

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – April 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock all present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Robert Pozniak, ZBA-BOR; County Commissioner Brennan; Residents.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of March 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Wodzinski to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 136,096.20
Sewer Fund:	\$ 93,478.99
Water Fund:	\$ 272,782.10
Road Fund:	\$ 304,082.07
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan stated that the critical thing that the County Board is facing is the revenue shortage due to the tax break that the gas company received. This creates a \$68000 shortage. The Veterans exemption will create a \$16000 shortage. These shortages came after the budget was approved. There is currently a hiring freeze at the county level. The Commissioners are concerned about staying the black. They are also working on health insurance. Brennan stated that regarding the frozen waterlines that Lt. Jones –Sheriffs Dept has been working hard on gathering information to get disaster funds for the area municipalities. It’s hard for FEMA funds to come to the area. Brennan stated that he and his wife are proud to call Bates their home.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Waterline Freezing/ Emergency Management – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township gives a report to the Sheriff’s Dept every week. He stated that Bates expenses have mostly been man hours. There are still 2 homes without water due to waterlines being frozen.

WATERLINE / FREEZING LET RUNS

BS & A – An ad was put in the Reporter for hardware bids. The township will be moving forward with BS&A. The transition will be coordinated by the County.

BS&A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his March report which included 0 permits and 0 new violations. He did his monthly bar inspection and stated that he took some calls with general questions. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Summer Park Host – An ad will be put in the Reporter looking for people interested in being the Park Campground Host from May 15th – Labor Day.

PARK HOST

Water Ordinance – Tabled for discussion until next month.

WTR ORDINANCE

Truck – Supervisor Helgemo stated that some costs for a new truck are between \$31,500 with extended cab and with a utility box it would be \$35000. A Boss V plow would be about \$5000. This is just some information for the board to consider as it will soon be necessary to replace the white Chevy.

TRUCK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo reviewed the bids received from the ICRC for Reiman Rd, Willis Rd and Wildwood Rd. NEA \$200000-Reiman Rd, \$36500 Willis Rd, \$14500-Wildwood Rd. Baaco \$221000-Reiman Rd, \$52000-Willis Rd, \$22000-Wildwood Rd. A motion was made by Bobnock to go forward with the road projects. Northeast Asphalt was the low bid. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Wayne Koski questioned whether Parks Farm Rd would be graveled. Helgemo also stated that we will be protecting Sec 16 Rd and Reiman Rd from heavy trucks. He also stated that we're waiting for the permits to do the waterlines on Passamani Rd & Willis Rd.

BD SALARY
RESOLUTION

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he had been working with Assr Nelson on some FOIA requests.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Propane – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he would like to see the township seek propane bids.

PROPANE
BIDS

Shop Tools – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the shop is in need of some good tools. (Impact wrench, portable battery charger, bench grinder). A motion was made by Helgemo to purchase the tools not to exceed \$500. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SHOP TOOLS

Memorial Day – Helgemo is looking for a Bates Township Veteran to speak at the ceremony. A motion was made by Moncivais to approve a \$300 budget for the refreshments. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MEMORIAL
DAY

Fair Book Ad – A motion was made by Nelson to do a Fair Book ad in the amount of \$59.70 no color 5x2. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FAIR BOOK

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – The basement flooded and it was necessary to purchase a new sump pump. /Water – We're holding our own regarding frozen waterlines. / Sewer –The lagoons have been very manageable even though they are experiencing triple than normal influx due to the let runs. Our lagoon is very efficient. Benson is also working on a required DEQ management plan. Some signage is required also. A motion was made by Moncivais to approve \$500 for signage and to have White Water Associates do the required testing. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:08. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____