

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 9, 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; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Ernie Schmidt-ICRC & WICFD; Mike Golas & Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec; Residents. Assr Erhart and County Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| General Fund: | \$ 201,160.73 |
| Sewer Fund:   | \$ 111,374.69 |
| Water Fund:   | \$ 342,722.12 |
| Road Fund:    | \$ 192,198.36 |
| Liquor Law:   | \$            |

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

COUNTY COMM REPORT

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated read the bids that were received for West and East Park Drives and also stated that Van Damme continues to have the best price for dust control. Bacco bid \$73,861.10 on W. Park Drive and \$54,160.05 on E. Park Drive. Payne & Dolan bid \$71,238.10 on W. Park Drive and \$57,727.20 on E. Park Drive. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the P&D bid of \$71,238.10 for W. Park Drive, accept the Bacco bid of \$54,160.05 on E. Park Drive, and accept the Van Damme dust control of \$11,210. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

/ There was some general discussion about complaints on the condition of N. & S. Trybom Drive.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 new permits issued. 1 variance meeting scheduled for 5/29/18. No new inquiries. 1 new violation. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 7. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report at this time.

MASTER PLAN

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to table this for another month to allow further public comment.

STREET LIGHTING

Bates Township Clean Up Day – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Mary Baumgartner and Mike Golas are coordinating the day which will be May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00. The event will start at the Bates School and there will be refreshments following at the school. Volunteers will get vests and road assignments upon arrival.

TWP CLEAN UP DAY

Bates Township Signage – Benson-Stafford stated that the contact information for the previous Vendor was no longer working. She will seek another Vendor to give an estimate on the update of the recognition of 2018 Olympic Games to Nick Baumgartner.

BATES TWP SIGNAGE UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Lawn mowing – The Board discussed originally placing an ad for a part-time person at \$11.25/hour for lawn mowing. Current part-time employee Jim Nelson became available to do the work. Since he is already a trusted employee a motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to retain Jim Nelson at his current rate of \$15/hour to mow lawns for 20 hours/week. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LAWN  
MOWING

Cemetery Expansion – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he spoke with adjacent land owner Mrs. Nalipi and she was not interested in selling a 100'x300' piece of her land adjacent to the cemetery. It was noted that currently some of the trees planted in Row A are encroaching on her property. Employee Benson asked the board to consider proposing a few options: a price for a 10' strip; 20' strip; 30' strip, etc. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

CEMETERY  
EXPANSION

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but provided a report. She noted the classes that she has attended. / She stated that the current 2018 tax roll is complete as of the end of the March 2018 BOR. / BSA has an additional component to their software which is MMSVP. This software has been installed on the Assessor's computer. / She is pursuing her MAAO Assessor Level III certification which is a one year process. / There is a bill soon to be introduced to the legislature that could have serious detrimental impacts on assessing in Michigan. She will keep the Board updated on the proposal as it makes its way through the legislature. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

Assessing Changes / Letter to Legislature – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he sent an email to the legislature expressing the Board's concerns about a regional Board of Review and what appears to be a power grab by the state. (Copy on file with the Clerk.)

STATE GRAB  
PROPOSED  
REGIONAL  
BORS

MDOT-Waterline Conflict Projects – Supervisor Oberlin reviewed the conflicts that the Township's waterlines will have along US2 in regards to the MDOT's highway project in 2019. In order to get a USDA loan it would be mandated that the board raise water rates for \$4.00 - \$7.00 a month depending on the size of the loan. The Board doesn't want to raise water rates at this time. A motion was made by Oberlin to spend \$50,000 from our repair fund on as many of the "conflicts" as the money will cover." Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MDOT  
RESOLUTION

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – MDOT Waterline Conflict Project. / Sewer – A motion was made by Oberlin to accept of bid of \$2000 from Crane Engineering to repair the rails on the Planets Resort lift station. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Signage should be in soon. A motion was made by Nelson to accept Gasser's bid of up to \$600 to tweak the new areas of the campground project with his skid steer. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / School – Benson asked about clearing the trees on the north side of the tennis courts. No action taken.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Ernie Schmidt reminded the board that the engineering had been done years ago to continue the sewer line down US 2 to the hall from Passamani Rd. Maybe there would be grant funding available.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

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