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Annual Meeting April 6th 1908

The following are the minutes of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Township of Bates held on the 6th day of April A.D. 1908 held in the Town Hall that being the place where such meetings are to be held here after in said Township of Bates.

April 6th 1908 7 A.M. The Board of Inspectors of Election was then duly organized with August Krantz as chairman Carl J Gustafson Clerk and Gothard Nordin and Aldo Lindquist as the other inspectors and Oscar Erickson as Enrollment clerk.

The inspectors on motion appointed Hjalmar Carlson whose name was not on any ticket at the election as gate keeper. The constitutional oath of office were then administered to the inspectors clerks and gate keeper which oaths are in writing and are in the Poll books provided for this day and are on file in the Clerks office. The Ballot Box kept by the Township Clerk was then examined by the chairman and inspectors of election and the contents removed therefrom and was then locked by the chairman and the key thereof delivered to Gothard Nordin one of the inspectors.

designated by motion of the Board of Inspectors. The chairman then announced that the polls were now duly opened for the election of the Officers as provided by statute for this day which said announcement was simultaneous by proclaimed Hjalmar Carlson gate keeper. The ballots were then duly opened marked and prepared

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for balloting and voting commenced by balloting at 11 A.M. The Board of Inspectors duly resolved that at 12 o'clock noon the board would adjourn for one hour which was then duly proclaimed by the gate keeper Hjalmar Carlson at 11.45 A.M. Hjalmar Carlson the gate keeper proclaimed that at 12 o'clock noon the board of Inspectors would adjourn for one hour.

12 o'clock noon the board of Inspectors adjourned for one hour pursuant to the resolution which was proclaimed by Hjalmar Carlson the gate keeper and that at 1 P.M. the annual Township business to be transacted after the business of said meeting was transacted the polls of said election was again opened.

The clerks then compared Poll lists and corrected mistakes under the direction of the Board of Inspectors until their poll lists corresponded. The ballot box was then opened and Poll lists placed therein and the box locked and carefully sealed pursuant to the statute.

At 1 P.M. April 6th 1908 there was transacted the following business and Proceedings in Town hall aforesaid where The township meeting was held

There was present Victor Benson supervisor of the said township of Bates who called the meeting to order and acted as moderator of the meeting Carl J. Gustafson Township Clerk of said township who acted as clerk of the meeting.

The moderator then proceeded to read to the meeting the statement of the commissioner of Highways made pursuant to the

statute in such case made and provided to the annual meeting of the Township Board of said Township which said statement said township board had order to be presented at the annual meeting of said Township and which statement is on file in the Township Clerk's office

The following resolution was then offered by Charley Olson an elector of said Township then present and voting at said meeting and who did not reside in any incorporated village Therefore be it Resolved that there be raised for Highway purposes in the Township of Bates for the next ensuing year a tax of one half of one per cent on the aggregate assessed valuation of the property of said Township of Bates Said Charley Olson moved the adoption of said resolution which motion was supported by August Krantz an elector not residing in any incorporated village after discussion of the resolution the moderator stated that only those not residing in any incorporated village were entitled to vote on the adoption of the Resolution and that the vote by dividing the meeting would then be taken and the result publicly stated by the moderator to be as follows 46 qualified Electors voted for and none voted against the adoption of the Resolution whereupon the resolution was declared adopted by the moderator The following resolution was then presented by Charley Olson Resolved that there be raised for contingent or ordinary expenses of the Township aforesaid for the ensuing year by taxation of the

taxable property of said Township the sum of one thousand dollars. Charley Olson moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution which motion was supported by Carl J Gustafson. There being no amendments to and after discussion of the resolution the moderator stated that the vote upon the adoption of the proposed Resolution would be taken by dividing the meeting and that all the qualified electors were entitled to vote. The vote was then accordingly taken and the result thereof stated by the moderator to be as follows. Forty six qualified Electors voted in favor of and none voted against the adoption of the Resolution whereupon the resolution was declared duly adopted by the moderator. The following Resolution was then offered by Andrew Erickson a qualified Elector whereas it appears that about twelve hundred dollars township contingent orders are outstanding since last year on account of the building of a town hall.

Therefore be it Resolved that we the Electors of Bates Township do hereby raise by taxation of the taxable property of said Township of Bates the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the purpose of paying the outstanding contingent orders before mentioned. Andrew Erickson moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution which motion was supported by August Krantz. After discussion the moderator stated that a vote would be taken by dividing the meeting which vote was then accordingly taken and the result thereof stated by the moderator to be as follows.

33 qualified electors voted in favor of the

Resolution and 2 electors voted against the adoption of the Resolution whereupon the moderator declared the resolution adopted. The President of the board of Education then publicly read to the meeting the report or statements as required by law. The following Resolution was then offered by Charley Olson Resolved that the sum of one thousand dollars be raised by tax on the taxable property of the said Township for all school purposes for the ensuing year the adoption of the Resolution was moved by Charley Olson supported by August Krantz and a vote was then taken by dividing the meeting. The result thereof stated by the moderator to be as follows 33 qualified Electors voted in favor of the Resolution and 2 electors voted against the adoption of the Resolution whereupon the moderator declared the Resolution adopted. The Township Clerk then openly and distinctly read to the meeting the accounts for the support of the poor within the township for the preceding year as the same have been allowed and passed by the Township Board. The supervisor then presented and read to the meeting an estimate of the sum which he deemed necessary for the support of the poor for the ensuing year. The following Resolution was then presented by Andrew Erickson a qualified Elector of the Township Resolved that as sum of Five Hundred dollars be assessed on the Township of Bates for the ensuing year for the purpose of providing for the poor and the support for the poor of the Township aforesaid.

Andrew Erickson moved the adoption of the Resolution which motion was supported by Charley Olson. The moderator then stated that all the electors were qualified to vote on the question and that the vote should be taken by dividing the meeting which vote was then accordingly taken and the result of the vote was stated by the moderator to be as follows 33 qualified Electors voted in favor of the Resolution and three electors voted against the adoption of the Resolution Whereupon the moderator declared the Resolution duly adopted. There being no further business to be transacted by *viva voce* business. The polls were then again opened for the further balloting for officers which was duly proclaimed by the gate keeper. 4 o'clock P.M. the gate keeper proclaimed that at 5 o'clock P.M. the ~~gate keeper~~ Polls would close 4.30 P.M. the gate keeper proclaimed that in thirty minutes or at 5 o'clock the polls would close. 5 P.M. the chairman stated that the polls would now close and the polls were closed.

The votes were then publicly canvassed according to the statute in such case made and provided after the tickets or Ballots had been counted the result thereof and the number of votes received by such candidate or person on the ticket was then publicly declared by the chairman to be as follows.

For Supervisor	Victor Benson	received	97 votes
For Clerk	Adolf Forsberg	"	75 "
	Charles Olson	"	36 "

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For	Township Treasurer		59	
	George Goulette	received	59	votes
	Frank Erickson	"	53	"
For	Commissioner of Highways			
	Edward Sjogqvist	"	69	"
	Adolf Gustafson	"	41	"
For	Overseer of Highways			
	Oscar Anderson	"	5.8	"
	Mike LeBlair	"	53	"
For	Justice of the Peace			
	Emil Soderquist	"	58	"
	Olof Benson	"	53	"
For	School Inspector			
	Peter Sjogqvist	"	67	"
	Charles Langendorf	"	45	"
For	Member board of Bates Education			
	Charles Noren	received	64	"
	Isak Hendrickson	"	47	"
For	Member Board of Review			
	Charles F Johnson	"	75	"
	Charles Langendorf	"	35	"
For	Constables			
	David Erickson	"	65	"
	Oscar Erickson	"	62	"

And Duplicate statement of said result showing the whole number of votes cast for each officer The number of the persons for which each vote were cast and the number of votes each candidate received were
 Prepared and duly filed according to law
 There being no further business the meeting therefore adjourned.

Carl J Gustafson
 Clerk of
 Bates Township

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I Carl J Gustafson Clerk of the annual Township meeting held at Town hall on the 6th day of April A.D. 1908 do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of all the motions resolutions and proceedings made and adopted at the regular annual Township meeting held at the place and on the date as aforesaid

In testimony hereof I have hereto subscribed my name

Carl J. Gustafson
Clerk of Bates Township

Township Clerks Bond

Know all men by these Presents,
that we Adolf Forsberg as principal and
Carl J Gustafson and Victor Benson
sureties are held and firmly bound unto
the Township of Bates in the county
of Iron State of Michigan forever
in the penal sum of One Thousand
\$1000.00 Dollars lawful money of the
United States for the payment of
which sum well and truly to be made
to the said Township or to its certain
Attorney, we jointly and severally bind
ourselves, our heirs, executors and
administrators, forever, firmly by these
presents

Sealed with our seals and dated this
10th day of April A.D. 1908
The condition of the above Obligation
is such, that if the above named
Adolf Forsberg shall duly and faithfully
perform the duties of his office as

Township Clerk of the Township of Bates
in the County aforesaid, according to law,
and especially shall safely keep the
records, books and papers of said
Township in the manner required by law,
and shall deliver said records, books
and papers on demand, to his
successor in office, then the said
obligation to be void otherwise to
remain in full force.

Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

August Krantz,

Justice of the Peace

Adolf Forsberg

(seal)

Carl J. Gustafson

(seal)

Victor Benson

(seal)

State of Michigan } ss
County of Iron }

Carl J. Gustafson and Victor Benson
of the Township of Bates in said County
of Iron sureties of the principal
named in the within and foregoing
bond, being duly sworn, each for
himself deposes and says that he
is worth in unencumbered property,
not exempt from execution under
the laws of this State, the sum of
Five Hundred \$500.00 Dollars after
payment of all just debts, claims
and liabilities.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 10th day of April A.D. 1908

August Krantz.

We the undersigned Township do hereby approve
of the within bond and the sureties named therein

Victor Benson supervisor

Gothard Nordin.

Aldo Lindqvist.

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Know all men by these Presents, that we George Goulett of Iron County, Michigan as principal and William H Windsor, Patrick Kelly, Peter Michaels and Martin Stroberg as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Township of Bates in the County of Iron, State of Michigan, in the penal sum of Eight Thousand Dollars of the payment of which sum well and truly to be made in lawful money of the United States of America, we jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, forever, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this fourteenth day of April A.D. 1908

The condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above named George Goulet shall faithfully discharge the duties of his office as Township Treasurer of the Township of Bates in the County aforesaid, and shall faithfully and truly account for, and pay over according to law, all moneys which shall come into his hands as such Treasurer, then the said obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of
Edward O Lott } George Goulet (seal)

W J Schook } William H Windsor \$ 3.000 (seal)
} Patrick Kelly \$ 3.000 (seal)
} Peter Michaels \$ 1.500 (seal)
} Martin Stroberg \$.500 (seal)

State of Michigan } ss
County of Iron } ss

William H Windsor, Patrick Kelly,
Peter Michaels and Martin Stroberg of the

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County of Iron, the sureties of the principal named in and who signed the foregoing bond, being duly and severally sworn each for himself, deposes and says that he is worth in unencumbered property, not exempt from execution under the laws of this State, the aggregate sum of Eight Thousand Dollars after payment of all just debts, claims and liabilities as stated below Subscribed and sworn to before me this
14th day of April A.D. 1908

Edward P. Lott } Wm H Windsor \$ 3,000
Notary Public } Patrick Kelly \$ 3,000
 } Peter Michaels \$ 1,500
 } Martin Stroberg \$.500