

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday - January 8, 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 all present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Residents. County Commissioner Brennan 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 December 2013 was submitted. A motion was made by Wodzinski to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 158,424.50
Sewer Fund:	\$ 91,256.56
Water Fund:	\$ 286,373.77
Road Fund:	\$ 95,693.97
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent. Supervisor Helgemo noted that Brennan had recently been elected Chair of the County Board of Commissioners.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Planning Commission / Master Plan – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the PC got a start on a plan. He noted that at the recent IR City meeting they hired WUPPDR to do a master plan. The PC called to get an estimate on a cost for Bates and the approximate cost would be \$9000. There is a requirement to do a master plan but there is not time limit.

PLANNING COMM. MTG

Miss Dig– Miss Dig has come up with a new system and all procedures must now be done online. There is an April 1 deadline to be set up. When the township converts to BS&A there will be a spare computer that can be put in the shop for Benson.

MISS DIG PROCEDURE

Menominee-Dickinson-Iron Co Farm Service Agency – A motion was made by Nelson to support the only candidate Kenneth Piwarski. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MEN-DIX-IRON FSA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his December report which included 0 permits and 0 violations. He visited a Kofmehl road home but the project has been put off until spring. 2013 totals were 22 zoning permits issued and 12 property violations. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Supervisor Helgemo reviewed the plan and stated that if you don't have a plan in place you won't be eligible for funds in the event of a disaster. Attorney Atanasoff stated that it really doesn't address pipeline or mining conditions; basically it's a general plan. A motion was made by Bobnock to adopt the Iron County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, no. Motion carried.

IRON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Hall Office Copier – At a recent meeting the Board approved the purchase of a new photocopier. The copier estimate cost ranged from \$600 and up. Recently a local business offered a copier for sale in excellent condition along with 3 toner cartridges for \$300. A motion was made by Nelson to purchase the used copier for \$300. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

HALL OFFICE
COPIER

Wellhead Protection – Supervisor Helgemo stated that eventually the township will be forced to do this. The Township has always taken proactive steps to protect our wellheads. There used to be grant money (50%). This is just information that the Board needs to be aware of.

WELLHEAD
PROTECTION

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he still working with a resident regarding the junk car ordinance violation and the resident stated they would take care of the cars. Getting promises for when the weather permits. He also has been working with Assr Nelson regarding a property uncapping in original grantors name.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Twp Water Ordinance / Let Runs – Treasurer Nelson stated that last year she was not aware of the "let run" policy and since has found a letter from 6/30/2007 regarding winter "let runs." It stated that the bill would be averaged and billed accordingly. Nelson has been getting complaints from residents that said that they never had to pay before. The previous Treasurer stated that the policy was if the Twp requested a "let run" then there was not a charge, however, if the resident did the "let run" on their own then the resident was charged. If the meters weren't running properly there was an average of the last couple of normal months with the month in question. Supervisor Helgemo stated that if the township was looking at things financially they would cut off about 30 more residents on bad lines however we're trying to serve the people.

LET RUNS /
WATER
ORDINANCE

Hazard Mitigation Plan – The Board reviewed the information on the Iron County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Board tabled any action on adopting a resolution until the next meeting.

IC HAZARD
MITIGATION
PLAN

BOR Con-Ed – A motion was made by Moncivais to approve the BOR attendance. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BOR CONED

Board Budget Workshop Date – Tabled until next meeting.

BUDGET
WORKSHOP

Board Salary Resolutions – Tabled until next meeting.

BSR

Reporter Ad – A motion was made by Bobnock to do an ad in support of the Emergency Personnel. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTER
AD

Personal Property Tax Exemption – Assr Nelson stated that as of Dec. 31, 2013 a new law eliminates the personal property tax for businesses with less than \$80000 of true cash value (they will pay no tax). The Affidavits need to be filed before 2/10/14. She added that the voters in November will have to approve something to replace the lost revenue. If something doesn't replace the lost revenue things will go back to square 1. Also this will be a year to year thing with a filing requirement each year. This affects commercial & industrial things like the pipeline, cell towers, etc.

PERSONAL
PROPERTY
TAX EXEMP.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. /Water – There is a leak on a very old line on Anderson Rd. It will be worked on in a day or so when the backhoe is repaired. / 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

- WUPPDR – Letter regarding regional prosperity plan.
- WUPPDR – Newsletter
- Perch Lake Homeowners Newsletter

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:58. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____