

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 11, 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; Trustee Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Residents. Trustee Wodzinski & County Commissioner Brennan were absent.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 109,869.00
Sewer Fund:	\$ 99,563.88
Water Fund:	\$ 300,846.60
Road Fund:	\$ 179,822.94
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – County Commissioner Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Waterline Freezing/ Emergency Management – Supervisor Helgemo the Township was fortunate. He stated that Benson was very proactive and that helped reduce the broken lines. The 2 frozen lines in the township finally broke thru. The repairs were made and they are now fixed.

WATERLINE / FREEZING LET RUNS

BS & A – Nelson stated that the BSA Water billing system is a very expensive program. The Board already approved the conversion, Moncivais will talk to the County the make sure that the price for the Assessor’s program is correct.

BS&A

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Reiman Rd is chopped/graveled up from US 2 to Sunset Lake Rd. The manholes will be leveled up to the blacktop. There will be culverts put in on Willis Rd and the blacktop will be done in August. The water project will begin 6/12/14. Anderson Rd is under progress.

ROAD PROJECTS

Wellhead Protection Grants – Supervisor Helgemo stated that after board discussion and discussion with Jef Bal from GEI Consultants the township is going to wait on this another year. This will be reevaluated next year.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION GRANTS

DEQ Sewer Discharge Permit – Supervisor Helgemo gave an overview. This is a permit for the lagoon that we have to apply for every 5 years. Regulations are crazy. They continue to require extra testing which results in costing more money. The township has never had a bad sample in 35 years. The township is currently jumping through hoops to get the permit renewed and it’s been a hassle.

DEQ SEWER DISCHARGE PERMIT

Dust Control – The dust control was never done last year because of the rain. So far this year there has only been one complaint. This year the township is trying to get the gravel projects done on Forsberg & Little Finland Rds prior to doing dust control. We’re just waiting a little longer.

DUST CONTROL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his May report which included 2 permits and 2 new property violations. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended the board meeting and stated that he took some calls with general questions. He stated that the garage project at the Ice Lake Condos will no longer be built. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING
UPDATE

Water Ordinance Workshop – Tabled for discussion until maybe August.

WTR
ORDINANCE

Memorial Day – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he heard many compliments on the event. Special thanks to Gail Passamani, Mary Baumgartner and Donna Hohensee for handling the refreshments. Mike Golas did a wonderful job as the speaker.

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

Water Projects – The DEQ handles the permits for the water projects. Again there is a hassle to go through the process. An engineering firm was required. GEI did the paperwork for Willis Rd & Passamani Rd for \$740.

WATER
PROJECT
PERMITS

EDC – In the past the township donated \$2/capita. The County has donated \$17000 to the EDC. Commissioner Brennan will let us know at the next meeting what is in the budget. How many hours and what the salary will be for Melchiori.

EDC

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he has been working on the junk car problem. All people have been called and he got promises from all of them. Trustee Bobnock stated that until we do something to enforce the ordinance they're not going to clean up. Atanasoff said that first will be a letter from Stowell, then next from the attorney. This is a civil infraction. There was an incident at the boat landing where the employees of the DNR refused to use the boat wash. A citation was issued. There was a phone conference with the DNR in the Crystal Falls office and it was made clear that the township will enforce this ordinance and how important it is for appearance sake that they too follow the rules.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Bob Black Chamber Resignation – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he felt it was a big mistake for the Chamber to accept the resignation. It was the township's understanding that they wanted him to punch a time clock. He was a good promoter of the area and events. A motion was made by Nelson to write a letter stating the Board was displeased with the decision. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. (A copy of the letter will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais.)

BOB BLACK
CHAMBER
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Summer Worker – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Nelson is on an informal leave of absence. There is much to do throughout the township and the extra helper is needed. A motion was made by Nelson to hire Anthony Tarsi who is a 2nd year college student at a rate of \$10/hour. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SUMMER
WORKER

Road Restriction- There was board discussion about the cost of blacktopping the township roads and the damage that is done by the heavy trucks. A motion was made by Bobnock to pass a road restriction ordinance for Reiman Rd, Section 16 Rd, Wildwood Drive and Sunset Shores Rd. Exceptions and permits are available from Supervisor Helgemo. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD
RESTRICT.
ORDINANCE

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Mozy Offsite Backup – Moncivais stated that with the new computer setups the township will be set up with offsite data backup.

Resident Blight – Several complaints were made against a residence where the garbage was left and the animals were getting into the bags and spreading the garbage. The township will pick up the garbage and put the cost onto the utility bill.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – 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. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

- UPSET – A thank you letter was received for support.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:18. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____