

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – March 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Public Hearing held at 5:30pm.

Roll call was taken at the Public Hearing at 5:30pm with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Ernie Schmidt – ICRC; Mike Golas & Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec; Residents. County Comm Brennan and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 195,723.43
Sewer Fund:	\$ 103,284.96
Water Fund:	\$ 317,580.36
Road Fund:	\$ 160,510.24
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permit issued, 1 home addition permit denied due to setbacks; homeowner may request a variance meeting. 2 permit applications are out and 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 2018 = 2. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

MASTER PLAN

Bates School – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he and Clerk Benson-Stafford have been talking to potential renters. The hospital’s leases run through August 31st. Two bids were received on the roof: Okler Construction and Services Inc. at \$53000-Main Bldg. & \$30,600 Office/Gymnasium for sum of \$83600. Markell Company at \$63220 minus \$1500 discount if done at all once for \$61720. Material costs will go up 5-7% at the end of March. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the Markell Company bid. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BATES SCHOOL

MDNR 2018 Trust Fund Grant Application- A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to adopt the Resolution of Authorization for the MDNR 2018 Trust Fund Grant application. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MDNR TRUST GRANT APP

Park Ordinance – Action tabled until next meeting.

PARK ORDINANCE

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he will have a proposal to bring to the Board for the next meeting. He did speak with a resident near the boat landing who does not want the light to go away. Oberlin will also contact UPPCO about lighting style choices. Golas stated that safety and security are first, which all agreed.

STREET LIGHTING

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. No report provided. She requested that the Board review a platted lot land division split application. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the split subject to the Township receiving the \$100 fee. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Stambaugh Twp Support Letter – A motion was made by Franzene to do a letter of support for Stambaugh Twp’s grant application for Holmes Park improvements. Supported by Bobnock. All Ayes. Motion carried.

STAMBAUGH
TWP
SUPPORT
LETTER

Wage Increase – A motion was made by Nelson to increase the Park Host position from \$325/mo. to \$350/mo. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Oberlin to increase part time employees J. Nelson from \$14/Hr. to \$15/Hr., and Franzmeier from \$14.75 to \$15.75/Hr. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Nelson to increase Public Works Superintendent from \$22/Hr. to \$25/Hr. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, abstain; Nelson, yes. Motion carried.

WAGE
INCREASE

Part Time Helper – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township will place an ad looking for part time help for mowing lawns, but not limited to. Wage will be at \$11.25/Hr.

PART TIME
WORKER

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – There are several conflicts with the MDOT 2019 road project from Ice Lake Rd to the hall. That has been reduced to 9 immediate conflicts that will need attention. There was discussion of costs. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting. / Sewer – A sewer motor that isn’t working will be pulled on 3/15 for assessment. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- A Resident questioned the status of the Windsor Center & why does it still need a millage. The initial presentation for the building was that it was going to be self-sustaining. Oberlin stated that it may occur down the road but not now. It was pointed out that the residents that use the Center from the communities that didn’t support it through a millage are supposed to be paying per activity and they’re not.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Aspirus Grand Opening Invitation, March 15th @ 1:00pm

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7.29pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____