

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – January 10, 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 Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Residents. Assr Erhart & County Commissioner Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of December 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 116,347.10
Sewer Fund:	\$ 102,589.53
Water Fund:	\$ 355,835.11
Road Fund:	\$ 83,243.17
Liquor Law:	\$

Clerk Benson-Stafford pointed out that the Water Fund has owed the General Fund \$21291.64 for engineering fees since 2012. A motion was made by Oberlin to have the water fund pay back the general fund the full amount. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Brennan was absent.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects / Gravel Project – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the 3 year road plan will be submitted the following week. There was some clarification/discussion about the road fund balance and if all of the 2017 invoices had been paid – which they had.

ROAD PROJECTS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There was 0 new permit issued, 2 permits out waiting for a return. No new violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 40. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Planning Commission met twice in December to review the public comments about the Master Plan and make changes on some language. This information will go to WUPPDR to make the changes and then soon the plan will be close to being finished.

MASTER PLAN

Paint River Acreage – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township is waiting for a copy of the signed & recorded deed at which time some volunteers will start clearing some of the fallen wood. Oberlin was going to check with Hannula to see about liability regarding the volunteers. Franzene questioned if the workers would know where the green belt was. Oberlin stated that Rich Sloat is familiar with that and knows exactly where it is.

PAINT RIVER ACREAGE

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Bates School Acquisition – Oberlin stated that the property inspection would be done at 10:00 on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Mike Stafford from Parks & Rec were given a tour of the school by Dane Shovald, current maintenance man. Shovald indicated that he would work for the township on an as needed basis. Oberlin stated that the school looks very solid and has all new windows, a two boiler heating system a newer water & sewer lines and some of the restrooms are new and we put in by the ISD. Everyone knows that the roof needs to be addressed. He stated that there were also some maintenance items (small heater motors) that Superintendent Thomson stated would be fixed prior to turning the school over to the township. At this time the rental income is about \$48000 and the expenses are about \$35000. There was some discussion about what to do about getting title insurance. A motion was made by Nelson to secure a title policy for \$336,000 at a cost of \$1518.57. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BATES  
SCHOOL  
ACQUISIT.

MDNR Rec Plan – The Parks & Rec committee turned information over to GEI and they are working on the plan. Oberlin stated that he would like to see the Windsor Authority listed in the plan, which is what Stambaugh Twp is doing in their plan also. Mike Stafford will relay that information to GEI.

REC PLAN

Park Ordinance – Action tabled until next meeting.

PARK  
ORDINANCE

Water System Capital Improvements Plan/ DEQ Mandate – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the GEI is working on the plan and the Township has a March 1, 2018 deadline.

WATER  
SYSTEM  
CAPITAL  
IMPROVE  
PLAN

Splitting of Platted Lots Ordinance # 210 – This ordinance was adopted at the December 13, 2017 meeting and will go into effect 30 days from publication date which was January 17, 2018.

ORDINANCE  
210-SPLIT  
PLATTED LOT

Alley Vacating Procedures Ordinance # 211 – Attorney Atanasoff added the fees of \$400 which can vary at the Township Board's discretion. A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt this ordinance. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. This will be published in the January 17, 2018 Reporter and will be effective 30 days from publication date.

ORDINANCE  
211 – ALLEY  
VACATING

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. Supervisor Oberlin read her report. She stated that the Personal Property Statements had been mailed out. She stated that the State has directed Assessor's not to include the small business exemption form in the mailing. Some residents questioned that because they received the exemption form in with their PPS from other municipalities. Clerk Benson-Stafford arranged for links of the forms to be put on the website. A copy of the Assessor's report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

Parks & Rec Committee Salary– A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to pay the members the same as the Planning Commission members which is \$65/meeting and \$80/meeting for the Chairperson. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, abstain. Motion carried.

PARKS & REC  
MEMBER  
SALARY

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

IC MTA Meeting – Supervisor Oberlin reminded the Board that the meeting was being held Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Crystal Falls Twp Hall with Iron River Twp as the Host.

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

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Aspirus Community Conversation, Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, 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, February 14, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

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