

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 12, 2015 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 Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson and Trustees Bobnock & Wodzinski present. Also in attendance was Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Atty Atanasoff; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Nelson; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Assn and Residents. Assessor Erhart 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 2015 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 107,828.94
Sewer Fund:	\$ 127,806.46
Water Fund:	\$ 295,485.05
Road Fund:	\$ 202,034.49
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the bid to single chip seal Helgemo, Chicagon Mine, Noren, Philips and Sunset Shores Rds was \$79222 with the ICRC paying \$10,000 leaving a balance of \$69222. The bid to double chip seal Javoroski Rd was \$8000. Kellstrom Rd can’t be done this year because a pulverizing machine is not in the area right now and to bring one in the cost would be \$21000. Double chip seal is about 40% of the cost to blacktop. The purpose of single chip seal is to preserve the existing road before it gets too bad. It extends the life 5-7 years. Crystal Falls Twp, Stambaugh Twp and Bates Twp will all do 1 road to see how it holds up. Roll call vote to approve the bid was Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Team Services from Kalkaska is no longer available, their price was \$.39/gallon. Stambaugh Twp had used Handy Andy from Wisconsin at a cost of \$.99/gallon. Bryant is \$.59/gallon interrupted and \$.50/gallon uninterrupted. They are ready to go, this is who Crystal Falls Township uses. Helgemo would like to see Forsberg and Little Finland done because of the new gravel. The cost would be about \$12000 for the “miles that Benson and Helgemo mapped out for dust control.” Resident Nelson questioned if it was too late in the year to get a benefit? Helgemo stated that it is still pretty dusty and sometimes safety is an issue. A motion was made by Nelson to do the proposed dust control this year. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / On another note Helgemo stated that Stambaugh, Crystal Falls and Bates Twp agreed to put Andreski Plat on the 3 year road plans for double chip seal in 2016. That road services residents in all three townships although the road is in Bates Twp. Also, Bates was the township that paid for dust control in the past.

DUST CONTROL

Ordinances/ Changes – A motion was made by Helgemo to approve the changes that were made to the ordinances and to set a date for a public hearing. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 2 permits issued, 3 inquiries, 2 new violations, 0 violations resolved. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date = 17. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

Rogers Location / Alley Abandonment – Supervisor Helgemo stated that further research indicates that any abandonment of an alleyway would have to be done through the ICRC. This would result in having to “replat” the location at a substantial cost. No action will be taken by the Township.

ALLEY
ABANDONMT

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report - Krist / Sunset Lake Property / Land Division – Correspondence was received from the Polich Tousignant Law Office indicating that Bates Twp Attorney Atanasoff had communications regarding this division. Atanasoff stated that was incorrect and he would correspond with Polich regarding the matter. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board is just waiting on the legal description and wants to see the Quit Claim Deeds prior to taken action but that the Board doesn't have any objection to the matter. These parcels were not a part of the plat. Bates Twp will still retain its easement.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Sunset Lake Water Level – There was discussion between Mike Golas, Sunset Lake Assn and the Board regarding the monitoring of the lake level and its current status. The County might have to come in and resurvey and put in a new bench mark. Short of not having rain this fall, the lake level appears that it isn't coming back this year. The lake level was set in 1958. In October of 2014 the Engineers report stated that the integrity of the dam is fine, but the Engineers were unsure of what the level should be. Golas will follow-up.

SUNSET
LAKE WATER
LEVEL

Assessor Report – The Assessor was not present but submitted the following report; The AMAR review will be scheduled soon. She had several meetings with property owners regarding assessments. She took ongoing calls and emails regarding PREs, transfer of ownership/taxable value, land divisions. She spoke with Amy at ICE regarding deeds that were filed but that Amy has not seen. She had technical difficulties with the Assr computer. She spoke with Nancy Nelson regarding various parcels. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

New Truck – The 2004 truck has 125000 miles and is nickel and diming the township with repairs. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to publish a call for bids. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW TRUCK

Twp Hall Grounds Expansion/Cleanup – Helgemo stated that to clean up the west side would be \$500 and the east side would be \$700. This would expand parking in the back and take down some menacing trees. A motion was made by Nelson to go forward with the work being done by Mike Willis. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TWP HALL
GROUNDS
CLEANUP

Rogers Location Vacant 4th St Lots – Benson had some concerns about the lots being sold to the public because of the proximity of the lift station and the old sewer lines. He thought the land would be better used if it was cleaned up, brushed out and seeded and mowed and used as a small park area. A motion was made by Bobnock to have Willis to the work at a cost of \$2800. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROGERS LOT
CLEANUP

Cub Cadet – A motion was made by Bobnock to put out a call for bids for the sale of the used Cub Cadet with a minimum bid of \$350. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

USED CUB
CADET SALE

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Tree Removal – A motion was made by Nelson to call for bids for the removal of dead/dying trees. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CEMETERY
TREE
REMOVAL

Education – A motion was made by Helgemo to approve the attendance of mandatory training for the Clerk and to pay the \$125 seminar fee and mileage. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CLERK
EDUCATION

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said the inspection of the Chicagon Mine Rd tank will be 8/24. Also, the project is completed with the 161 hydrants tagged and painted. There are also 3 hydrants leaking. The Kofmehl line has been cut/capped and the hydrant pulled. Helgemo stated that he has received compliments on what a nice job the Employees have done. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Purchases – A motion was made by Bobnock to allow Benson to make purchases up to \$50 without Board approval. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas, Sunset Lake Homeowner's Assn stated that they had set up an Invasive Species Fund with a goal of \$10,000 and he is pleased with the participation. They are already at \$9000. He stated that so far there is not sign of milfoil. They have been snorkeling to assess the situation and they have also found zebra banded mystery snails by the boat landing.
- Jon Oberlin made a complaint about no dock in the water at the park. The dock was out for repairs but then it gets so dirty from the geese. Next year the dock will be put in but the geese will remain a problem unless someone can come up with a solution.

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; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date approved: _____