

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – February 11, 2015 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 Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance was Assessor Nelson; Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; PC Franzene; Mike Golas – Sunset Lake Assn and Residents. ZA/Constable Stowell & County Comm 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 January 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 58,427.85
Sewer Fund:	\$ 119,393.00
Water Fund:	\$ 305,219.55
Road Fund:	\$ 124,140.65
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Cty Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing settled regarding graveling or chip seal. The ICRC will have to see about their budget. Helgemo stated that as a township we should find a pit, get our own gravel and have the county spread it. This is what Crystal Falls Township has done successfully for a long time. He stated that if a road is 3” or less gravel it is the county’s responsibility for maintenance. If it’s 5” then it’s a major project and the responsibility of the township to pay 100%. The ICRC has decided if they will participate. Now with oil prices down we might not see a drop in blacktop prices until next year because they’re working on last year’s oil prices. Everything is in the air right now. We might skip a year and then next year’s blacktop projects might be cheaper. He added that he has received lots of complaints regarding Ponozzo Rd. There is a lack of gravel. The Forest Service has some pits but they are not always cooperative. Mike Golas added that Ponozzo Rd is in horrible shape. Helgemo stated that to do it right it is a major project. Discussions will continue next month.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – Next workshop on Thursday Feb. 26th at 5:00pm.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell was absent and is still unavailable. Helgemo has been overseeing the calls that are passed along by Mrs. Stowell. There have been some violations that Helgemo has dealt with.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – The Planning Commission has been working on the State mandated Master Plan. We did the survey and some other things. Sara Basso resigned and she was instrumental in pushing forward with some of the initial steps. Chairperson Kniivila wasn’t sure if the PC could do the Master Plan. IR City hired WUPPDR at a cost of about \$20,000 to do their plan. The first estimate we received was about \$9000. Now that we have done some of the work their quote was reduced to \$7500. Some municipalities aren’t even going to do one. Resident Jim Stolberg asked whatever happened to the rule that if the State mandated it they would pay for it? Supervisor Helgemo suggested that we table any action. We have a very good zoning ordinance and it covers everything. Attorney Atanasoff added that our zoning ordinance covers all things and we have special use permits for other things. We are a residential community that provides a rural living experience. We maintain a water system, sewer system and roads.

MASTER PLAN

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atty Atanasoff stated that he is just continuing to work on the tax tribunal case.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Board of Review – Per Assessor Nelson the BOR dates are Tuesday, March 3 is the organizational meeting; Monday, March 9th 9-12 & 1-4; Wednesday, March 11 from 3-9. Protest to the BOR can be made in person or letter. Please bring “Notice of Assessment.”

BOARD OF
REVIEW

Board Budget Workshop – The Board will hold the workshop on Thursday, March 19th @ 5:00pm.

BUDGET
WKSHP

Windsor Rec Authority – There was discussion about why the Windsor Center is requesting a millage again. Resident Stolberg asked why it isn't self-sufficient yet. That was the reason for the original millage, to carry them through until it was self-sufficient. Supervisor Helgemo explained that it is the Rec Authority that is requesting the millage. Dawn Pisoni is the day to day manager. The Rec Board has tried very hard to conserve money. All agreed that it's been good for the community. A motion was made by Nelson to approve a Resolution that will put the millage request on the ballot for the people to vote on in May. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes, Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WINDSOR
MILLAGE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Water – Benson said that have been 2 broken lines. The frost is down about 5'. It's not as bad as last year and so far there have been no let runs. The tests are in the process is being done on the Sunset Lake well. / Sewer – The Rogers Location sewer system is antiquated. Helgemo said that we might have to think about a project once the sewer fund is built up enough. The starters need replacing. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery - Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

Road Signage & Tools – A motion was made by Helgemo to replace some missing signs and to purchase a drill press for the shop at a cost of \$450. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas thanked the employees for plowing out the fire hydrants.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____