

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – April 10, 2019 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 & Trustee Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Mike Golas/P&R-Sunset Lk Assn; Jim Stolberg, WICFD; Margee Brennan, ZBA; Larry Nelson, David Koski & Darin Barry, PC; County Comm Stafford; Residents. Trustee Bobnock & Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of March 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Oberlin to accept the report. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, absent. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

General Fund:	\$ 179,702.89
Sewer Fund:	\$ 116,472.68
Water Fund:	\$ 310,261.77
Road Fund:	\$ 337,827.92
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present. He stated that County Clerk Joetta Greig gave her resignation and will be retiring May 31, 2019. The Judge will appoint a new Clerk to fill the vacancy until the 2020 election.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the press release made it sound like the Township’s participation on Larson Rd was a done deal. Everything is on hold at this time, waiting on all bids. / He also stated that the ICRC will be waiving their oversight administration fees. In the past the municipalities pay for 100% of the road project plus the admin fees. At the 4/9/19 meeting Ernie Schmidt, ICRC, helped to get those fees rescinded for this year.

ROAD PROJECTS

ICECA/Paul Schuytema – Paul presented information from an IC report card. Things are looking good in Iron County. 41 new businesses, 17 closed with a net 24 new businesses. Over 100 new jobs created in 2018. Tourism is thriving, lodging is up and camping is up. Both school districts had enrollment increases. Over 63% of local businesses are chamber members. He asked for the townships support which is per capita based. All municipalities contribute except one. He thanked the Township for their past support. He mentioned that the State is recommending Iron County as the “model” for economic growth. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve the \$2763 support for 2020, 2021, 2022. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Motion carried.

ICECA UPDATE

Paint River Project/Rich Sloat – Rich stated that the County is doing a new plat and currently the property is still under the name of Iron County. He gave a brief history of the property as far back as the 1840’s. He requested that the township take measures to honor the heritage of the property and rename it the original name: MISKWAAGAMIWIZIIBI (MISK-WA-GA-ME-WE-ZEE-BE). He also asked permission to plant some white pine seedlings. He stated that it’s possible that the Tribal Historical Preservation Office might contribute to the purchase of a sign. A motion was made by Oberlin to recognize the original name of the property. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

PAINT RIVER PROJECT / NAME

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is waiting on bids due back 4/26, for the rest of the school. He submitted the Rebate application for what has been done so far and we will get over ½ of our investment back.

LED CONV.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 1 new permit issued. No new inquiries. No new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=3. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Master Plan – There was a meeting at 5:00 (4/10) and there were some new comments. Although the public comment time period has long passed, the planning commission acknowledged all comments/concerns/questions. There is another planning commission meeting on 4/24 at 5:00 to change clerical errors.

MASTER
PLAN

Anderson Rd Waterline Project – Nothing new to report.

ANDERSON
RD WTRLN

Bates School Center/Gym Painting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the person doing the community service did a fantastic job painting the gym. Very professional. Oberlin requested a bid on painting the remainder of the area; doors, pillars & restrooms. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to budget \$250 for this and then the gym will be all freshly painted. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

BATES
SCHOOL/
CENTER GYM
PAINTING

Bates Park-Sunset Lake/Campground Host Search – The Township has requested letters of interest. Action tabled until next meeting.

PARK HOSTS

2018-2019 FYE Audit – There was only one sealed bid received from Haukkala & Company. The bid was for \$7000/1 year or \$6500/3 year bid. A motion was made by Nelson to accept the 3 year bid. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes. Motion carried.

2018-2019
FYE AUDIT

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin stated that Assessor Erhart would like the BOR members to have field training. The Board felt that was an excellent idea. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve and the members would be paid at their regular daily wage. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Park Showers – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he will look into modifications to the showers to allow for tokens or a keypad code. The RV Park charges \$5.00. This would be a similar situation, except free to registered campers.

PARK
SHOWERS

Millage Renewal – A motion was made by Nelson to approve the RENEWAL of the current 3 mills which is 2 mills for general operations and 1 mill for roads for 2020 through 2023 levying \$105,064 for general operating and \$52,532 for roads, totaling \$157,596 in the first year. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes. Motion carried.

MILLAGE
RENEWAL

Project Graduation – A motion was made by Oberlin to support the event with \$50, same as previous years. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

PROJECT
GRAD.

Veteran's Memorial-Buy a Brick Program – Clerk Benson-Stafford said current window of opportunity to purchase a brick has a July 1, 2019 deadline. / PW Benson has been talking with the 'engravers" and they will add the names prior to Memorial Day.

VETERANS
MEMORIAL
BUY A BRICK

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates Cleanup Day – The 2nd Annual Bates Township Roadside Cleanup date is scheduled for Saturday, May 11. Starting at the hall there will be donuts/coffee/road assignments from 8:30-9:00. Roadside cleanup 9:00-11:00. Light Lunch at 11:00. A motion was made by Nelson to approve a budget of \$300 for the event. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. Clerk will publish.

BATES
CLEANUP
DAY

Memorial Day Ceremony/Continental Breakfast – A motion was made by Oberlin to approve a budget of \$300 for the continental breakfast. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that the Kellstrom Rd project will be done in the next 2 weeks with time and materials. He would also like to lay a pipe across Larson Rd. / **Sewer** – Benson stated that the flow meter part has been ordered. / A motion was made by Oberlin to go with Tunnel Vision for the 4 mechanical manholes that have infiltration with an estimate of \$4000-\$6000. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Motion carried. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – The fire alarm inspection was completed. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – PW Benson stated that he talked with Louis Golbach who has repaired boat launches. As soon as the snow melts he will look at the Sunset Lk boat launch. Oberlin stated that the estimate the township received through GEI would be about \$80,000 with the township needing to do a percentage match. The cost to write the permit is \$300.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Jim Brennan wanted to thank the residents for allowing him to serve as the County Commissioner for the past 6 years.
- Larry Nelson wanted an update on the Chicagon Mine Rd issue (from Helgemo to the bottom the road washed out). Oberlin stated that he talked to the ICRC and that it was neglect on their part, it needs better ditching.
- A resident wanted to know is there is something that can be done with a neighbor that has had Tyvek on his home for 10 years. Was there a building permit. Do they have deadlines for completed projects? Is there anything in zoning to prevent this? / Also is there a limit to the number of propane tanks that a person can have on their property. There are currently 5- 2500 gallon tanks. Jim Stolberg said he would ask the fire department about this. Oberlin said that it wouldn't be a township matter but maybe a state matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

- WUPPDR meeting on May 3rd.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Franzene. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Date Approved: _____