

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – October 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 present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; County Commissioner Brennan; Residents. Assr Nelson 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 September 10, 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL
REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 54,069.58
Sewer Fund:	\$ 107,518.05
Water Fund:	\$ 258,162.43
Road Fund:	\$ 159,523.40
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – County Commissioner Brennan stated just recently paid off one bond. He encouraged Residents to vote for the 911 millage. He stated that he sits on the Medicare Board and he thinks that the Alzheimer's unit will be good. He talked about UPCAP and how the monies are disbursed and the status of the Senior Centers. He had good things to say about the IR Senior Center and their wonderful meal program.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the 3 year road plan has been submitted to the ICRC. He will see if they will work with us again next year on graveling projects.

ROAD
PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – The next workshop is set for the October 28th at 5:00pm.

WATER
ORDINANCE

Water Project – The Willis Road, Bates-Amasa Rd and Passamani Rd repair projects are done. This has stopped a large amount of water leaks.

WATER
PROJECT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell his September report which included 4 permits and 3 property violations of which 1 is straightened out. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended the board meeting and stated that he took numerous calls/questions. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING
UPDATE

Cemetery Decoration Removal – Clerk Moncivais did a reminder that all decorations need to be removed by Oct. 15th.

CEMETERY
DECO
REMOVAL

Employee Retirement – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Benson was offered a retirement package when he went full time. He does not want his package to be through MERS. MERS now has a Representative and she came and gave an overview of the Township program with MERS and subsequently informed us that we can opt out of putting Benson in MERS. The Board is currently exploring other options for a program for Benson. Action tabled until next meeting.

EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT

Iron County Soil & Conservation Sponsored Recycle Day – Clerk Moncivais reminded that Saturday, Oct 11th is this day. John's Industries, Habitat for Humanity and Trico will be available to take recyclables.

RECYCLE
DAY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dust Control – This will not be done this year. It is now too late in the season.

DUST
CONTROL

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he and Assr Nelson are working on a Tax Tribunal appeal.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said that he needs to do a main valve replacement and there needs to be an isolation valve on Sec 16 Rd These isolation valves will help when there is a break to only interrupt a few homes instead of many. Helgemo stated that it has required a lot of maintenance to bring the system up to speed. A motion was made by Bobnock to approve funding for 5 valves at an estimated cost of \$4629. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Sewer – The lagoon has been prepared for the winter season. The lawn was cut also. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Decoration removal by Oct 15th, ad was published and the leaves need to be removed. / Park –The Park is closed for the season. The place has been winterized except for the boat wash & pier being brought in. The leaves also need to be removed. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Property – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- There were 8 Residents present with concerns about the water smell on Trybom Drive. They stated that this has been a problem for years. Sometimes it's good and sometimes it's bad. Helgemo stated that he was hoping that the chlorinator would clear things up with the Sunset Lake well. The Twp has talked with Kleimann and other experts and no one seems to have any answers. The water tests come back good. The cost of a new well would be too expense. There are other chemicals that could be put in the water to get rid of the smell but the township has been hesitant on putting "chemicals" in the water. There are concerns about the Sunset Lake well freezing in the winter with minimal use. The Residents asked to be put on the Chicagon Mine Rd well until the issue can be resolved. They stated that in the past every time this switch is made their water is good.
- State Trooper Grabowski was in the audience with two additional troopers. She requested that the Residents vote yes for the 911 equipment upgrade. She stated the equipment is 14 years old and the money is supposed to be used for new equipment. She stated that the system is a lifeline for law enforcement, fire and emergency departments. She also explained some of the new features that will be available to these personnel.
- A Resident questioned why the road commission will only plow on Noren Rd to Trybom Plat Drive and stop. They come back a day or so later. The Resident says that he has been told it's because it's a secondary road but he states that really doesn't make much economic sense. Helgemo will bring the complaint to the ICRC.
- Mike Henschel who was on the Veterans Memorial Committee stated that it is important that we add the additional Veterans names to the Memorial before next Memorial Day. Helgemo stated that the delay was trying to find an engraver that would charge a reasonable price.

CORRESPONDENCE

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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 6:50pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____