

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – December 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Larry Nelson-PC; Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec/ICECA; Residents. County Comm Brennan and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes with a clarification to the Water Fund. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of November 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

General Fund:	\$ 62,254.14
Sewer Fund:	\$ 117,617.93
Water Fund:	\$ 396,888.79
Road Fund:	\$ 197,705.82
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Brennan was absent. Newly elected Iron County District 2 Commissioner Mike Stafford was present.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the ICRC applied for a grant and they have earmarked some money for the project.

ROAD PROJECTS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 new permits issued. As the Assessor was doing her reassessments there were several violations found with building additions and buildings built without permits. Fines will be assessed & violations will be turned over to the County building inspector. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2018=21. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report. WUPPDR lost a lot of records in the June flood so their office is still coming back together.

MASTER PLAN

UPSET – A motion was made by Oberlin to contribute \$500. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

UPSET

Children’s Christmas Party Reminder – Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00. Special thanks to the Christensen-Hernandez family for their many years of hosting the event.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

MDNR Passport Grant – PW Benson will talk with Robb/GEI to see if our boat launch repair would qualify for this grant.

MDNR PASSPORT GRANT-BOAT LAUNCH

Rogers Location-Loaded Log Truck w/Pup –Trustee Franzene has received complaints about the fully loaded truck and the damage that it is doing to 1<sup>st</sup> St. Supervisor Oberlin will talk to the owner again. Since a previous conversation the owner has violated the verbal agreement at least 9x. The Board agreed that they understand the owner is working to make a living but is hoping that he can make arrangements to park the “loaded” log truck somewhere nearby.

ROGERS-LOADED LOG TRUCK

Street Lighting – A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to disconnect these UPPCO dusk to dawn lights: 1 at the water tower, 3 at the hall and 1 at the park. These will be replaced with LED lights by the Township at an estimated fixture cost of \$315. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. UPPCO will leave the poles for the township.

STREET LIGHTING

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

Larson Road Resolution – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the ICRC is seeking the Township's support of the plans & efforts to convert Larson Rd to a Class A Paved Rd. They are not seeking financial support at this time, however they will come in the future. A motion was made by Franzene to adopt a Resolution of Support (Non-Financial) of the ICRC Plans & Efforts to convert Larson Rd to a Class A Paved Rd. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. (A copy of the resolution is on file with the Clerk.) PC Nelson stated that he feels this is worthwhile because there is the potential for additional employees in the future.

LARSON RD  
RESOLUTION

IC MTA – Save the date: The 2018 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019. Details to follow.

IC MTA

Employee Christmas Bonus's – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to do the same bonus's as last year with PW Benson @ \$150 and part-time Franzmeier and Nelson @ \$100. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE  
CHRISTMAS  
BONUS

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – There was discussion about converting the whole center to LED lighting. There is a potential for up to \$2500 in rebates by doing this. One bid was received from Ahlberg Electric. It was decided that Supervisor Oberlin would redefine the specific areas to be converted and ask for other bids. No action taken.

BATES TWP  
CENTER-LED  
CONVERT

Bates Township Center Gym – There was discussion about multiple inquires on using the gym and how much to charge. No specific action taken. A fee of \$10/hour was talked about.

BATES TWP  
CENTER GYM

Krist Oil Pop Machine – Supervisor Oberlin saw a pop machine for sale for \$350. He will talk with the Sellers and see if he can negotiate a better price. The Board felt the pop machine would be a good asset at the Bates Township Center.

KRIST-POP  
MACHINE

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said there was a 4" and 2" water main break. The water meter reader has been repaired again. / Sewer – The lagoon samples were good. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – The fire alarm inspection was completed. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_