

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – December 10, 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 present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Assessor Nelson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm 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 November 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL
REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 32,347.96
Sewer Fund:	\$ 116,532.37
Water Fund:	\$ 270,897.91
Road Fund:	\$ 159,815.35
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Cty Comm Brennan stated gave an overview of the Drain Commissioner report on lake levels. Also, the County Board is working on the 2015 budget. Two of the most challenging items are insurance and working out the budget. Revenues will be flat this year, however the County has been in the black the last two years. He thinks the budget will balance again. He also stated that the County had a 36% voter turnout, Michigan had 42% and Bates had 46%. He mentioned that they are looking for people to serve on the various committees and he would like to see Bates people involved.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the ICRC is trying to get a policy in place regarding gravel and chip seal which are maintenance items. He states that the County just doesn’t have the money and not everyone is going to get what they want. If Twps want this done they will have to pay for it.

ROAD
PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – The Board had another workshop on 12/9 and a lot of progress was made. / Water Ordinance – There are approximately a dozen permanent shut offs. A long time ago they should have been cut off. They will have to be cut-off, however a motion was made by Nelson to grandfather in these current shut offs. The Township will go in and permanently cut them off at the townships expense. If they need to hook up again they will have to go through the hook up process and pay the appropriate fees. From now on permanent shut-offs will have to hire a contractor at their expense to cut the valve per township specifications. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WATER
ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his November report which included 0 permits and 0 new property violations. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended a zoning meeting, attended the board meeting and stated that he took numerous calls/questions. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING
UPDATE

Employee Retirement – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Benson will receive a retirement package buy out and will not participate in MERS. He will receive a payment on Dec 11 for retirement wages from 4/1/2012-3/31/14. On 1/2/2015 he will receive the balance of retirement wages from 4/1/14-12/31/14. Beginning 1/1/2015 his hourly wage will increase by \$1.31/hour. (Summary Report on file with Clerk.)

EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Ironline Sled dog Race – No action taken.

IRONLINE
SLEDDOG
RACE

Children's Christmas Party –Reminder, the party is 12/13 from 11:30am – 1:00pm.

CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Board of Review – The Board of Review members position expire every two years. Moncivais will call for applicants. Letters of interest by 5PM Tuesday, January 13th.

BOR
APPLICANTS

Employee Christmas Bonus's – A motion was made by Bobnock to give the three employees a \$75 bonus. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE
BONUS

Planning Commission Appointment – Sara Basso resigned. A motion was made by Nelson to appoint PC Alternate Mike Franzene to the PC Board. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PC APPOINT-
MENT

Planning Commission Alternate Appointment – A motion was made by Helgemo to appoint Larry Nelson as an Alternate Member to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PC
ALTERNATE
APPOINT-
MENT

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Benson thanked the Board on behalf of the Employees for the Christmas Bonus. **Hall** – Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson said that he is still running some Trybom Drive residents off of the Chicagon Mine pump house. There have been a couple of let runs. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** - Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Clerk Moncivais will look into a cell phone. / **Backhoe** – Helgemo stated that the last repair was around \$4000. With Benson's persistence and help from others the repair this time was a couple of hundred dollars and it works better now than ever.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Assr Nelson stated that Benson resurrected a piece of original water pipe and has been working on restoring it for historical purposes. It would be nice if the Township had a display case. Also it would be nice if someone had some recollection of the original waterlines being put into the Rogers Location.

CORRESPONDENCE

- GEI Christmas Lunch on the 19th. Board Members invited.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____