

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Residents; County Commissioner was absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of July 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 61,502.94
Sewer Fund:	\$ 107,536.00
Water Fund:	\$ 311,226.35
Road Fund:	\$ 155,451.76
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – County Commissioner Brennan not present.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he learned that Crystal Falls & Stambaugh Twp may participate in a project on Andreski Plat Rd. / The Twp has to have our 3-year road plan in by October. / The Road Commission is investigating single chip seal coat. Pentoga Trail is being tested. Helgemo will keep the Board informed as to the findings as to if this is good for roads.

ROAD PROJECTS

DEQ Sewer Discharge Permit – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township posted as the DEQ required. We will need to have testing done. A motion was made by Nelson to have White Water Assoc. to the testing for an estimated \$1890/year for lab work & \$45/hour for fieldwork. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DEQ SEWER DISCHARGE PERMIT

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there have been a few complaints on Forsberg Rd. Several roads need gravel. Maybe the county will participate in the project. This tabled until Sept. meeting.

DUST CONTROL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his July report which included 5 permits and 5 property violations. He has heard back from 4. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended the board meeting and stated that he took some calls with general questions. He followed up on one previous violation and there will be a meeting in September to discuss progress with the Resident. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Zoning – Harju – A resident was wondering what the process is. She is doing an addition to her home and it’s near the sewer line. Helgemo stated that she would have to go before the Board of Appeals to get a variance. The biggest concern is that the township needs to be able to access the sewer main. ZA Stowell would not issue a permit at present.

ZONING UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water Ordinance Workshop – Supervisor Helgemo stated that this is going to take more than one meeting. Some ordinances should be rescinded, some modified, etc. There will need to be re-indexing. The Board will have a workshop on August 26th @ 5:30pm.

WATER
ORDINANCE
WATER
PROJECT

Water Project – The water project on Willis Rd went very smoothly. The Employees are still repairing some old lines thru-out the township.

WATER
PROJECT

EDC – In the past the township donated \$2/capita. A motion was made by Moncivais to support the EDC with \$2/capita. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Helgemo stated that it was good that Julie Melchiori was back working for the EDC.

EDC

DNR Park Project – Supervisor Helgemo reminded the Board that the DNR requires that the township hold an open house at the park. A motion was made by Nelson to hold the event on Thursday, September 18th @ 4:00PM with a budget of \$300. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DNR PARK
PROJECT

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he received a letter from one property owner that is disputing his violation of ordinance. Atanasoff is working on this.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Election / Road Millage – Clerk Moncivais stated that on behalf of the township the Board wanted to thank the voters for passing the road millage renewal. She thanked the Election Inspectors for doing a good job.

ELECTION /
ROAD
MILLAGE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson is working on curb stops and leaking isolation valves. / Sewer – The lift station treatment product came in. The company will be coming to help train Benson for the program. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Assr Nelson stated that she heard some very nice comments on the cemetery and how nice it looks. Helgemo stated that he also has heard good comments. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Property – A motion was made by Helgemo to purchase a 3500 watt portable generator for approximately \$400. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas stated that the Great Lakes Indian Fishing Comm was surveying Sunset Lake looking for invasive species.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Iron County Park & Rec Comm- Invitation to come to the next meeting to collaboration.
- US Forest Service – Camp Nesbit Open House Invitation on Sat., August 23, 2014 from 10-2.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____