

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 14, 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 April 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Wodzinski to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 123,890.98
Sewer Fund:	\$ 98,544.40
Water Fund:	\$ 287,331.65
Road Fund:	\$ 304,132.06
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Nothing new to report.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Waterline Freezing/ Emergency Management – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the “let runs” were stopped a couple of weeks ago. There are still 2 frozen lines in the township.

WATERLINE / FREEZING LET RUNS

BS & A – The computers are in. The Treasurer’s orientation will be May 22. Treasurer Nelson is waiting for a bid from BSA for the water billing system. Currently Harris Computer Systems charges \$2000 a year for support.

BS&A

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Anderson Rd is very bad with pot holes. There are 6-7 families on the road. The ICRC looked at it. A bid was received from Northeast Asphalt of \$55000 to do the road. They would raise the road up about 4” and mat it. There would be about \$10000 left to get gravel from CF Twp for Parks Farm Rd. As long as we can afford it, we should do Anderson Rd because we are getting a better price because of the other roads that the township is doing. A motion was made by Bobnock to do to the Anderson Rd project this year. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

In other road business Helgemo was going to follow up with the ICRC because the trucks are still using Bates Amasa Rd even though the weight restrictions are on. Assr Nelson questioned as to whether their will gravel/ditching on Chicagon Mine Rd which had a very bad wash out.

Wellhead Protection Grants – Jeff BAL from GEI Consultants made a presentation on what the grant requirements are. The grant is for protecting a zone around our wells. There would 10 steps required of which getting public participation, education, forming a committee of specific individuals and making a change to the ordinance were just a few items necessary. The cost would be about \$17800 of which 50% would be a grant. The application is due by June 16th. The Board tabled any action until the next meeting.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION GRANTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his April report which included 0 permits and 0 new violations. He did his monthly bar inspection and stated that he took some calls with general questions. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING
UPDATE

Summer Park Host – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there were about 10 inquiries. 5 declined the position after they learned what was involved. 5 were interviewed and it was narrowed down to 2. A motion was made by Supervisor Helgemo to hire Al Bittner Sr. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK HOST

Water Ordinance – Tabled for discussion until next month.

Memorial Day – Clerk Moncivais reminded everyone that the ceremony will begin at 8:00AM at the Cemetery immediately followed by refreshments at the Bates Twp Hall. Mike Golas will be the speaker.

WTR
ORDINANCE

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he received an inquiry from a resident on the east end of Sunset Lake that had received a variance 20 years ago and wanted to know if it was still good. Atanasoff stated that he would have to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals again because the variance would be expired after that length of time. / Atanasoff also had some correspondence regarding uncapping rules / joint deeds.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Township Audit – A motion was made by Nelson to have DS Rostagno CPA do the annual audit at a cost of \$6300 + expenses along with the cost of a Single Audit if required. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP
AUDIT

Road Millage Renewal – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the ballot language was approved. There will be a request for a renewal of the road millage at the August election. It was noted that this is a renewal and not an increase or new millage.

ROAD
MILLAGE
RENEWAL

Plat Book Ad – There was much discussion about renewing the ad in the plat book was worth it. The Board decided to not renew the ad.

PLAT BOOK
AD

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – The lagoon signs are up. The manholes have been painted. It looks very professional. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – The new sign is up. The employees pressure washed the monuments and headstones. They filled in the low spots with soil and seeded where needed. / **Park** – The gate was repaired. Some fallen trees were removed. The Boat launch is in. The fishing pier needs a brace then it will be put in. There is still a little more to do. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

- WIC Project Graduation – A motion was made by Nelson to support the program with \$50. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.
- UPSET – There was much discussion about the work that they do. Our local law enforcement is not equipped to fight the drug problem on a larger scale. A motion was made by Helgemo to support the program with \$400. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.
- Westside Veterans – A motion was made by Bobnock to support this program with \$50. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:34. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____