

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – March 12, 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; Ernie Schmidt/ICRC & WIC Fire Dept; Residents. County Commissioner Brennan was 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 February 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 125,132.49
Sewer Fund:	\$ 96,731.45
Water Fund:	\$ 290,470.29
Road Fund:	\$ 274,017.38
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Brennan was absent

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Waterline Freezing/ Emergency Management – Supervisor Helgemo gave an overview of the township’s current status. There were recently 9 homeowners with frozen lines. 7 were thaw and 2 remain frozen. This involved one resident that was told to do a let run and then he turned it off. This caused the water main to become frozen in that area also. Benson stated that the lagoon still looks good even with the extra water coming in. Schmidt stated that as soon as things begin to thaw there are going to be breaks everywhere. Helgemo stated that it’s amazing how there was a recent instance and all of the resident’s dug in to help. / Helgemo also stated that the Sheriff’s Dept Emergency Mgmt Dept sent Weekly Data Collection Forms to the township to keep track of resources used due to the frozen waterline situation. The township has 52 man hours so far due to frozen lines.

WATERLINE / FREEZING LET RUNS

BS & A – At the regular meeting the Board approved going with the B&A system in conjunction with the county. A motion was made by Nelson to get bidg on the computers to replace the current systems as they are obsolete. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BS&A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his February report which included 0 permits and 0 violations. He did his monthly bar inspection and stated that he took a call regarding maintenance on a tower on tower road. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Board Budget Workshop – A reminder that the Board Budget Workshop date has been set for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. The Budget Hearing is set for March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM.

BD BUDGET WORKSHOP/ BUDGET HEARING

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Board Salary Resolutions – Supervisor – A motion was made by Helgemo to keep the current Supervisor salary at \$16500/yr with no increase. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Clerk – A motion was made by Helgemo to keep the current Clerk salary at the \$20000/yr with no increase. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Treasurer – A motion was made by Nelson to keep the current Treasurer salary at \$20,000/yr plus \$4327.23 for Summer Tax Collection. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Trustees – A motion was made by Bobnock to keep the current Trustees salary at \$225/mo (2 mtgs). Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Assessor – A motion was made by Nelson to keep the current Assessor's salary at \$19000/yr. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Zoning Administrator - Constable – A motion was made by Nelson to keep the current Zoning Administrator salary at \$450/mo & Constable salary at \$50/mo. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Hall Coordinator – A motion was made by Moncivais to keep the current Hall Coordinator salary f \$350/mo. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Planning Commission – A motion was made by Helgemo to keep the current PC Chair salary at \$80/mtg and Members salary at \$65/mtg. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Board of Review – A motion was made by Helgemo to keep the current BOR member salary at \$125/day. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Zoning Board of Appeals – A motion was made by Helgemo to keep the current ZBA Chair salary at \$80/mtg and Members salary at \$65/mtg. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Election Inspectors – A motion was made by Nelson to increase the Chairperson from \$10/hr to \$13/hr AND the Inspectors from \$9/hr to \$12/hr. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Employees – A motion was made by Bobnock to increase PT Nelson from \$12.36/hr to \$12.75/hr; PT Franzmier from \$10/hr to \$12/hr; FT Benson from \$18.54/hr to \$19/hr. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BD SALARY  
RESOLUTION

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Park Host - There was much discussion about the wonderful job that Elmo and Marian Freeland have done as Park Hosts for the past several years. A motion was made by Bobnock to look for a new park host for the upcoming season. The criteria for the search for a new Park Host are tabled until the next meeting. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK HOST

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Park Host Recognition – A motion was made by Helgemo to get a placque and give a monetary gift of \$100 to the Freeland's. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK HOST  
RECOGNITN

Water Ordinance – Supervisor Helgemo discussed the possibility of getting the water tanks inspected this year. Chicagon Mine was done in 2006 and Sunset Lake in 2010. This issue and the ordinance discussion to tabled until a future meeting.

WATER  
ORDINANCE

Truck – Supervisor Helgemo stated the Board needs to give some consideration to replacing the Chevy with a new truck with utility box. This item was tabled until a future meeting.

TRUCK

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – There was a recent manhole sewer backup. City of Gaastra came with equipment to help. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Benson stated that he would like to contact Nicolet Sign about sign ideas. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Duane Passamani welded the holes on the bucket.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- IC Equalization / Joetta Greig – Joetta gave an overview of the new public document access to documents via the new online services being offered. Visit ironmi.org

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- The Reporter – Veterans Ad – No action taken.
- Miss Dig – Notice of Upcoming meeting.
- IC Soil Conservation Dist. – Tree Plant Sale Brochure
- Odea, Nordeen & Burink PC – Atty At Law – Informational Brochure
- IR City Hall 3/20 Information Mtg Re: Medicare

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:10. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_