

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Clerk Benson-Stafford called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In the absence of Supervisor Oberlin, Trustee Franzene made a motion to appoint Clerk Benson-Stafford to chair the board meeting. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken with Clerk Benson-Stafford and Trustees Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Mike Stafford, Parks & Rec- ICECA; Margee Brennan, ZBA; Jim Brennan, County Commissioner; Park Host; Residents. Supervisor Oberlin, Treasurer Nelson and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of July 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 104,548.69
Sewer Fund:	\$ 112,940.78
Water Fund:	\$ 389,918.84
Road Fund:	\$ 145,176.78
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was present and stated that the county had been working on the 2019 budget and it has been 6 years in the black. Also, Pentoga Park breaks even. / He stated that the County will be meeting 1 time per month instead of two times. There will no longer be a special finance meeting, it is a full board meeting. / He stated that the logging harvest plan that was adopted will provide discretionary funds for 4-H, etc. / He commented on how nice the Bates Twp properties in Bates look, including the school grounds and the newly painted fence. / He stated that Bates Township was in the top 3 of the countywide voter turnout. As a whole 25.29% of the county came out and voted in the August primary election. / He is going to look into the logging clean up on Section 14 Rd where some dropped trees and brush were just pushed into the ditch and the loggers never came back to do a cleanup.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

Smart 911 - Steve Gagnea from Iron County 911 came and gave a brief presentation of this database which is nationwide but new to our area. People can go to the database and input/save as much or as little information about themselves, their homes, pets, family into a profile that is linked with their cellphones, landlines, and address. It is a free service and if anyone wants help on setting up a profile they can call 906-875-6669-Dispatch for assistance. You can also sign up for weather alerts and road closures. More information can be found at smart911.com

SMART 911

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Clerk Benson-Stafford had nothing new to report other than it appears that the ICRC is starting to spread the gravel up north on Ponozzo Rd.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Clerk Benson-Stafford gave the zoning report. There were 3 new permits issued. Working on a few zoning inquiries. 0 new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 16. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Master Plan – The plan has been sent back to WUPPDR for changes and the only thing new to report was that the Perch Lake Assn requested a draft for review.

MASTER
PLAN

Street Lighting – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Oberlin has been working with UPPCO to disconnect the lights that were approved for shut off at the June meeting.

STREET
LIGHTING

Bates Park Swim Raft – Pat the Park Host said that she had not received complaints on the dock. PW Benson noted that the dock would be pulled out of the water by the end of the month anyway.

BATES PARK
SWIM RAFT

Littering Ordinance – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Attorney Atanasoff is reviewing the ordinance. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

LITTERING
ORDINANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

August Primary Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford thanked the voters for coming out and especially thanked the Election Inspectors for their hard work. There was new election equipment countywide and yet everything went very smoothly.

AUGUST
PRIMARY
ELECTION

Anderson Road Waterline – Don Gollakner was present and stated that the homeowners are working with the newest neighbor who has the equipment and skills to install the new waterline. He is requesting that the township provide the materials. PW Benson will look into the cost of the materials. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

ANDERSON
RD WTLN

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – MDOT Waterline Conflict Project is almost ½ done. / Sewer – Cleanout project is done and should be done as maintenance every three years. He has two quotes on replacing one of the lift stations, but no action taken at this meeting. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – The brush in the overflow parking area aka tennis courts have been cleaned out. Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Pat gave their report. It has been a quiet month. Campsite 4 needs a little more work on the “pad” area. Showers are being used by the public and some pay and mention that they appreciate the availability. Still discouraging watercraft in the swim areas. The dumpsters need replacing there are some rusted through. Still need some additional signage.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Public Works Superintendent Benson stated that he appreciated the comments on how nice the township is being maintained and he wanted to acknowledge the hard work of employee’s John Franzmeier and Jim Nelson.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Franzene. The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____