

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. This meeting was moved from May 14, 2025.

Supervisor Stafford called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Stafford, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Trustee Adams present. Also, in attendance were PW Benson & Karnack, ZA Bofinger; Mike Thibodeau, PC; Larry Nelson, PC; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Sue Passamani, BHPS; Brett Smithson, ICECA; Residents. Assr Erhart & ICBC Judd were absent.

ATTENDEES

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous month’s meeting. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Clerk Benson-Stafford made a motion to accept the April 2025 Treasurers report. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund: \$ 307,908.99
Sewer Fund: \$ 105,989.98
Water Fund: \$ 410,546.97
Road Fund: \$ 252,695.10

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Invoice Approval

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

**INVOICE
APPROVAL**

County Commissioner Report – Commissioner Judd was absent.

**COUNTY
COMM
REPORT**

ICECA Report – Brett said the Boardwalk is being renovated through an Iron River City grant. / Lunch & Learn was well attended. / Business After Hours was well attended. / Fast Track Micro Grants up to \$2500 are available.

ICECA

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

Zoning Administrator Report – ZA Bofinger gave his report. / He has not heard anything further from the potential scrap yard permit applicant, which is currently in violation. / He spoke with ICCC Marcell regarding a violation on Parks Farm Rd. / There will be a ZBA Variance Hearing about a Midsummer Dr property. / Year-to-date permits issued: 7. / A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

**ZONING
ADMIN APPT**

Planning Commission – Thibodeau stated that 277 surveys were completed. There was a May 5th meeting with a summary review. / Next PC meeting will be on June 2nd.

**PLANNING
COMM**

Road Projects- Supervisor Stafford said dust control will be scheduled in June pending the road commissions schedule. / Looking at adding gravel to Forsberg Rd in spots.

**ROAD
PROJECTS**

Hall- Nothing new to report. / Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Closed for the season. / Park – Restrooms will be opened and fish pier put in on May 8th. / School – Nothing new to report. / Paint River Boat Launch – Boat launch will be put in on May 8th.

**HALL-SHOP-
WTR-SWR-
CEM-PARK-
SCH-PR BL**

Windsor Center – Nothing new to report. Next meeting is May 12th.

**WINDSOR
CTR**

WIDL – Adams stated the Spring Challenge is on; try 5 new things at the library that you have not tried yet. This gives you an opportunity to spin the wheel for a prize. / Seeds are still for sale.

WIDL

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (cont'd)

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Sue Passamani stated they updated their federal grant application for 2026. / Their bake sale at Bigari’s is May 23rd. / They are currently working with contractors. / Thank you to Ed for his help on scrap iron collection day. / Annual rummage sale is in July. / Kohler donated \$3329 in plumbing products.

BHPS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Statement – He stated that his biggest surprise so far is the cost of doing roads. /He will still talk to Crystal Falls Township about participating in Andreski plat.

**SUPERVISOR
STATEMENT**

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Lift Station Maintenance Agreement – Clerk Benson-Stafford made a motion to approve the 3-year agreement with Flygt-Xylem Water Solutions at a cost of \$4700/year. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SEWER
LIFT/STA
MAINT
AGRMNT**

Shop Addition – Trustee Franzene made a motion to approve the shop addition project with a budget of up to \$55,000. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SHOP
ADDITION**

Water Meter Radio Read System – Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the Core & Main bid of \$107,000. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Stafford, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**WATER
RADIO READ**

Water Fund Transfer – Clerk Benson-Stafford made a motion to approve a Treasurer’s transfer of \$75000 from 591-000-004.100 to the water reserve 591-000-002. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**WATER
FUND
TRANSFER**

Project Graduation – Treasurer Nelson made a motion to approve \$100. Supported by Trsutee Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**PROJECT
GRAD**

Rogers Sewer Lift Station – Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the Sabel Mechanical bid of \$26317.28 for the renovation of the Rogers sewer lift station. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ROGERS LIFT
STATION
RENO**

GUEST COMMENTS

- Trustee Adams asked about Highline progress.

CORRESPONDENCE

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ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.