

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 9, 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 Wodzinski and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; PC Franzene & Nelson; ZA Oberlin; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm Brennan; Pozniak-ZBA/BOR; Stolberg-WICFD and Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Nelson to approve the minutes. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 80,828.95
Sewer Fund:	\$ 131,389.60
Water Fund:	\$ 274,717.46
Road Fund:	\$ 165,338.37
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was present and stated that the next County Board meeting would be 11/14. He commented that the Election Workers in Bates do a very good job. Nothing new to report.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Kellstrom Rd blacktop is complete just needs the shoulders done. After all the project invoices are paid there will probably be about \$8000 left in the road fund.

ROAD PROJECTS

Otto Road Waterline – Supervisor Helgemo stated the project has been completed but because the pressure was so good it created several leaks in the exiting line. L & H was in the area and gave a good price to bore so the line was replaced in that are only and the Otto Rd residents should be in good shape now.

OTTO RD WTRLINE

Rogers Location – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he noticed some rocks are popping up now after the rain. He suspects there will be a rock with fights in the spring.

ROGERS LOCATION PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 permit issued, he answered questions for several people. 1 new violation. He continues to work on old violations. 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 = 21. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Park Signage – Tabled until a later meeting. A winter project.

BATES PARK SIGNAGE

Board of Review – The Township will be accepting applications for 3 new Board of Review Members.

BOARD OF REVIEW

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Master Plan – The plan is in the middle of the review period. It is on the Twp website. Public comments should be in writing and addressed to the Planning Commission.

MASTER
PLAN

General Election Results – Clerk Benson-Stafford reviewed the results and stated that the Election Workers did an excellent job.

GENERAL
ELECTION
RESULTS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report. Commented that the road commission still needs to get an apron on the Sunset Lake Rd project.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent and there was not a report submitted.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Children's Christmas Party – A motion was made by Nelson to approve a \$300 budget for the annual Children's Christmas party to be held at the Bates Hall on Saturday, December 10 from 11:30-1:00. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Benson-Stafford also gave thanks for the Christensen-Hernandez family who generously volunteers their time each year to make all the preparations and then hosts the event.

CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

WIC Fire Dept – Bates Twp Representative Jim Stolberg gave an overview of recent activities. He said that recently there have been conversations with Caspian-Gaastra joining the WICFD. He said they wanted to come in as "one" entity and they wanted to maintain keep their current building. There was some discussion. Stolberg just wanted an idea on how the Township would feel about the consolidation.

WIC FIRE
DEPT

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– The heavy rains flooded and destroyed the hall basement furnace. It was clear that the basement has had several flooding's per the water marks on the wall. The furnace was older and needed immediately replacement which was handled by Westphals. An insurance claim was filed. Waiting to hear if this will be covered. It was also noted that the foundation for the basement has some serious issues and is crumbling. This will need attention in the immediate future. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – Benson said that he was prepping the lagoon for winter shut down. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. Still investigating the cost of building-obtaining a small storage building. / Park – Closed for the season. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA – Thank you for support letter.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Bob Pozniak questioned if there was a noise ordinance. He also wanted to know the procedure to file a complaint on burn barrels and fireworks. The Twp has a nuisance ordinance. All complaints must be in writing.

COMMENTS

Clerk Benson-Stafford took a moment on behalf of the Township and the Board Members to thank both Supervisor Grant Helgemo and Trustee Al Wodzinski for their many years of service to the township. / Helgemo stated that he felt fortunate to have such a good board to work with as well as excellent employees. He recalled some of the stories from his early years when Nancy Nelson, Assessor at the time was so very helpful in helping him learn about the Township. / Wodzinski said that he really enjoyed his time serving and enjoyed working with everyone also.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____