

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 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 present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Benson; Assessor Nelson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Homeowners Assn; 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 October 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. 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:	\$ 48,140.70
Sewer Fund:	\$ 111,218.02
Water Fund:	\$ 272,720.41
Road Fund:	\$ 159,790.83
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Cty Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that graveling and seal coating are on the ICRC upcoming agenda. Nothing new to report at this time.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – The next workshop is set for the December 9th at 5:00pm.

WATER ORDINANCE

Board of Review – The Board of Review will have a workshop on December 9th at the hall in the morning.

BOARD OF REVIEW

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his October report which included 3 permits and 1 permit denied. He worked on 1 property violation. He will be attending the meeting December 1 where the Resident is requesting a special use permit. He did his monthly bar inspection, 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 gave the overview again that Benson was offered a retirement package when he went full time. He does not want his package to be through MERS. The Board is reviewing a few other options. Resident Golas stated that a company that he once worked for gave the option to not participate in a retirement program and for some people that was an incentive. Action tabled until next meeting.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he and Assr Nelson are working on two Tax Tribunal appeal. Assessor Nelson said that they will be held here at the township.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Ironline Sled dog Race – Seth Waters was present to request the township’s support. The race will be held January 30 & 31, 2015. There will also be a fat bike race which will be new this year. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board feels that the event is good for the community. He would like them to provide public financial records for Board review. Action tabled until next meeting.

IRONLINE SLEDDOG RACE

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Children's Christmas Party – Clerk Moncivais stated that the party will be held Saturday, December 13th at the hall from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Thank you to the Julian Hernandez & Mary Christensen (Volunteers) family for their hard work in making the party a success. A motion was made by Moncivais to approve a budget of \$300. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

IC MTA – ICMTA will meet Dec. 2, 2014 at 5:30pm at the Crystal Falls Twp Hall.

ICMTA
MEETING

UPSET – A letter was received requesting a donation. There was a donation made earlier this year. Clerk Moncivais will write a letter of support stating that we will donate once a year. Action tabled until next year.

UPSET

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. /Water – Benson said that he is still running some Trybom Drive residents off of the Chicagon Mine pumphouse. There have been no complaints regarding smell/taste. Helgemo stated that the township could resolve the problem with chemicals but we don't want to do that to the water. At some point the DEQ is going to require that the Sunset Lake well be put back in service. A Minnesota company that Kleimann talked to mentioned going in and scraping the inside of the well. No action taken. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery & Park – Due to the snow the leaves will have to be removed in the spring.

GUEST COMMENTS

- West Iron County Football Team – Assessor Nelson noted that they did such a great job this year. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board wanted to go on record acknowledging the fine job that they did.
- Mike Golas / Sunset Lake Homeowner's Assn – Golas wanted to make the board aware that there is a grant program for aquatic and onland invasive species. He stated that the letter of application had to be done by December 1st. The ICSC is going to do some assembly and then the material over to the Western Peninsula Invasive Species Group. The idea is that a "regional grant request" will have more clout. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the lake associations have done amazing work so far.
- UPLOGON – Clerk Moncivais reminded the board that if they were going to do a rent increase for 2015 then UPLOGON should be notified in December.

CORRESPONDENCE

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: _____