

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDEES

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; Cty Comm Brennan; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Assn and Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

MINUTES

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

Treasurer’s report for the month of April 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:	\$ 158,852.41
Sewer Fund:	\$ 146,796.65
Water Fund:	\$ 304,223.33
Road Fund:	\$ 309,468.50
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan stated that at the last meeting he encouraged Bates residents to volunteer for the County committees. He was happy to say that Mike Golas is on the Resource Council & Development. Also, with the passing of Joe Sabol his position will be filled with the November election. To be fair to the 4 people that are running for the position, the commissioners appointed a neutral individual to fill the vacancy until later this year. He stated that the County can now handles the sale of County acquired properties on a local level. Aspirus Iron River Health System wants a millage to help pay for the ambulance service. The ballot language is much clearer this time.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that we are waiting for some bids and working with the County on the graveling.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Wayne Koski was present and requested dust control on Parks Farm Rd (Bates Twp stretch). Helgemo will check with Hematite Twp to see if there can be a coordinated effort to get this done.

DUST CONTROL

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the contract was signed and the project will begin in late August. The DEQ required a permit and engineering. GEI provided these services at \$1000.

CHICAGON MN RD WATER TANK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there was 1 permit issued, 2 new inquiries, and he continues to work on the same violations. There was one new violation and he spoke with the Son-In-Law and the situation was resolved right away. 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 = 6. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Veteran’s Memorial – Supervisor Helgemo said he was waiting to hear from the Engraver but that the job will be done by Memorial Day.

VETERANS MEMORIAL ENGRAVING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

GIS Mapping – The Township received a subsequent bid for the GIS mapping from Waisanen Assessing & GIA Mapping for a lesser amount than the bid received from GEI. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to rescind the vote to accept the bid from GEI and to accept the bid from Waisanen for \$5050. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / The GIS mapping is already on the website with continuing updates forthcoming. This will put the Township in compliance with State mandates.

GIS
MAPPING/

Bates Park Signage – Supervisor Helgemo stated that a bid was received from both Newman sign and Nicolet sign. He wants to talk to Nicolet to make sure the specs are the same. Action tabled until next meeting.

BATES PARK
SIGNAGE

Planning Commission Vacancy – An ad will be placed to try and fill the vacancy.

PC MEMBER

Memorial Day Ceremony – The program is coming together and Gail Passamani will be the Hostess at the Twp Hall for refreshments. The program will start at 8:00AM on Monday, May 30th at the cemetery.

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated he was made aware of a FOIA request to the Twp. No action necessary. There is nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but submitted a report stating that over the past month, herself, the Clerk and the Supervisor have addressed 7 FOIA requests related to assessing. There are 2 upcoming Tax Tribunal cases that will be held on the Crystal Falls Courthouse. Both cases are valuation disputes from 2015 BOR. She has been working with Waisanen on set up and the GIS interface. The Township 2016 database was approved by the County through the April Equalization process. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Township Audit – A motion was made by Nelson to accept the bid from DS Rostagno CPA PC for \$6750. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL
AUDIT

Windsor Center Resolution – A motion was made by Nelson to authorize a Resolution to put the ballot language on the ballot for the millage renewal. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WINDSOR
CTR BALLOT
LANGUAGE
/MILLAGE
RENEWAL

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Booster stations were removed, water pits were installed and a residential shutoff was repaired. / Sewer – Spring transfers were done. The samples were taken from the lagoon but the results are not back yet. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Will be mowed and ready for the Memorial Day Ceremony. / Park – The raft is ready to go. The outbuilding from the cemetery was moved to the park for storage. The estimate to do a sewer lateral from the showers to the camp host site is about \$400-\$500 for materials. The picnic tables are ordered. Friday the water will be turned on and the boat wash will be open in time for fishing season open. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE /GUEST COMMENTS

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. / Supervisor Helgemo stated that MERS has gone up to \$761/Mo.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____