

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – January 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Jon Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Jon Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson & Trustees Franzene & Adams were present. Also, in attendance were Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn/P&R; Margee Brennan & Yvonne Andersen, ZBA/BHPS; Sue Passamani, BHPS; Fay Whitehead, BOR; Cty Comm Stafford. Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meeting. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Treasurer’s report for the month of December 2021 was submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to accept the report. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 195,463.85
Sewer Fund:	\$ 110,753.55
Water Fund:	\$ 355,133.91
Road Fund:	\$ 143,685.95

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that the County Board accepted the ICECA bid for economic development at \$35000 for 3 years. / The County Board approved a quote for courthouse windows for \$400,000, roof at \$260,000 and the boilers were \$270,000. These renovations are possible because of the ARPA money.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his December report with 0 new permits issued. / He has answered various zoning questions. / Violations: Permit # 20 violation – A settlement was reached. The final papers have not been made available for approval or signature yet. / Permits to date: 29. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING UPDATE**

Bates Hall Preservation Society – Margee Brennan stated that the CoVantage Cares grant came to \$121,324. / Robb Anderson with GEI will be doing a report on the foundation. She stated that they are looking at a 5-year plan. / The BHPS would like to put the sliding barn door over the table/chairs room opening. / The BHPS is meeting monthly and discussing ideas for future fund raisers. / Avie Powell is the new Director. / Charles Hynous reviewed their books and gave a verbal approval to the financials. The BHPS provided financial statements to the township board and stated they will provide them on an annual basis.

**BHPS**

EGLE Sewer Lagoon – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to use UP Engineers for the lagoon project. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**EGLE/SEWER LAGOON**

Bates Park/Sunset Lake Vandalism – Supervisor Oberlin recommended that the township not pursue this matter via the courts. Adams recommended that a letter be written including the repairs costs. A motion was made by Franzene to ban the people from the park/campground for 5 years, 2 years if they reimburse the township costs for repair. Nelson noted that the kids also intimidated elderly campers. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried. / Oberlin will get a copy of the police report to get the name/address of the kids.

**PARK VANDALS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Assessor Report – No report received.

**ASSESSOR REPORT**

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Copier Maintenance Plan – A motion was made by Nelson to accept the Parts, Labor, Drum, Toner Maintenance program at \$395.00/annually. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**OFFICE  
COPIER**

Poverty Exemption Resolution – A motion was made by Oberlin to accept the federal guidelines for poverty exemption. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

**POVERTY  
EXEMPTION**

Board of Review – Supervisor Oberlin stated that our current board of review members Girard, Puskala & Whitehead will remain on the board for 2022.

**BOR  
MEMBERS**

Public Works Employee – The Board has hired Zack Powell. His start date will be Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW HIRE**

Budget Workshop – The board will have a budget workshop on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the township hall.

**BUDGET  
WORKSHOP**

Board Salary Resolutions – Each official put out their request for an increase for the coming fiscal year. It will be in the public for 30 days and voted on at the next meeting. The Supervisor and Trustees said no increase, the Treasurer asked for \$4000, and the Clerk asked for \$2080. There was discussion about the hours each official works and the number of years that there were not raises asked for. / Franzene stated that he thinks its wrong that a brand-new official can step into office and get the salary of an official with years of experience.

**BOARD  
SALARY  
RESOLUTION**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Still waiting on the glass for the broken window repair. / The township received a notice about the elevator violations. The Township will either repair or pursue getting rid of the elevator which the state has to approve of.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Zach Hautala, Iron County Chamber Director, stated that he spoke with Louisa Kniivila, and she is willing to review how online reservations work at the RV park.
- Ernie Schmidt, ICRC, stated that he does not like to see dead-end roads paved. He noted that Passamani Rd is on the 3-year road plan. Oberlin stated that things could change, and it might be turned back to gravel.
- Mark Bromley, ICECA, asked the board to reconsider funding the organization now that the County has accepted their proposal. Initially the township was waiting to see what the County was going to do. The amount would be \$2763. (a per capita rate). Action tabled until next meeting.
- A resident asked if a park host had been hired? The board has hired Paul Conlee.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA monthly newsletter.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meeting. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Treasurer’s report for the month of January 2021 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

General Fund:	\$ 159,859.22
Sewer Fund:	\$ 116,579.96
Water Fund:	\$ 367,041.43
Road Fund:	\$ 159,664.27

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford was absent.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS -**

Road Projects- Nothing new to report.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his January report with 1 new permit issued. / He has answered various zoning questions. / Violations: Permit # 20 violation – A settlement was reached. Reports states that settlement papers were signed, waiting for opposition signatures. / However, the township attorney sent an email just prior to the meeting stating that the judge asked that the “home siding requirement terms” be removed from the settlement. Supervisor Oberlin will talk to Atty Atanasoff and get more details. No action taken. / Permits to date: 1. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk. / Krist Atanasoff, ZBA member stated that the recent variance hearing went well.

**ZONING UPDATE**

Bates Hall Preservation Society – Nothing new to report.

**BHPS**

Bates Park/Sunset Lake Vandalism – Supervisor Oberlin will get the police report and draft the letter. A resident stated that she hoped the township was not going to just give a “slap on the wrist” considering the number of youths that are allowed to “get away” things. She sees it every day in our school systems an in public. Oberlin stated that the township was going to send a bill for the repairs and ban them from the park/campground for a period of time.

**PARK VANDALS**

Board Salary Resolutions – A motion was made by Adams to authorize an annual increase of \$2000 for the Treasurer position. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to authorize an increase of the monthly meeting fee to \$300 for up to two meeting for Trustee Adams. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, abstain. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to authorize an increase of the monthly meeting fee to \$300 for up to two meeting for Trustee Franzene. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, abstain. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Adams to authorize an annual increase of \$3000 for the Clerk position. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, abstain. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Franzene to authorize an annual increase of \$1000 for the Supervisor position. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, abstain. Motion carried. / Adams stated that the Board may do a resolution in the future regarding an annual cost of living increase, budget permitting, instead of the officials going for years without an increase. / Increases are effective April 1, 2022.

**BOARD SALARY RESOLUTIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Clerk Benson-Stafford gave the report. March Board of Review dates are March 8<sup>th</sup>-Board organizational meeting at 9:00. March 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-3:00pm. March 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-9:00pm. / By the end of this year the state will mandate new statutory requirements relative to assessing. There will be more information on this at the May board meeting. / The County will be publishing the 2022 Equalization tentative ratios mid-month.

**ASSESSOR  
REPORT**

Planning Commission Re-appointments – A motion was made Oberlin to reappoint Corey Shankleton (term will end 1/9/2005), Larry Nelson (term will end 3/10/2024) and David Koski (term will end 9/14/2022) as members of the planning commission. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PC APPTS.**

Zoning Board of Appeals Reappointment – A motion was made by Oberlin to reappoint Margee Brennan (term will end 12/1/2024) to the zoning board of appeals. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ZBA APPTS.**

2021-2022 Budget Amendments – A motion was made Oberlin to create dept 282 for ARPA funds and dept 201 for township office equipment/supplies, as well as move the respective revenues/expenditures to the new departments. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**2021-2022  
BUDGET  
AMENDMENT**

2022-2023 Budget – The budget is available for 30 days for public review.

**2022-2023  
BUDGET**

Lawn mower – A motion was made Oberlin to authorize the purchase of a new zero turn lawnmower from US 2 Rental for \$6000. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous.

**LAWN  
MOWER**

Backhoe Roof – The backhoe roof melted under the radiant heat in the shop. The previous backhoe roof was made of steel. The cost to replace would be \$936 plus freight with the employees installing it. The Clerk will check with the insurance company to see how a claim could affect rates and what the deductible is. Tabled until next meeting.

**BACKHOE  
ROOF**

New Truck Estimates– Two estimates were received one from Town & Country Ford, with our trade of \$23830 cost would be \$26740 which includes light bar, 7.3L engine, deflector & plow. Florence Motors estimate was much higher and not a consideration with a lessor trade in value. Krist suggested trying Eagle River Ford. Employees will get an estimate from them. Tabled until next meeting.

**NEW TRUCK  
ESTIMATES**

Shop Extension – Estimates will be late. Tabled until next meeting.

**SHOP  
EXTENSION**

Department Wages – A motion was made by Oberlin to do the following department wage increases: Public Works Superintendent from \$26.75/hr to \$27.55/hr. Public Works Parttime Employee from \$17.25/hr to \$18.25/hr. Zoning Administrator from \$450/month to \$475/month. Election Inspector Chairperson from \$15/hr to \$18/hr and Election Inspector from \$13/hr to \$15/hr. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**DEPT WAGES**

Rate Increases – A motion was made by Oberlin to raise the rental rates as follows effective April 1, 2022, with the "already booked rentals grandfathered in at the current rates." The park pavilion rental rate from \$75 to \$100; the camping rate from \$15 to \$18; the hall rental rate from \$75 to \$100 with \$100 security deposit, weddings to \$250 with \$250 security deposit; and remove the "consecutive day rental option." Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**RATE  
INCREASES**

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

ICECA – A motion was made by Oberlin to pledge support for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$2763, since the County has a current agreement with the ICECA. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ICECA  
PLEDGE**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Still waiting on the glass for the broken window repair. / The township is waiting for a response from Otis Elevator. / Pickle Ball will be in the gym for about 4-6 weeks the end of February-March due to the Windsor gym getting a renovation.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Trustee Adams encouraged the Board to consider updating the township signs since Nick Baumgartner has gone to the Olympics again in 2022. / She wanted to take a moment for all to recognize the loss of Myrna Cook who was an Election Inspector for many years. / She stated that the BOR members attended annual training and expressed the importance of all committee members getting training for the boards that they serve on.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Mark Bromley, ICECA, thanked the Board for their support. / He gave an overview of the ICECA's recent accomplishments & goals.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA monthly newsletter.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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**MINUTES**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

General Fund:	\$ 220,543.33
Sewer Fund:	\$ 120,628.14
Water Fund:	\$ 356,676.84
Road Fund:	\$ 215,561.85

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that the County presented a plaque to Nick Baumgartner for his Olympic success and Connor Sports Flooring for 150 years in business. / Stafford spoke with Jerry Anderson, Iron County Construction Code office and there are building permit violations on Permit #20 also. Stafford recommended the Township talk to the County about joining in the lawsuit. / Stafford also was told that the Judge chose not to hear the case because of the potential for mounting Attorney fees.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the road bid for East Lake Emily Rd came in at \$232,465. The project would include grind, gravel, and resurface approximately one mile in length. Oberlin stated that he will get an estimate for dust control also. Tabled until next meeting. / Golas questioned about the current culvert cave in on Noren Rd. Oberlin stated that is a county matter.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his February with 1 new permit issued. / He has answered various zoning questions. / Violations: Permit # 20 violation – The Board held a special meeting on March 2, 2022. There has been no response from the Violators legal counsel regarding a recent agreement proposal. / Permits to date: 1. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING UPDATE**

Zoning Administrator Resignation – Oberlin turned in a formal notice of resignation effective March 31, 2022. “Based on time constraints from other responsibilities he believes the Township may be better served by someone who can dedicate more time to the position.” He will remain until a suitable replacement can be found. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the resignation. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, abstain. Motion carried. / Adams added that the Board would like to thank Oberlin for his years of service as ZA and there is alot that goes into that position.

**ZA RESIGNATION**

Zoning Administrator Appointment - A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to appoint Corey Shankleton, PC Chairperson to the position of Zoning Administrator based upon his knowledge, experience, and current experience on the PC. Supported by Adams. Oberlin stated that he thought the position should be published. Benson-Stafford stated that it does not have to be published and he is a candidate ready to become certified as soon as possible. Krist Atanasoff, PC member stated that he could see that Oberlin has been overloaded and Krist’s experience with Corey is that he is knowledgeable, and he highly recommends him. Shankleton stood and said the appointment was unexpected, then gave a verbal resume. Jim Anderson stated that he had expressed interest last fall and Oberlin had not brought it before the Board.

**ZA APPOINTMENT**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Zoning Administrator Appointment (cont'd)

Adams stated that it would be hard to appoint someone who has threatened to sue the township over the current permit violation. How could someone serve in that position and focus on what is best for the township. / Golas stated that his experience with Shankleton is that he demonstrates an element of fairness. / Roll call vote was taken to make the appointment: Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, no.  
Motion carried.

**ZA APPT  
(CONT'D)**

Bates Hall Preservation Society – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the BHPS is working on a raffle license, and a "Buy A Brick" fund raising program. They are seeking an estimate on putting an insert into the July tax bills that would not be on the back of the tax bills. They also will be putting up a curtain/rod over the table/chair opening as a temporary solution until final renovation plans have been made for the building. They have also agreed to serve the continental breakfast after the Memorial Day Ceremony.

**BHPS**

Backhoe Roof – Benson-Stafford stated that she is waiting to hear from the Insurance Rep who has had recent health problems. The questions are what the deductible is and will the claim affect rates.

**BACKHOE  
ROOF**

Bates Park/Sunset Lake Vandalism – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he has become the FOIA request to get a copy of the police report.

**PARK  
VANDALS**

Park Reservations – Treasurer Nelson stated that she has looked at an online reservation service. She would like a little time to play with the 30-day trial program. Tabled until next meeting.

**PARK  
RESER-  
VATIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Oberlin stated that there was no report and Board of Review is the 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00-3:00 and the 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00-9:00.

**ASSESSOR  
REPORT**

PC Ordinance Amendment Recommendation – Shankleton presented the board with three amendments for the boards review and approval. **1) Accessory Buildings & Setbacks.** A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to adopt the new language for the ordinance, and it will become effective 30 days from publication. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. **2) Permits dates.** A motion was made by Franzene to adopt the new language for the ordinance, and it will become effective 30 days from publication. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. 3) 24-month Moratorium-Commercial Solar/Wind Farm applications. A motion was made by Nelson to adopt the 24-month moratorium language to be effective 30 days from publication date. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, no. Motion carried. / A copy of all amendments are attached with these minutes.

**PC  
ORDINANCE  
AMEND-  
MENTS**

2022-2023 BOT Public Meetings Notice – A motion was made by Adams to approve the notice of the 2022-2023 meeting dates, to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. (Copy of meeting schedule attached to these minutes.)

**2022-2023  
PUBLIC  
MEETING  
NOTICE**

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

**TOWNSHIP  
PROPERTY  
SALE  
RESOLU-  
TION**

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Financial Institution Deposit Resolution – A motion was made by Franzene to adopt a resolution to continue to keep/use the accounts that the township currently has through the Miners State Bank; and reserve the right to use a second depository. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL  
DEPOSIT  
RESOLU-  
TION**

Sewer Motor Repair – A motion was made by Franzene to approve the repair of two sewer motors at a cost of up to \$3000. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SEWER  
REPAIR**

New Truck Estimates– At the February meeting Krist Atanasoff suggested that the township get a third bid from Eagle River Ford. That bid came in \$2000 higher. A motion was made by Oberlin to go forward with the purchase and trade in with Town & Country Sales of Quinnesec purchase price of \$27000 for a 2022 Ford F-250 Ext Cab 8’ box 4x4, with 7.3L V-8 Engine, plow snow deflector, and light bar. The Townships 2016 Che Silverado 2500HD ext cab has a trade in value of approximately \$24000. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**NEW TRUCK**

County GIS Contract – A motion was made by Oberlin to accept the County’s proposal for GIS information for a payment to the township of \$1100/year for two years. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**COUNTY GIS  
AGREEMENT**

Township Hall Rental Agreement –Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that the insurance company’s risk assessment division has recommended that the hall rental agreement include more specific liability language. Also, there was a complaint due to a recent craft sale which had a vendor selling pot pipes, roach clips, etc. The Board agreed to give the agreements to the Planning Commission for further input on language. Tabled until next meeting.

**HALL  
RENTAL  
AGREEMENT**

Audit Bid – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept a bid from Makela, Pollack & Ahonen for three years of audits at \$8750-\$9750 for 2021-2022; \$8850 for 2022-2023; and \$8950 for 2023-2025. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The Haukkala firm is no longer doing yellow book audits.

**AUIDT BID  
2021-2022**

Pentoga Park Grant – Letter of Support -A motion was made by Oberlin to offer a letter of support for Iron County Pentoga Park Boat Launch Site Improvements. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. / Golas questioned if the grant would include a boat wash. Commissioner Stafford indicated that would come through a separate grant.

**PENTOGA  
PARK  
GRANT-  
SUPPORT  
LETTER**

Perch Lake / Waste Disposal – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he received letter from Perch Lake property owners about a resolution to garbage disposal. Since Waste Mgmt. increased their rates, it has been suspected that there will be more littering. Oberlin is providing information to the property owners from various disposal companies.

**PERCH LAKE  
WASTE  
DISPOSAL**

Bates Twp Sign/Nick Baumgartner Update – Clerk Benson-Stafford has been in touch with the MDOT about the current signs and impending changes. Krist Oil has offered to pay for the signs and landscaping. Franzene suggested that it would be nice to put a sign in the Bates School field. Oberlin is going to talk to Krist Oil about that possibility. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

**BATES SIGNS**

Reporter Ad – A motion was made by Oberlin to do the Salute Ad to military personnel. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTER  
AD**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**- Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Repaired watermain break. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – The township is waiting for a response from Otis Elevator. / There have been complaints at the hall and school regarding the ice hazards. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve the purchase of a Boss TGS600 spreader. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / The purchase will be split between three funds unless it is an ARPA approved item.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

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**GUEST COMMENTS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA monthly newsletter.
- Basso Email - Nick Baumgartner Fund Raising Information

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – April 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Jon Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Jon Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Adams were present. Also, in attendance were Corey Shankleton, Zoning Administrator; Larry Nelson, PC; Krist Atanasoff, PC/ZBA, Yvonne Anderson, ZBA/BHPS; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Sue Passamani, BHPS; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC/WICFD; Doug Tomasoski & Ron Frailing, ICRC; Jim Stolberg, WICFD; Benson & Powell, PW; County Comm Stafford. Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Treasurer Franzene to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meeting. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Treasurer’s report for the month of March 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 241,372.25
Sewer Fund:	\$ 126,043.11
Water Fund:	\$ 374,688.79
Road Fund:	\$ 247,553.29

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that the County GIS project is moving forward. The GIS is functional and online, he is hoping by month end it will be available to the public.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the road bid for East Lake Emily Rd came in at Bacco-\$232465, Payne & Dolan-\$279576.53, FA-\$262555.52. After discussion about the condition of Andreski Plat, a motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the Bacco bid of \$232465. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Oberlin stated that the Township will do dust control this year. Last year was \$.71/gallon and this year is \$.93.7/gallon. It will cost approximately \$16000. / Many residents were present from Mid-Summer Drive. Oberlin stated that he has received a verbal commitment from Stambaugh Township to participate in a road project for Andreski Plat, which was a joint project between Bates, Crystal Falls Twp & Stambaugh Twp previously in 2016. Schmidt recommended scarifying the road for now. Oberlin disagreed. Tomasoski said that the ICRC could do that if weather permits, and they have time to do that. Oberlin stated the road would have to be done in phases because of the cost. Benson-Stafford said that the Township should be able to indicate to the residents that there is a plan. Adams stated that the Township should listen to the experts. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to scarify the road this summer, based upon recommendation from the ICRC. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton gave a report. To date 6 permits have been issued. 4 permits for construction of new homes; 2 in the platted division of Sunset Lake, 1 on Mid Summer’s Drive, 1 on Noren Rd. Estimated investment of 1.5 million dollars into our community. / ZBA will meet on April 19 at 7:00pm to hear a variance request for 135 Noren Road. / Shankleton is currently collaborating with the Clerk to update zoning related forms-activities. / Currently working with 3 additional zoning permit requests. / Permits to date: 6. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING UPDATE**

**BATES TOWNSHIP**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Zoning Ordinance Request/Siding – The Planning Commission has approved the following action and seeks the approval of the Board of Trustees to adopt a siding ordinance. A motion was made by Franzene to adopt the siding ordinance as follows: “All structures must have a permanent type external covering, such as stone, vinyl, or wood siding. No structure shall be without such covering for more than 1 (one) year. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Ordinance will be effective 30 days from publication.

**ZONING –  
SIDING  
ORDINANCE**

Zoning Policy Change Request/Hall Rental Agreement – The Planning Commission has approved the following action and seeks the approval of the Board of Trustees to proceed with implementation: A motion was made by Franzene to indicate on the Bates Township Hall rental agreement that the use of all marijuana is prohibited on Bates Hall property and the sale of all adult items as well as any paraphernalia related items is prohibited. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ZONING –  
HALL  
RENTAL  
AGREEMENT**

Zoning Resolution Request/Dark Sky – The Planning Commission has approved the following action and seeks the approval of the Board of Trustees to adopt the following resolution. A motion was made by Adams to adopt the Dark Sky Resolution which states the following: “Bates Township is a Dark Sky Conscious Community. This Resolution is for the benefit of attracting tourism as well as getting Bates included in the State of Michigan Dark Sky Tourism Campaign. Dark Sky is an already existing natural resource in our community and requires no additional resources to maintain. The Planning Commission would oppose any additional ordinances mandating residence to maintain this resource but does feel it beneficial to promote.” Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ZONING –  
DARK SKY  
RESOLUTION**

Zoning Permit #20 Violation Update – Oberlin stated that the Judge will be reviewing the case and may force a settlement. The Board requested to go to trial which will happen in June, if the Judge does not force a settlement. Andersen’s asked why they were not kept in the loop regarding upcoming dates. Brennan stated that the Board has an obligation to enforce its ordinances. Adams stated that is what we are trying to do and why we requested to go to trial.

**ZONING-  
PERMIT #20  
VIOLATION**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Sue Passamani gave an update and said that there is a raffle ticket fund raiser and a Buy A Brick Fund raiser. Both are receiving great community support. / Also, they have met with Lou Golbach /General Concrete about a foundation. They are talking to other Contractors that have good references.

**BHPS**

EGLE Sewer Lagoon– Oberlin stated that the agreement has been signed with UP Engineers. Testing should begin in May.

**EGLE-SEWER  
LAGOON**

Perch Lake / Waste Disposal – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he did research and provided the information to the Perch Lake Assn.

**PERCH LAKE  
WASTE  
DISPOSAL**

Bates Twp Sign/Nick Baumgartner Update – Supervisor Oberlin still has to talk to KC from Krist regarding ideas for sign placement. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

**BATES SIGN-  
NICK  
BAUMGART-  
NER**

Park Campground Hosts/Reservations – Treasurer Nelson stated that the original host had to back out because he was no longer coming to the area. A local Bates Township couple signed on to be Park Hosts. It will be determined if they will also be taking the reservations. This will be decided by Memorial Day.

**PARK HOSTS  
RESER-  
VATIONS**

**BATES TOWNSHIP**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Oberlin gave an overview of the report which included the March BOR which saw 11 Disabled Veterans Exemptions, 8 petitions regarding uncapping and 2 assessed value appeals. Assessor Erhart thanked Trustee Adams and the BOR members for their extra work on the assessing records retention as well as Clerk Benson-Stafford for getting the filing cabinets and supplies for the project. Erhart hopes to complete the project this summer. / Oberlin contacted McBroom’s office trying to get the state to supplement the loss of tax revenues due to Veterans exemptions.

**ASSESSOR  
REPORT**

Windsor Center Millage – Gary Pisoni was present and requested the Board adopt a resolution to put the Windsor Recreation Authority millage request language on the August ballot. Trustee Adams asked if there is a plan in place if the millage does not pass. Pisoni stated the Board has 5 volunteers and at this time the building could not support itself without the millage. A motion was made by Adams to pass a resolution allowing the millage language to be on the August ballot. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**WINDSOR  
CENTER  
MILLAGE**

Bates Township Rec Plan – The plan will expire at the end of 2022. A rec plan must be in place in order to apply for any MDNR grants. A motion was made by Franzene to reach out to GEI for an estimate since they have been involved with helping to create the past two plans. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**BATES REC  
PLAN**

Ballot Storage Containers – Clerk Benson-Stafford explained that every 4 years the Iron County Board of Canvassers must inspect the ballot storage containers to make sure they are secure. Since the Bates storage containers are old/obsolete she made a request to purchase new containers at an estimated cost of \$500. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the purchase. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**BALLOT  
STORAGE  
CONTAINERS**

Employee 90 Day Review – Benson-Stafford request the wage increase for Powell who was coming on the 90-day review. She noted that he is doing an exceptional job. Benson-Stafford made a motion to increase his wage from \$18.00/hour to \$19.00/hour. Oberlin stated that he would like to see the increase be \$.50/hour as originally proposed at hire. \$19.00/hour was supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE  
90 DAY  
REVIEW**

Memorial Day Ceremony Budget – A motion was made by Oberlin to approve a budget of \$400 for the continental breakfast. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MEMORIAL  
DAY BUDGET**

Veterans Memorial – PW Benson will contact the Engraver to get the names on the memorial.

**VETERANS  
MEMORIAL**

Clean Kill – A motion was made by Adams to have the hall and shop sprayed for flies at an estimated cost of \$350. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CLEAN KILL**

Project Graduation - A motion was made by Oberlin to support the project with \$75. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PROJECT  
GRADUA-  
TION**

May Roadside Cleanup – Oberlin will head up the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual roadside cleanup on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00-11:00. Leaving from the Bates Township Shop.

**MAY  
ROADSIDE  
CLEANUP**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – A motion was made by Nelson to purchase a new meter reader at an estimated cost of \$9380 from Core & Main. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / **Sewer** – Lift station #3 is having problems from homeowners landscaping. PW Benson does not feel this is the Township’s responsibility to repair. He will be talking to the homeowner. / **ARPA** - A motion was made by Oberlin to purchase sewer lift station generators with the AARPA money. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – The township is waiting for a response from Otis Elevator. Benson-Stafford will see if Bach Mobilities can help.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

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**GUEST COMMENTS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA monthly newsletter.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## **BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Jon Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Jon Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Corey Shankleton, Zoning Administrator/PC; Larry Nelson, PC; Yvonne Anderson, ZBA/BHPS; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Benson & Powell, PW; Bonnie Hager, Park Host; Mike Golas, P&R; County Comm Stafford; Attorney Atanasoff; Monica Franzmeier, Elections; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting with a correction to a typographical error. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Treasurer's report for the month of April 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Adams to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 239,271.24
Sewer Fund:	\$ 129,396.75
Water Fund:	\$ 379,797.33
Road Fund:	\$ 258,581.67

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that there will be an ambulance millage on the November ballot asking for one mill. Currently the millage is at .15 mills. If the new millage request passes, the .15 mill will be eliminated. At this time, there is an \$800,000 loss per year. The new millage would help to reduce the annual loss.

**COUNTY  
COMM  
REPORT**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that he has not received an estimate from the County yet for Andreski Plat Rd. Gasser has offered crushing gravel at \$4.82/ton. / The contract for E. Lake Emily Rd was signed. / Dust control is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> if the County can be ready by then otherwise the end of June. / The Stambaugh Twp & Crystal Falls Supervisors have verbally expressed an interest in the Andreski Plat project. The ICRC will get preliminary numbers together for review. Then the Supervisors will meet to discuss the project which will be done in phases over a few years.

**ROAD  
PROJECTS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton gave a report. To date 7 permits have been issued and he is waiting on the return of 5 more. / There are two variance requests that will happen in June. / He is working on 2 zoning complaints: a dilapidated home on Bates Amasa Rd and a violation on Don's Rd. / The new ZBA form which means that the ZBA will no longer need to reconvene just to approve minutes, which is cost effective for the township. / Permits to date: 7. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING  
UPDATE**

### **New Requests from the Planning Commission:**

Policy Change Appointed Boards Chairperson – A motion was made by Oberlin to review the Chairmanship of the appointed boards on an annual basis. Vote is to take place at the first scheduled meeting of each new calendar year. Chairmanship can remain the same but must be voted on annually. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Chairperson Brennan noted that it is imperative that each ZBA member visit the sites of variance requests.

**ZONING  
POLICY  
CHANGE  
APPOINTED  
BOARDS  
CHAIRMAN**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Site Plan Ordinance Request – The PC has approved the following action for Site Plan Definition and Set Requirements for a Site Plan and would like the changes implemented onto the website also. A motion was made by Franzene to approve the form and implementation as stated below. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Site Plan Definition and Set Requirements for a Site Plan: our current requirements listed in Sect. 10.02a of our zoning ordinances requires,

**ZONING –  
SITE PLAN  
ORDINANCE  
REQUEST**

- 1) Shape area, dimensions and intended use of the premises
- 2) Type, dimensions, height and location of building or structure to be erected or moved on the premises, including all yard dimensions and accessory buildings if any
- 3) The location and type of sewage disposal system and water supply facilities
- 4) All applicable setback distances

The Planning Commission voted to include the following:

- 1) All utilities
- 2) Easements
- 3) Roads and Intersections.

Zoning Permit Application & Site Plan Form – A motion was made by Franzene to approve the new design for the site plan and permit application forms. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ZONING  
FORMS**

Zoning Permit #20 Violation Update – Oberlin stated that the Judge enforced the settlement, and the case is closed. There was discussion about the decision. / Due to drainage problems that are now occurring on Andersen’s property, Oberlin will contact the Drain Commissioner to start the process for Andersen’s to see what can be done to correct the matter.

**ZONING-  
PERMIT #20  
VIOLATION**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Margee Brennan stated that the BHPS has contracted with Mountain Engineering for the hall project. Bob Berndt has been a huge help with recommendations. / Brennan suggested raising the rent at the hall by \$25 to be used for professional floor cleaning after each event. No action taken.

**BHPS  
UPDATE**

EGLE Sewer Lagoon– PW Benson stated that UP Engineers would be testing the monitoring wells later in the month. The Employees would be putting weed killer around the fence line.

**EGLE-SEWER  
LAGOON**

Memorial Day Ceremony Reminder – The Employees will do traffic control on Bates Amasa Rd. The event starts at the cemetery at 8:00am and the BHPS will host the continental breakfast at the hall at 8:30am.

**MEMORIAL  
DAY  
CEREMONY  
REMINDER**

Park Hosts – The park hosts are taking reservations this year. They requested a “no camping overnight” sign for the boat launch area.

**PARK HOST**

Bates Township Rec Plan – A motion was made by Franzene to approve the bid from GEI for \$1250 to update the rec plan. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / The plan will involve the planning commission and the parks & rec committees, as well as the board of trustees.

**BATES TWP  
REC PLAN**

Bates Township / Nick Baumgartner Sign - Oberlin stated that Krist Oil did not like the idea of a sign at the corner of the school yard, in the event that the property was ever sold. Franzene suggested a sign at the hall. Oberlin was going to discuss that idea with KC.

**BATES SIGN-  
NICK  
BAUMGART-  
NER**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Sewer Lift Station Generator / PAR PLAN Grant - WHEREAS the Bates Township Board wishes to apply to the Michigan Par Plan for a grant to purchase 4 (four) Sewer Department Lift Station generators as follows: 2 (two) each 5hp, Model 36ccl (36kw) ATS: \$3363 @ \$21401.00/each; 1(one) 7.5 hp, Model kg40 (37kw) ATS: \$3363 @ \$24716.00/each; and 1 (one) 25hp, Model kg80 (77kw) ATS: \$5000 @ \$31601.00/each. WHEREAS partial funding for the new generators and installation may come from ARPA funding. WHEREAS Bates Township plans to begin implementation of the new generators in 2022. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bates Township Supervisor is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of Bates Township, Iron County on this day of 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022. The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Supervisor Second offered by Board Member Trustee Franzene. Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye:" Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustee Adams, Supervisor Oberlin, Trustee Franzene. "Nay:" None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted at its regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

**SEWER LIFT  
STATION  
GENERATOR  
GRANT**

May Roadside Cleanup Day – Please meet at the hall at 8:00-8:30 for donuts, supplies and road assignments. Cleanup will be from 9:00am-11:00am.

**MAY  
ROADSIDE  
CLEANUP**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Oberlin gave an overview of the Assessor's Report for April. Erhart stated that there was a county sales study done. She has received the Residential L-4015 (Sales Study) from the County and she has reviewed the parcels against our information and provided a review of the County's study back to the County. The County's study (based on open market sales) will indicate the growth of the class for the next year (2023). / Public Act 660 of 2018 – (aka Assessing Reform) – things to accomplish 2022 --- most of which is contained in MCL 211.10g

**ASSESSOR  
REPORT**

- Requires us to have available online certain assessing information -With the GIS system that we currently have, our record card information is already available.
- We will need to add a couple of links to Assessing on our website (land value determinations, Economic Condition Factor Analysis (published policy on contacting assessor)
- Once I have reviewed the documents, I will provide a pdf of what needs to be posted to comply with the 2022 requirements of the act
- Marla Bradley with North Country Website Design will update the website.

Robert Stafford / Park Bench & Tree Request – Oberlin met with the family, and they would like to plant a tree and place at bench at the Bates Park/Sunset Lake in memory of their parents. PW Benson & Oberlin will meet with them at the site to give them placement options.

**BENCH/TREE  
PARK**

Hall Pergola / Tree Removal – Bigari Hardware donated a pergola to the township through the efforts of the BHPS. It will be on the township hall grounds; however, the board has approved the removal of two trees on the west lawn. The tree in the middle of the driveway and the rotten tree on the lawn.

**PERGOLA/  
BHPS**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – At a recent Michigan Water Operators event attended by PW Benson & Powell, Bates Township water won first place in a water taste contest. / **Sewer** – Lift station #3 landscaping will be corrected at homeowners' expense to comply with township requirements. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – The DIISD would like to remove lockers outside of Room 104. Next school season there will need to be an alternative to the "dishwasher in the classroom." Next season a new custodial janitor/or service will need to be hired.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

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**GUEST COMMENTS**

- ICECA/Mark Bromley – Thanked the township for the support.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA monthly newsletter.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## **BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Jon Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Jon Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Bonnie Hager, Park Host; Mike Golas, P&R; County Comm Stafford; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Treasurer's report for the month of May 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 221,187.04
Sewer Fund:	\$ 129,859.44
Water Fund:	\$ 397,010.86
Road Fund:	\$ 258,624.18

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that the County meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup>, so there is nothing new to report at this time.

**COUNTY  
COMM  
REPORT**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that dust control will be June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. / He thanked the 12 people that showed up for the roadside cleanup. / He stated that the ICRC is currently working on estimates for Andreski Plat Rd.

**ROAD  
PROJECTS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton was absent. Supervisor Oberlin gave an overview of the report which was as follows: 4 new permits issued. / A zoning variance was granted for 895 Little Finland Rd. / A variance for 137 Noren Rd was granted. / Two new zoning violations were issued. / The new zoning applications are now in use. / Permits to date: 13. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING  
UPDATE**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Margee Brennan stated that they are waiting on Mountain Engineering. / Gary Pisoni did a survey. / The rummage sale fundraiser will be held at the Bates School gym July 2-3 and volunteers are welcome. / To date over 100 bricks have been sold for that fundraiser. / Bigari Hardware "roundup" will go through 7/4/2022. / A few tables will be needed for the rummage sale. The Township does not let them out, however an exception was made for the rummage sale event.

**BHPS  
UPDATE**

EGLE Sewer Lagoon- PW Benson stated that UP Engineers is testing cells 3 & 4, & 1 as well.

**EGLE-SEWER  
LAGOON**

Bates Township / Nick Baumgartner Sign - Oberlin stated that he had not checked with KC regarding having the sign at the hall. He will do that for the next meeting.

**BATES SIGN-  
NICK  
BAUMGART-  
NER**

Lift Stations Generators – The generators have been ordered and a down payment made.

**SEWER LIFT  
STATION  
GENERATOR**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

**ASSESSOR  
REPORT**

**BATES TOWNSHIP**

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Iron County E-Waste Day – Reminder that July 23<sup>rd</sup> from Noon – 4:00PM the Iron Baraga Conservation District will collect E-Waste at the Township Hall. No cost for most items, however there may be copays depending on what you bring, and some items may not be accepted. Complete list in the township office.

**BATES  
EWASTE DAY**

Park Hosts – The park hosts are having problems with people using the showers that are not campers. Oberlin suggested taping off “showers” on the signs on US2. / Ernie Schmidt said not to waste time building partitions in the bathrooms. / There were suggestions to cut the showers off and not offer them. / Also, problems with people smoking in the bathrooms.

**PARK  
UPDATE**

Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes Proposal – A proposal was received to be the new Township Attorneys. Nelson stated that she enjoys their weekly newsletters which are highly informative, and their rates are comparable. / Stafford said that if there was a necessity for a courtroom appearance, they would engage a UP Attorney that would appear at the direction and under the guidance of FSBR. / Oberlin stated that he was not pleased with the current advice received on the Permit violation. / A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to appoint FSBR as the new Township Attorneys effective immediately. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Oberlin said he would do a letter to Attorney Atanasoff.

**ATTORNEY  
CHANGE**

Iron County Fair Book Ad – A motion was made by Oberlin to place the ad for \$71. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**IC  
FAIRBOOK**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Lift station #3 landscaping will be corrected at homeowners’ expense to comply with township requirements. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Nothing new to report.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

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**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Jim Andersen asked Oberlin if he contacted the Drain Commissioner because no one reached out to the Andersen’s. Oberlin stated that he contacted the Drain Commissioner the day after the last meeting. / Ron Frailing said that he would look into it also.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA monthly newsletter.
- Par Plan rebate of \$511.36
- Windsor Center Programs - Informational Brochure
- Book Box Day

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## **BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – July 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Jon Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Jon Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; Corey Shankleton, ZA/PC; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Bonnie Hager, Park Host; Mike Golas, P&R; Richard Spencer, ZBA; Monica Franzmeier, Elections; Jim Dennis, ZBA; County Comm Stafford; Ron Frailing, ICRC; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Trustee Adams to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Treasurer's report for the month of June 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 198,721.73
Sewer Fund:	\$ 120,679.05
Water Fund:	\$ 391,705.19
Road Fund:	\$ 265,973.74

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that the County will begin working on next fiscal year's budget. Nothing new to report at this time.

**COUNTY  
COMM  
REPORT**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is waiting to hear from the County on Andreski Plat estimates. / E. Lake Emily Rd is ready and prepped for pavement. / Dust control was done on June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ROAD  
PROJECTS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton stated that he is working with 5 new applicants. He had issued two violations (Bates-Amasa Rd & Dons Rd) that have an August 1 deadline. / Three new violations were issued, (US2, Reiman Rd & Sect 22 Rd.) / He completed Community Planning training and is enrolled in the Master Citizen Planner Certificate program. He is also enrolled in the Certified Zoning Administrator program for February 2023. Permits to date: 13. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING  
UPDATE**

Polich & Tarsi Letter/ RE: Gasperini-Andersen – Shankleton received a complaint regarding a questionable zoning violation. It is a string fence and a frivolous complaint. A motion was made by Oberlin to have Shankleton discuss with the Township Attorney and have them respond to the letter. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

**POLICH LTR  
GASPERINI**

Noxious Weed Ordinance – Shankleton got guidance from the Township Attorneys. The Township will post this ordinance in March in the newspaper. This serves notice. Then the Township can hire a vendor to go in and mow the lawn and attach the cost to the property taxes. Shankleton will bring this before the planning commission to reduce the days to cure the violation from 60 days to something less.

**NOXIOUS  
WEEDS**

Alley Abandonment – Shankleton received a request from the Todd's in Rogers location to abandon an alley that runs down the middle of their property. He will bring it before the planning commission.

**ALLEY  
ABANDON-  
MENT**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Margee Brennan stated that they are waiting on Mountain Engineering and all contractors are "on board with the project." / Sue Passamani provided a 6-month treasurer's report. / Bigari round up brought in \$4496.11 and Tim & Marian Novak rounded that up to \$5000. / The rummage sale netted about \$3000+. / Zack Powell donated a load of firewood to the BHPS. /The pop can collection is still going well.

**BHPS  
UPDATE**

# BATES TOWNSHIP

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

EGLE Sewer Lagoon– PW Benson said UP Engineers just finished their last test.

EGLE-SEWER  
LAGOON

Bates Township / Nick Baumgartner Sign - Oberlin stated that Krist is fine with wherever the Township wants to put the sign. Right now, it would be part of the main signage at the township hall.

BATES SIGN-  
NICK  
BAUMGART-  
NER

Iron County E-Waste Day – Reminder that July 23<sup>rd</sup> from Noon – 4:00PM the Iron Baraga Conservation District will collect E-Waste at the Township Hall.

E-WASTE

## NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Oberlin gave her report. Board of Review will meet Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. / Public Act 141 of 2022 now allows an Assessor to grant PRE's to persons who file late. This will reduce the number of petitions in July & December BOR's.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

Elections File Cabinet – A motion was made by Franzene to allow Clerk Benson-Stafford to purchase a fireproof file cabinet for elections security. The cost up to \$1500 will be reimbursed through a SOM election security grant. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS  
FIREPROOF  
CABINET

SOM Primary Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded of the Tuesday, August 2, 2022, election. Polls will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm.

ELECTIONS

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Hall**-Oberlin will seek out a contractor to do replace missing shingles on the hall roof. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – PW Benson stated that they have been repairing sections of leaking waterlines. / **Sewer** – Benson & Powell attended a remote training meeting. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Margee Brennan said that she thought the park beach needed sand. / Clerk Benson-Stafford said the Park Hosts would be agreeable to hosting next year if there was TV hookup. She will be working with Iron River CoOp to get a cost. / Bonnie/Park Host was wondering if the Sunset Lake Assn would have volunteers to work at the boat wash. Golas, Sunset Lake Assn said that it would be a no. It was also noted that a Constable cannot enforce the boat wash. The township can only offer a courteous reminder. / **School** – Benson-Stafford asked if the lockers could be removed. The DIISD is having problems with the children hiding in them. / The Township should consider having the dishwashing machines moved back to the kitchen. / The search is on for a new janitorial service.

## GUEST COMMENTS

- Attorney Steve Tinti was present, representing the Book family regarding a land division split. He will be coming to the Board of Trustees if he does not get satisfaction from the Bates Assessor.
- Resident Dick Weatherholt asked why Ellis Dee has not been allowed to sell marijuana. Oberlin stated that the ordinance was put in place because Bates voted against recreational marijuana. Weatherholt questioned if it could be put back on the ballot. Shankleton responded that there is a process that they could go through.
- Zack from the Iron County Chamber introduced Brett Smithson the new Assistant. Mark Bromley is the end of June.
- Sue Passamani asked about missing street signs. The Township's position is that the signs are expensive and were replaced a few years ago. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that this is a serious offense because emergency services personnel need those signs to help find their way. If residents want to pay for the new signs, the township will order them. The Township will spend resources on the signs just to have them stolen again.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Miskwaagamiwiziibi Park Shelter update email
- Campground Inspection Report

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Clerk Benson Stafford called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; Corey Shankleton, ZA/PC; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Sue Passamani, BHPS; Bonnie Hager, Park Host; Mike Golas, P&R; Monica Franzmeier, Elections; Larry Nelson, PC; County Comm Stafford; Residents. Absent: Supervisor Oberlin & Assessor Erhart.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to appoint Trustee Adams to conduct the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Oberlin. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meetings. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report for the month of July 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 153,765.52
Sewer Fund:	\$ 115,242.44
Water Fund:	\$ 359,103.22
Road Fund:	\$ 135,799.17

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that Pentoga Park will be 100 years old. On September 13<sup>th</sup> the BOC meeting will be held at the park at 4:00pm. There will be cake.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin was absent. There was nothing new to report.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton stated that he is working with 3 new applicants. He had issued two violations (Bates-Amasa Rd & Dons Rd) that had an August 1 deadline. Don’s Rd has come into compliance and no progress or communication on the Bates-Amasa Rd violation. / Three new violations were issued, (US2, Reiman Rd & Sect 22 Rd.) / Section 22 Rd has made significant improvement towards compliance. / During the past month there have been productive meetings with the new attorneys. He stated they have been extremely knowledgeable and helpful. /The Attorneys are also working on an Alley Vacating form for the township. /He received several zoning complaints this month, upon investigation he found no violations. Permits to date: 15. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk. / A motion was made by Franzene to give Board approval to send a ten-day notice to the Bates Amasa Rd violator, which will be followed up with a daily fine for non-compliance. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ZONING UPDATE**

Polich & Tarsi Letter/ RE: Gasperini-Andersen – Shankleton stated the Attorney would be preparing a response letter. / Jim Andersen had not yet heard anything from the drain commissioner.

**POLICH LTR GASPERINI**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Margee Brennan was present with Myron Berry-Mountain Engineering & Bob Berndt. They presented a proposed layout of where the hall would be moved to on the lawn at a 45-degree angle. There was discussion about separating the hall from the office which would result in no bathrooms for the office, as well as placement of a new septic system. There was concern about the project not being completed with a functional hall for elections on November 8<sup>th</sup>. A special meeting was set for Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm to further review the plan and discussion. The Board will provide a list of questions for the BHPS/Engineer to have ready. (A copy of the proposed plan is on file with the Clerk and is an official part of these minutes).

**BHPS UPDATE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

EGL E Sewer Lagoon– Nothing new to report.

PAR PLAN Grant Update – Benson-Stafford stated that a \$4000 grant was awarded for the Sewer Lift Station generator project; subject to grant compliance rules.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Adams gave an overview of her report. Public Act 141 of 2022 now allows an Assessor to grant PRE's to persons who file late. This will reduce the number of petitions in July & December BOR's./ Benson-Stafford noted that so far in 2022 there have been 74 transfers of ownership. 47 were in family or related persons; 27 were to a new owner-sale; of the 27, 5 were purchases of vacant land.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-The shingle repair will be done by Stik Bilt Construction in October. /**Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – PW Benson stated that they installed a few new water services. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – IR CoOp Tv would be installing the cable to the restrooms and the employees would trench it into the Host campsite. / **School** – Benson-Stafford asked if the lockers could be removed. The DIISD is having problems with the children hiding in them. / The Township should consider having the dishwashing machines moved back to the kitchen. / The search is on for a new janitorial service.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Shankleton, ZA stated that the Planning Commission is seeking a qualified member.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA – Zack said the Township can provide additional copies of the report at the monthly meetings for the residents.
- Campground Inspection Report
- Richard Spencer, ZBA; In response to ideas that were mentioned at July's board meeting regarding enforcing lawn ordinances. Spencer expressed his primary reason for opposing this measure. He offered an alternative proposal. The letter was read by Adams. (A copy of the letter is on file with the Clerk and is an official part of these minutes.)

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**EGL E-SEWER  
LAGOON**

**BATES SIGN-  
NICK  
BAUMGART-  
NER**

**E-WASTE**

**ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

**ASSESSOR  
REPORT**

**ELECTIONS  
FIREPROOF  
CABINET**

**ELECTIONS**

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – September 14, 2022, 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 & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Sue Passamani, BHPS; Bonnie Hager, Park Host; Mike Golas, P&R; Yvonne Andersen, ZBA; Monica Franzmeier, Elections; Larry Nelson, PC; Krist Atanasoff, PC; Ron Frailing, ICRC; County Comm Stafford; Assessor Erhart; Residents. Absent: ZA Shankleton.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Trustee Adams to approve the minutes from the previous month's meetings. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Treasurer's report for the month of August 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 158,034.44
Sewer Fund:	\$ 122,003.95
Water Fund:	\$ 309,727.85
Road Fund:	\$ 135,896.16

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that Pentoga Park will be 100 years old. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the BOC meeting will be held at the park at 4:00pm. There will be cake.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that E. Lake Emily blacktop project is complete. / Still waiting on Andreski Plat Rd update.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton was absent. Supervisor Oberlin gave an overview of the zoning report. / There were multiple complaints about 653 Sunset Lake Rd however after further review, EGLE visited the site and the scope of work that has been completed so far is within the scope of the permit. / There were several permit violations found by the Assessor. Shankleton will be reviewing them and will proceed accordingly. / Permits to date: 16. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING UPDATE**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Sue Passamani introduced 2 new directors to the BHPS: Sharon Stockero Ryden & Fay Frailing. / The Township Board was given detailed drawings and plans for the proposed project. / Margee Brennan was present with Myron Berry-Mountain Engineering & Bob Berndt. She stated that the movers will guarantee their cost for next year. They continue to seek out grants. They are currently talking to 2 basement contractors. Rich Bekkala has agreed to design Legacy Park (brick park). / At this time, they are seeking permission to get estimates based upon the current area on the lawn where the hall would be moved to. / Oberlin questioned why they are not just putting the basement underneath the hall where it currently sits. Passamani stated that their research indicates that this would just be a band aid approach. Franzene stated that his research indicates that there would not be a problem putting the basement under the hall where it sits. It could be done. Passamani added that there would be a problem with the location of the front porch/steps. Benson & Powell spoke about MDOT setbacks and why they did not choose to just move the hall parallel to where it sits instead of at an angle. / Oberlin stated that the township is planning on putting in a new septic, but he has an issue with any other costs that may be incurred because of the building being moved to the proposed location. Franzene agreed. PB Benson questioned if the BHPS is going to pay for all of the costs involved with moving the utilities. That was confirmed. / A motion was made by Franzene to approve the proposed new location of the hall so that the BHPS could seek out estimates only. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes with reservations; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**BHPS UPDATE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

EGLS Sewer Lagoon– The Board was given the graph of readings. There will further testing of the wells within the next month.

**EGLS-SEWER  
LAGOON**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was present and gave her report. / Many PRE forms had to be returned to property owners for correct or missing information. / She is currently dealing with an ineligible Disabled Veterans Exemption. / Several structures were discovered that do not appear to have zoning and/or building permits. She provided details and photographs to the Zoning Administrator and the Building Construction Code office. Adams asked what the course of action would be for the violations. Oberlin stated that currently the fine is 4 times the cost of the \$35 permit for zoning.

**ASSESSOR  
REPORT**

Bates Township Rec Plan 2023-2028 – There will be a public hearing September 20<sup>th</sup> at the hall at 6:00pm to gather public input and ideas for the rec plan.

**REC PLAN  
2023-2028**

Cemetery Decoration October 1st Removal – Ad has been published.

**CEMETERY  
DECO AD**

Old Trailer – A motion was made by Oberlin to accept a \$100 bid to purchase the old trailer. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**OLD  
TRAILER**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – PW Benson stated they are clearing a section of Wagner Lake Rd to prep for a waterline repair. / Irma Mathews has passed away and years ago it was decided the waterline would not be severed until she passed. Topic up for review. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Oberlin stated that he talked to Louis at General Concrete, and he will repair the boat launch in the spring. / **School** – Benson-Stafford is gathering information on the electric issues at the school.

Old Dumps – A motion was made by Franzene to allow G&G Service to remove at no cost to the township some rocks in exchange he will level an area for the township to use in the future for resident's seasonal lawn clippings. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**DUMPS**

Park Campground Host – Benson-Stafford expressed the boards thanks to Bonnie for the excellent job. The Township will retain her one more month to maintain the restrooms until they are closed for the season. She stated she has ideas for next summer such as Bingo on the Beach, Cornhole Tournaments, etc.

**PARK  
CAMPGRND  
HOST**

**GUEST COMMENTS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA
- IC Reporter – Fire Prevention Week Ad- A motion was made by Oberlin to send the WIC Fire Dept a \$50 contribution instead of doing the newspaper ad. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – October 12, 2022, 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 & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; Assessor Erhart; ZA Shankleton; Yvonne Andersen, ZBA; Larry Nelson, PC; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Jim Stolberg, WICFD; County Comm Stafford; Residents.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Trustee Adams to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meetings. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Treasurer’s report for the month of September 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 144,687.90
Sewer Fund:	\$ 125,142.87
Water Fund:	\$ 326,379.30
Road Fund:	\$ 129,965.46

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that the 2023 budget has been posted for a 30-day public review. / The County is posting a Building Inspector position. / Two Medicare Board positions were available. The County appointed Chris Thompson to a 3-year term and the State will make an appointment to the other available position.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that he received the estimates as follows: Andreski Plat 1.54 miles at \$350000-\$375000 and Mid-Summer Drive .28 miles at \$70000-\$75000. ICRC Tomasoski stated that they did not scarify Andreski Plat this summer because the road had a larger percentage of good road. The ICRC will still do some additional spot work yet this fall. / Ernie Schmidt, ICRC said that maybe the township will decide not to blacktop or maybe the residents don’t want Andreski Plat turned back to gravel, that they would take on a special assessment to have it blacktopped. / Oberlin will meet with the Supervisors of Stambaugh and Crystal Falls Twp to discuss the estimates. / Schmidt stated that there is a new gravel process that was done to Forsberg Rd in early June, and it seems to be holding up very well. That might be an idea for Andreski Plat. /Oberlin stated that Helgemo Rd hill needs to be done soon because the blacktop is deteriorating rapidly along the edges.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton stated that he has been working with compliance issues. / At the recent meeting it noted that regarding an alleyway issue in the Rogers Location, Mr. Webber’s Quit Claim deed had never been recorded and that Mr. Webber has been paying taxes on the strip of township land for 14 years. A motion was made by Oberlin to reimburse Mr. Webber the \$160 in taxes plus interest for a total of \$200; and record the deed. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Also, at the recommendation of the PC a motion was made by Franzene to increase the non-zoning violation fine to \$500 at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator; and publish accordingly. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Permits to date: 20. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING UPDATE**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Clerk Benson-Stafford read the report from Margee Brennan. The BHPS continues to raise funds, they are planning more fund-raising events, there will be a bake sale. The raffle is complete at the winners will be announce on Telephone Time. / Ernie Schmidt asked about the flags on the lawn. Franzene explained that the BHPS is waiting on estimates. Schmidt asked why they were not going to keep the hall where it currently sits and just put a basement underneath it. Franzene explained that their research indicates the foundation would last longer if it was moved to the potential location.

**BHPS UPDATE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

UPEA Sewer Lagoon/ Letter of Intent– Chris Holmes from UPEA was present and gave the board an overview of the lagoon liner testing. He states that there does appear to be some leaking, however, there will be more results in 2-3 weeks. / Oberlin questioned what type testing and Holmes said that it is a standard method of testing using drums. / There was discussion about potential sewer related grants that may be available. An “intent to apply” letter must be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to have UPEA submit a an “intent to apply” letter. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**UPEA SEWER  
LAGOON-  
INTENT TO  
APPLY LTR**

Bates Township Rec Plan 2023-2028 – Mike Stafford, Parks & Rec Chairperson stated that they had received good public input. There will be a meeting on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the hall to review what GEI has put together.

**REC PLAN  
2023-2028**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was present and gave her report. / December BOR will be Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. /She found that a parcel of land near Perch Lake had been dropped from the tax roll in 2003, it will be added back on. Property owners are aware of this. / She states one of the biggest problems is that the PRE-Affidavit is filled out incorrectly. She states that often times that have to be returned to the property owner for additional information or to have incorrect information completed. She states that on the form itself she must certify that the information is correct. She does try to work with the property owners to get the correct information. There is also an appeals process available if a PRE is denied.

**ASSESSOR  
REPORT**

Bates Street Signs – Oberlin led the discussion about safety concerns with the street signs being stolen. Missing signs can make it difficult for emergency service personnel to find addresses. Benson-Stafford stated that it’s too bad that the pranksters don’t think about the consequences. There is no official policy in place for sign theft. PW Benson said that it’s not a “good resident’s fault” and that Sue Passamani should be reimbursed for the sign stolen from her road. / a motion was made by Oberlin to replace the stolen signs and reimburse Sue Passamani. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**BATES  
STREET  
SIGNS**

GEI Letter of Intent /Water Systems – A motion was made by Oberlin to have GEI do a “intent to apply” letter for water system grants. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**GEI INTENT  
TO APPLY  
LETTER**

WIDL Board Appointee – The current appointee Jennifer Berlinski will be resigning effective December 31, 2022. Adams stated that she researched the information, and the board appointees are as follows: 2-Iron River City, 1-Each Township, 1-Volunteer. Terms= 4 years and the meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. A motion was made by Franzene to appoint Adams as the Bates Township Appointee to the WIDL Board. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WIDL BATES  
APPOINTEE**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Oberlin stated that Stik Bilt Construction had completed the shingle repairs on the east hall roof. Benson-Stafford stated that now there are some issues on the west side roof. Oberlin stated that clearly the original contractors did not do a good job. /**Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – PW Benson stated they are clearing a section of Wagner Lake Rd to prep for a waterline repair. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** –Benson stated that the dock has been pulled in and the park closed for the season. / **School** – Benson-Stafford was given permission to talk to an electrician about the electric issues at the school.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS (Cont'd)**

Water Meter Reader – Richard Spencer resigned from meter reading. He would like to be done asap. The position pays \$.75/meter which averages out to about \$414/month. The meter reading process should take 1.5-2 days a month. The position will be published.

**WATER  
METER  
READER**

**GUEST COMMENTS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Trustees Franzene & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; ZA Shankleton; Yvonne Andersen, ZBA; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; County Comm Stafford; Residents. Absent: Treasurer Nelson, Assessor Erhart.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meetings. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Treasurer’s report for the month of October 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Adams to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

General Fund:	\$ 144,717.93
Sewer Fund:	\$ 132,222.74
Water Fund:	\$ 341,897.87
Road Fund:	\$ 129,986.14

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated the meeting had been moved from Tuesday, November 8 to Monday, November 14. Nothing else new to report.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

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

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. No report available.

**ASSESSOR REPORT**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton stated that he has been working with compliance issues. / He has been answering calls. / One new permit was issued. / Permits to date: 21. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING UPDATE**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Brennan stated that they are continuing to fund raise and seek out grants. They are also waiting on bids. There will be a bake sale on Friday at Bigari Hardware. / The goal is to re-establish the hall as a gathering place.

**BHPS UPDATE**

Water Meter Reader – Richard Spencer will take the new meter reader around for the November readings. MBS Tech had to help Core & Main get the new gun implemented. Reading will be done November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**WATER METER READER**

UPEA Sewer Lagoon/ Letter of Intent– Testing is still being done. Chris Holmes of UP Engineers is working with EGLE on behalf of Bates. Nothing new to report at this time.

**UPEA SEWER LAGOON**

Bates Township Rec Plan 2023-2028 – Mike Stafford, Parks & Rec Chairperson stated that the plan is available for 30-day review and public comment. / It was determined that the hall is not a recreation asset and not eligible for DNR grants. The Legacy Park doesn’t exist yet, so it does not qualify either. Weddings, parties, are social events, not recreation. The reason the Windsor Center is in the rec plan is because they have recreation, and this is considered partnering with another entity. A motion was made by Adams to begin the 30-day public review on the plan. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**REC PLAN 2023-2028**

Rogers Location Quit Claim Deed – Benson-Stafford is still waiting on the Attorney for direction. The QC deed was rejected by the Register of Deeds office because it was not drafted correctly by the previous civil counsel.

**ROGERS LOC QUIT CLAIM DEED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report. A motion was made by Oberlin to remove this item agenda and only place on the agenda as needed, as requested by Benson-Stafford. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

Water Repair, Replacement Fund – Benson-Stafford made a transfer request to cover expenses for the Wagner Lake waterline repair project. A motion was made by Adams to transfer \$30,000 from 591-000-003-100 to 591-000-001. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**WATER DEPT  
FUNDS  
TRANSFER**

Zero-Turn Lawnmower – A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the purchase of a zero-turn lawnmower t \$8890 from US2 Rental. Lawnmower will not arrive until April 2023. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ZERO TURN  
LAWNMWR**

Bates Amasa Rd Waterline Abandonment – The waterline from the Mathews property to the river has been under consideration for abandonment. Oberlin will talk to the property owners first. Tabled until next meeting.

**WTLINE  
ABANDON-  
MENT**

Three Year Road Plan – Oberlin stated that his plan would be 2023-Helgemo Rd from US2 to the top of the hill, prep Andreski Plat-possible scarify & dust control; 2024-Finish prep and pave Andreski Plat & dust control; 2025-Midsummer Dr/Bates portion & dust control. No action taken, table until next meeting.

**THREE YEAR  
ROAD PLAN**

Election – Benson-Stafford thanked the voters for voting and the Election Inspectors for the incredible job that they do for each election. Great turnout.

**ELECTION**

GEI/ MDNR Spark Grants – Ryan with GEI gave an overview of the grants and what they can be used for. At this time the township would be looking at the park restrooms upgrade, boat launch and playground equipment. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the \$1500 estimate for GEI to go through the application process on behalf of the township. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**MDNR  
SPARKS  
GRANT**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** –Nothing new to report. / **School** – Benson-Stafford stated that the Electrician will probably add a new circuit.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- ICECA – Brett reminded of upcoming events; shop local and Christmas in Lights.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA
- BHPS Information Packets.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Adams made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## **BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – December 14, 2022, 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 & Adams present. Also, in attendance were PW Benson; ZA Shankleton; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, P&R; Larry Nelson, PC; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

**ATTENDEES**

A motion was made by Trustee Adams to approve the minutes from the previous month's meetings. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Treasurer's report for the month of November 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

General Fund:	\$ 106,647.36
Sewer Fund:	\$ 124,521.41
Water Fund:	\$ 325,763.30
Road Fund:	\$ 14,702.57

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Stafford stated that there is an opening on the Iron County Medicare Board. / Jim Marcell has been hired as the new Iron County Building Inspector.

**COUNTY  
COMM  
REPORT**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Nothing new to report.

**ROAD  
PROJECTS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Clerk Benson-Stafford gave an overview of the report. / December BOR was held December 14<sup>th</sup>. / There were recent Tribunals. / BOR members would like to be appointed for another 2 years. / (A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.)

**ASSESSOR  
REPORT**

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton stated that he has been working with compliance issues. / There was a conference call with the Attorney & the Clerk regarding alley abatement process. / He sought counsel on violations, maybe get a court judgement before daily violations begin. / Two new zoning requests will be granted this month. / Permits to date: 23. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING  
UPDATE**

WIDL Report – Appointee Adams stated that the library does a monthly stats report. / Financially they are in great shape. / They offer wonderful programs.

**WIDL**

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Brennan stated that they are continuing to fund raise. Not all estimates are in yet. / Ernie Schmidt has requested that the BHPS, Building Committee and the Board of Trustees have a meeting. A meeting was set for Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 5:00pm.

**BHPS  
UPDATE**

Water Meter Reader – Hydee Newby will be the meter reader effective for December 2022.

**WATER  
METER  
READER**

UPEA Sewer Lagoon– Chris Holmes of UP Engineers is reporting to EGLE on behalf of Bates. Nothing new to report at this time.

**UPEA SEWER  
LAGOON**

Bates Township Rec Plan 2023-2028 – A few small revisions will be made for review at the January board meeting.

**REC PLAN  
2023-2028**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Board of Review Appointments – A motion was made by Oberlin to appoint Judy Girard, Bonnie Puskala & Fay Whitehead to the Board of Review for a 2-year term effective January 1, 2023. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BOR  
APPOINT-  
MENT**

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Employee Christmas Bonus – A motion was made by Oberlin to give Full time Benson a \$200 bonus & part time Franzmeier a \$150. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE  
CHRISTMAS  
BONUS**

Leave of Absence – A motion was made by Oberlin to accept Zack Powell’s request for leave of absence for personal reasons until on or before March 1, 2023. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / PW Benson stated that Powell did pass his water operator’s test.

**LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE**

Pallet Jack – A motion was made by Adams to approve the purchase of a pallet jack for an estimated cost of \$562.00. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**PALLET JACK**

Bates Amasa Rd Waterline Abandonment – Oberlin talked to the new homeowner in the Mathews property. He did not talk to the property owner by the Paint River. He asked to table any action until the next meeting.

**WTLNE  
ABANDON-  
MENT**

Three Year Road Plan – Oberlin stated that his plan is 2023-Helgemo Rd from US2 to the top of the hill, prep Andreski Plat-possible scarify & dust control; 2024-Finish prep and pave Andreski Plat & dust control; 2025-Midsummer Dr/Bates portion & dust control.

**THREE YEAR  
ROAD PLAN**

Shop Floor Drain – PW Benson stated that they will be doing some concrete work to open up the floor drain again which has been clogged for some time.

**SHOP DRAIN**

GEI/ MDNR Spark Grants – A motion was made by Franzene to pass the Resolution of Authorization for GEI to apply for the 2023 Sparks Grant on behalf of Bates Township. The submission of the Sparks application is for \$668,500. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**MDNR  
SPARKS  
GRANT**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Hall**-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** –Nothing new to report. / **School** – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- ICECA – Brett thanked those who shopped local. / There were 29 floats in the Christmas in Light parade.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ICECA
- BHPS December 16, 2022, letter
- Emergency Svc Ad – A motion was made by Nelson to approve a \$45 ad. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_