a copy to the WICFD and 911.

GUEST COMMENTS (cont'd)

- Yvonne Andersen, VP Sunset Lk Assn addressed the concerns of the Assn regarding the lack of a full time park host this summer, no boat wash monitoring which could potentially bring in invasive species. She wanted to know what the Board is doing to bring in a park host for 2020. / On behalf of the Assn she requested a meeting with the township officials to discuss the handling of the boat launch. It was stated that 70% of the users are from Wisconsin & Illinois. There was discussion about how Stambaugh Twp unsuccessfully tried to charge for their boat wash. No one would pay and no one could enforce it. She stated the residents around the lake would prefer that there was not an open boat launch. There was discussion about the two park host attempts this summer that didn't work out for the full season. Information was given regarding what the park host position entails in case the Assn knows someone that would be interested. Oberlin asked if the Assn would be interested in setting up a volunteer group to help with the boat launch.
- Jim Andersen wanted to know if there was any further information regarding how many propane tanks a person can have on a residential lot. Currently a resident has 5 – 500 gallon tanks and there was recently a leak to one of the tanks that brought the fire department/ambulance Svcs and was a very scary situation for the surrounding neighbors. / Also, is there was any further information on zoning restrictions on how long a home can be in Tyvek. Oberlin stated that so far he did not have any additional information on either matter. He didn't think there were any zoning ordinances that required siding on a home.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Iron County Reporter – Fire Prevention week Special Section. A motion was made by Oberlin to donate \$100 directly to the WICFD to use in the community program of their choice, in lieu of placing an ad in the paper. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 @ 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 9, 2019 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; County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn & P&R; Gasser, P&R. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of September 2019 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; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 102,767.56
Sewer Fund:	\$ 107,581.62
Water Fund:	\$ 270,231.19
Road Fund:	\$ 99,111.35
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present and gave an overview of some recent county business which includes working on the budget. The Governor vetoed some line items which is making the budgeting process a challenge. The County could lose \$278000 in PILT. This means because of the difference in fiscal years between the state and county, this could result in the county losing \$70000 in the last quarter of 2019. The County Board has also had discussions about continuing to fund MSUE and the ICECA. The final budget has not been approved yet.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that all road projects are completed for the year. He will submit the 3 year road plan next week.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 3 new permit issued. Some new zoning questions. Scheduled a ZBA meeting for October 7. New violation of a noise complaint on US2. Violator agreed to turn his music down after 10:00pm. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=18. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Park Improvements/Signage – More research needed. Tabled until next meeting.

PARK IMPROVMNT

Township Hall Foundation – More research needed. Tabled until next meeting.

TWP HALL FOUND.

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to see 2 of the 4 Reiman Rd lights turned off as well as the light at the corner of Sec 16 & Sunset Lk Rd. Golas stated that he didn’t think the light at the boat landing had much value. Oberlin countered that the neighbors in that vicinity feel differently.

STREET LIGHTING

Rogers Location Alley Repair – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there were two bids received. G&G Svc for \$3950 and Ryan’s Excavating for \$9220.75. A motion was made by Franzene to accept the G&G Svc bid for \$3950. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROGERS LOC ALLEYS

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NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

Cemetery Decoration Removal – Clerk Benson-Stafford published the cemetery decoration removal ad. Removal deadline date is October 10th.

**CEMETERY
DECORATN
REMOVAL**

Children’s Christmas Party – A motion was made by Franzene to budget the same amount of \$300 for this event. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

Sewer Line Repairs – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there were two urgent repairs needed on sewer mains. There has been an infiltration of ground water into the system because of the boat launch break. A motion was made by Franzene to get the repairs done at Rogers Lift Station and at the boat launch at the available Vendor (FAI) bid of \$24000. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SEWER LINE
REPAIRS**

Road/Culvert Diversion Repair – The suspected cause of the boat launch sewer line break was infiltration which could also be diverted. A motion was made to make the repair/diversion to correct the situation at a time & materials cost estimate by the available Vendor (FAI) of up to \$16000.

**ROAD
REPAIR/
PARK**

Sewer Generators – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the insurance company would like to the township to have generators at the lift stations. Mike Stafford did some research on 3-Phase generators and received an estimate. The township would need: 2 each-25HP/77KW @ \$27440 plus \$5000 transfer switch each; 2 each 7.5HP/37KW @ \$19300 plus \$3363 transfer switch each; 8 each 5HP/36KW @ \$16700 plus \$3363 transfer switch each. They would require concrete pads and propane tanks. These prices are “not installed.” The Vendor would provide startup service and training. Oberlin stated that he will talk to Hannula because there might be possible grants through our insurance carrier and/or through the state.

**SEWER
GENERATOR**

**BOR
FIELDWORK**

2500 Chevy Brakes – Two estimates were received for this repair. Stateline was \$700 and Wyatt’s was \$492.96. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the bid from Wyatt’s. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CHEVY
BRAKE
REPAIR**

Cemetery Ditch Repair – Trustee Franzene stated that he would like to see this repair made due to the flooding. Even if it means cutting into the blacktop driveways. Benson suggested that maybe the ICRC would put in a couple of culverts.

**CEMETERY
DITCH
REPAIR**

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. **Sewer** – See above paragraphs regarding generators and repairs. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Decoration removal ad was published with October 10th deadline. / **School** – Benson-Stafford stated that there needs to be a light put by the back kitchen entry. Oberlin stated that he would like all exterior lights to be changed to LED. He will get bids from Ahlberg and Drier. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- A resident questioned as to whether anything has been done or is going to be done about the blight at a home on Sec 22 Rd.

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GUEST COMMENTS (cont'd)

- Mike Golas stated that he would like to see the County Drain Commissioner survey the Sunset Lk dam. He stated that the level was established through a 1958 court order on Sunset, Fortune and Stager Lakes. Oberlin will talk to Clark.
- Supervisor Oberlin stated that Wildlife Unlimited put \$11,000 worth of walleye into Sunset Lake.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 @ 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 13, 2019 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; County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn & P&R; Yvonne Andersen, Sunset Lk Assn VP; Gasser, P&R; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of October 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 102,351.28
Sewer Fund:	\$ 110,149.98
Water Fund:	\$ 281,528.16
Road Fund:	\$ 99,128.18
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present and stated that the 2020 county budget has been put out for public review and comment. He stated that he proposed an ICECA budget amount of \$35,000 and an MSUE budget amount of \$25,000. This failed on a 3-2 vote. The current proposed budget allows \$15,000 for the MSUE and \$10,000 for the ICECA. On another 3-2 vote there are going to be 2 new millages put on the ballot. One for Central Dispatch/911 and the other for Veterans Services. He stated that the Veterans millage should not be put forth on the voters because the budget already provides for the giving the Veterans \$35000. If that millage passes, then that allows the county to redirect the \$35000 already earmarked for the Veterans. It’s not necessary to strap the voters with another millage.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that all road projects are completed for the year. His proposed 3-year road plan is as follows: 2020-Larson Rd, Ponozzo Rd (10,000 tons gravel), Demboski Rd (portion of) and Sunset Lk Boat Launch parking area. 2021 – E Lk Emily Rd, Thunander Rd, Sec 14 Rd. 2022 – Kofmehl Rd 8/10’s mile share with Stambaugh Twp, Wagner Lk Rd, Passamani Rd, chip seal.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 new permits issued. He is currently working to finalize 2 permits. Some new zoning questions. Ongoing violation of garbage in yard on Section 22 Rd. Owner was given a November 19th deadline to clean it up or the township will hire it done and owner will pay for it. Contacted 2 people on Sunset Lake with zoning violations, working with them to resolve. ZBA met twice in October regarding an appeal to build a cabin on the Paint River/Morrison Creek. Appeal was denied. The applicant may modify the structure plans. (ongoing). ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=18. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Park Improvements/Signage – Trustee Franzene stated that Gasser started the landscaping project. The dirt from the boat launch project was hauled to the site and will be used. Due to weather the project will resume in the spring. Closed for the season. Franzene stated he thinks when it is done it will be nice.

PARK IMPROVMNT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Township Hall Foundation – Trustee Franzene and PW Benson met with Northland Basement Systems. The initial estimate to fix the township hall foundation is \$20861.50 but it could go as high as \$30,000. The west wall of the hall is not sitting on the foundation. If the township did the project, the waiting list is long, and the project wouldn't be done until June or July. A new roof is also needed on the back office. Franzene stated that in his opinion maybe it's time to have a public hearing about the future of the hall and this property. The township already owns a very nice building (Bates School) and it has available space to move the offices down there. No action taken at this time.

**TWP HALL
FOUND.**

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he authorized 2 more lights to be turned off; one on Reiman Rd and the other at the corner of Sunset Lk Rd & Section 16 Rd.

**STREET
LIGHTING**

Rogers Location Alley Repair – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the project is complete and looks good.

**ROGERS LOC
ALLEYS**

Children's Christmas Party – After further discussion it was decided to cancel the party this year for lack of interest. The family that has hosted the party for the past 11 years stated that there has been declining attendance.

**CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

Park Boat Launch – Due to the weather the Vendor will begin the project in the spring between May 15-Memorial Day. PW Benson stated that he will give the Sunset Lk Assn advance notice. There was also a discussion about redoing the center driveway.

**PARK BOAT
LAUNCH**

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin gave an overview of the Assessor's Report. The winter tax roll is being prepared and the postage prepay amount if \$525 to be made payable to KCI. The agenda for the December Board of Review meeting is available. Person's wishing to be heard at this meeting should contact the Assessor ahead of time.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

December Meeting Date Change – Due to a conflict with a couple of Board members the December meeting has been changed from Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 6:00pm to Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 5:00pm. Clerk Benson-Stafford will have the change posted and published.

**DECEMBER
MEETING
CHANGE**

Bates School – The Board approved the purchase of a vacuum for the school. The old one no longer works.

**BATES
SCHOOL
VACUUM**

Hall- Nothing new to report. / **Shop**—Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that he has started 2 "let runs." (Bates Amasa Rd & Schmidt's log yard.) **Sewer** – It appears that there are sump pumps around Sunset Lk that are being directed into the sewer system. This is against the ordinance. Oberlin stated that the township may need to audit the home. If there isn't an ordinance in place that we need to do one. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** –The patches will have to be done in the spring where the driveway blacktop was cut. / **School** – One bid was received for the LED exterior lights. A motion was made by Oberlin to accept the bid of \$1400 from Jon Ahlberg. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Supervisor Oberlin stated that GEI got back to him with an estimate of \$3500 to determine if a climbing rope could be attached to one of the gym beams. No action taken. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- A resident asked Oberlin to elaborate on the Sunset Lk zoning violations that he was working on. He stated one was for a carport that was too close to the road and was not permitted. The second was for a remodel of a including a fence and deck that should have required a variance and was not permitted. This resident is a repeat offender.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The Report – Letters to Santa ad. No action taken.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 5:00pm.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on TUESDAY – December 10, 2019 at 5:00 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; County Comm Stafford (arrived late); Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of November 2019 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 77,498.25
Sewer Fund:	\$ 94,604.80
Water Fund:	\$ 296,743.47
Road Fund:	\$ 97,169.22
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present and gave a brief explanation of the two lawsuits before the Michigan Supreme Court regarding foreclosed properties. Municipalities may be responsible for demolition funds and if the county sells the property for fair market value, they must turn a portion of the funds over to the original owner. / Also, he gave a brief explanation of the \$400,000 that the state puts into an indigent fund but does not provide any extra funding to the county to have to try the cases.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that we’re on track for the Larson Rd project in 2020. All projects will be bid in February. / He also stated that he felt that the ICRC has been very responsive in plowing the roads.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permit issued. He is currently working to finalize 2 permits. He has received a modified plan which will go before the ZBA again soon. No new zoning questions. Ongoing violation of garbage in yard on Section 22 Rd. Some garbage was cleared away but now the snow is covering the remainder. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=22. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Sewer System Sump Pump Audit – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is working with the Township Attorney to draft a letter to residents. No sump pumps can be directed into the sewer system. The large rains have also created too much infiltration.

SEWER SYSTEM AUDIT

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Planning Commission Meetings – Clerk Benson-Stafford recommended using a quarterly meeting schedule such as the first Monday of each quarter so that the PC board members could plan. A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt the 1st Monday of each quarter as the meeting date, unless otherwise needed. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. The 2020 schedule would be January 6th, April 6th, July 6th and October 5th. Oberlin also stated that there are vacancies that need to be filled.

PLANNING COMM MEETINGS

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

2016 Chevy Truck Bumper – There was damage done to the bumper during snowplowing. An estimate was received from Stateline for \$900 and from Johns for \$800 for a bumper only. For insurance reason a motion was made by Franzene to have Stateline do the repair. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**2016 CHEV
REPAIR**

ICECA – Supervisor Oberlin had received some information for the Board from Paul Schytema of the ICECA. They lost full funding from the Iron County Board on a 3-2 vote. The ICECA is receiving recent private funding and are committed to doing their work. They also received a \$5000 donation from a local financial institution that did a bank challenge. Oberlin assured Schytema that we think they're doing a great job and they have the continued support of Bates Township.

ICECA

Dale Safford / Cemetery Tour – Benson-Stafford stated that the Bates Cemetery Tour will be held June 10, 2020 (weather permitting.) Later she will be asking the board for a small budget to provide refreshments at the township hall after the tour.

**CEMETERY
TOUR JUNE**

Employee Christmas Bonus – A motion was made by Oberlin to give the same bonus as last year; Full time employee \$150 and two part time employees at \$100 each. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes, Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes, Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE
BONUS**

Hall- Trustee Franzene said that there is nothing new to report at this time regarding the township hall foundation. / **Shop**–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that there is a water leak on Wagner Lake Rd that they will be repairing. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Nothing new to report. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- A resident asked the Board to change the zoning ordinance and make stipulations on the number of propane tanks allowed on a residential lot. Currently per the State 3000 gallons is the limit. Oberlin will bring the matter before the Planning Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE

- GEI Annual Christmas Luncheon Invitation for Board Members.
- The Reporter IC Emergency Svcs ad solicitation. No action taken.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 5:26pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.