

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 8, 2016 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 Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson and Trustees Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Atty Atanasoff; and Residents. Assr Erhart & County Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Bobnock to approve the minutes. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of May 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 154,862.57
Sewer Fund:	\$ 149,706.96
Water Fund:	\$ 316,420.66
Road Fund:	\$ 279,271.05
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report. Contracts have been signed. Waiting on prices for gravel.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo checked with Hematite Twp and they will be doing dust control on Parks Farm Rd. The company from lower Michigan that we used in the past is no longer doing our area. If we do it this year we won’t do it again for a few years, with fresh gravel it should be ok. The county is real good our prepping the roads before dust control is done. PC Nelson how feasible is it to do dry chloride? Helgemo said it isn’t. A motion was made by Bobnock to dust control the 2 mile stretch of Parks Farm Rd in Bates Twp. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DUST CONTROL

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project will be done this fall.

CHICAGON MN RD WATER TANK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there was 6 permit issued, 2 new inquiries, and he continues to work on violations. There was a new complaint about a resident raising a pig where it wasn’t permitted but no violation was found. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice due to medical reasons. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 13. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

Planning Commission Vacancy – Still looking to fill the position. There was one inquiry but no applications received to date.

PC MEMBER

NEW BUSINESS

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

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but submitted a report stating that over the past month the Township prevailed in two tax tribunal cases. Erhart and Treasurer Nelson are preparing for tax season. She has been working with Waisanen on set up and the GIS mapping program. She needs new Twp truck signs/magnets. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Westside Veterans Council – A motion was made by Nelson to give \$50 towards their summer events. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE
VETERANS

Iron County Fair Book Ad – A motion was made by Nelson to sponsor the fair with the minimum ad of \$60.90. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

IC FAIR

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Consumer confidence reports will be available in July. / A leak was repaired on Wagner Lake Rd. / A culvert was replaced on Sunset Lake Rd. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Prep work with begin for the new roads. / Park – The raft broke loose and had to be resecured. The picnic tables have arrived and are very nice. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

GUEST COMMENTS

ZA Oberlin stated that the GIS mapping on the website has made his job much easier.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo 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 6:35pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved:_____