

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – January 14, 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 Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Bobnock present. Also in attendance was Assessor Nelson; ZAB-BOR Pozniak; Atty Atanasoff; County Comm Brennan; Residents. Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson, Trustee Wodzinski, Constable Stowell were 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 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 67,022.58
Sewer Fund:	\$ 121,063.78
Water Fund:	\$ 289,088.06
Road Fund:	\$ 73,148.90
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Cty Comm Brennan stated the Board has been working on the budget and he confirmed that the County Budget will be in the black.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated there is nothing new to report but with oil prices dropping that will affect the cost of blacktop. We might be ahead to blacktop in some areas. Pozniak questioned about how much is the budget? Helgemo stated about \$145000 last year. Assr Nelson added that all millages collected for the roads are used specifically for the roads.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – The Board will have another workshop on January 27th at 5:00pm.

WATER ORDINANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell was absent but provided his December report which included 1 permit and 1 new property violations. He did his monthly bar inspection and attended the board meeting and stated that he took numerous calls/questions. He reported that there were 20 zoning permits issued in 2014 and 12 property violations. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

The Ironline Sled dog Race – There was some general discussion about the event. Assr Nelson and Trustee Bobnock agreed that the event bring money into the community. Cty Comm Brennan stated that it is good for the County and especially a good event for this time of year. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board asked to see financials which were provided by the organization. Atty Atanasoff stated that many residents are employed by business’s that benefit from the visitors to the event. A motion was made by Nelson to donate \$200 for the event. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

THE IRONLINE SLED DOG RACE

Board of Review – The only applications received were from the current members. A motion was made by Helgemo to appoint Robert Pozniak, George Holm and Keith Locke to the BOR for the next two years. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BOR APPLICANTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

UPLOGON Tower Rent – The Board made a decision to allow Supervisor Helgemo/Clerk Moncivais to raise the annual rent fee accordingly to cover the cost involved. Larry Nelson questioned if there was any township liability. Helgemo stated that we have insurance. It was confirmed that there is a lease in place also.

UPLOGON
TOWER RENT

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Atty Atanasoff stated that he has been working on a tax appeal case. He stated that ZA Stowell has been doing a very good job with violations.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Sunset Lake Well – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he and Benson have been researching on how to solve the problem. They anticipate that the DEQ is going to want the well back on line soon. They have spoken with Kleiman (again) who has been talking with someone in Minnesota. The bid for taking the samples of the well was \$1570. This would determine what is wrong and how to treat it. Again Helgemo stated that there are all types of chemicals that can be used but the township has resisted wanting to put chemicals into the water. A motion was made by Bobnock to get the testing done for \$1570. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SUNSET
LAKE WELL
TESTING

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Helgemo stated that Benson had been ill and in the hospital. Konoske had put in a couple of hours to look at the Rogers Loc Lift station. Even though Benson was in the hospital he was still taking township calls on his cell phone. **Hall** – Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Chgn Mine Pump House heater had to be looked at and repaired. / **Sewer** – Rogers Loc Lift Station was down. It was the starter on one motor. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** - Nothing new to report. / **Park** – We want to generate more interest in our park this year. A motion was made by Helgemo to hire Park Hosts Brad and Pat Nicholson who originate from the area. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report.

Board of Review Training – A motion was made by Nelson to send the BOR members to a training in Iron Mountain. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BOR
APPLICANTS
TRAINING

GUEST COMMENTS

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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; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: _____