

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – April 13, 2016 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 were Wtr/Swr Superintendent Benson; Zoning Admin-Constable Oberlin; PC Franzene & Nelson; Atty Atanasoff; and Residents. Assr Erhart & Comm Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Bobnock to approve the minutes. Supported by Wodzinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of March 2016 was submitted. A motion was made by Wodzinski to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 171,876.57
Sewer Fund:	\$ 147,152.70
Water Fund:	\$ 292,635.02
Road Fund:	\$ 303,650.06
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Brennan was absent.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there was a carryover in the road fund from last year. The County is doing the Sunset Lake Rd project which is scheduled to begin in June with a completion date of September. There will be two chip seals projects (Helgemo Rd and Chicagon Mine Rd) which will be done this year. These were carry over projects from last year. There was discussion again on Ponozzo Rd. It is not passable in some sections. The low bid to gravel was \$32000 with a high bid of \$54000. So far the cemetery bid is \$50,000. The Kellstrom Rd bid is \$33400. A comment from the audience was that Bates Two has done an excellent job of trying to keep up with their roads. PC Nelson asked how Forsberg held up over the winter. Helgemo said well. It was also noted that the Forest Service has no responsibility to maintain county roads. A motion was made by Nelson to go forward with the projects/bids that were planned for this year. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

Chicagon Mine Water Tank – A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the St Germaine bid of \$37700 to do the project. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHICAGON MINE WATER TANK

Inline Locator – There was a brief discussion about how valuable this tool would be to the Township especially with the Miss Dig laws. A motion was made by Nelson to make this purchase. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

INLINE LOCATOR

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin stated that there were 3 permits issued, 0 new inquiries, and he continues to work on the same violations. He inspected the bar. Permits issued to date in 2016 = 5. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Veteran's Memorial – Supervisor Helgemo said the Townships hopes that the new Engraver will have the job done by Memorial Day.

VETERANS MEMORIAL ENGRAVING

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

GIS Mapping / Water-Sewer Systems – Supervisor Helgemo reviewed the mandate by the DEQ for required mapping of the water/sewer systems. GEI bid was lower than the UP Engineers bid. A motion was made by Nelson to accept the GEI bid of \$9950 for the project. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GIS  
MAPPING/  
WTR-SWR

Pressure Station Projects – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to remove the last two old water booster stations and install two new meter pits at an estimated cost of \$6000. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BOOSTER  
STATION-  
METER PIT  
PROJECT

GIS Mapping – A bid was presented by GEI to update the Township's GIS mapping with parcel splits and owner information. This would be an update of the past 7 years of information. There was discussion about getting the mapping link on the website which would require an additional separate subscription to Mango maps. This is a big project but once the updates are done the mapping could be maintained on a monthly basis. A motion was made by Nelson to accept the GEI bid of \$5800 to update the information. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

GIS PARCEL  
MAPPING

Leaf Collection System – Supervisor Helgemo stated that every year the Township spends about \$500-\$700 to collect and dispose of the leaves at the park and cemetery. He recommended that the Township acquire a system. Benson will do more research on this. No action taken.

LEAF  
COLLECTION  
SYSTEM

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report - Atanasoff stated there is nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but submitted a report stating the March BOR heard 30 petitions. Copies of the Boards decisions were mailed to the Petitioners and provided to the County. The required assessment reports have been submitted to the County and State. A copy of the L-4037s were submitted to the Twp. An electronic copy of the Township's assessing database was provided to the County. April is County Equalization month – the County reviews the Township's assessments/values. May is State Equalization month – the State reviews the County's numbers. Erhart will be on vacation from 4/12-4/18. When the snow is gone she will continue visiting parcels. The County did not want the paper 2016 assessment roll so it was returned to the Twp Clerk. The Treasurer has an updated electronic 2016 assessing database. She is working on a request regarding correcting property descriptions. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the Clerk.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

Bates Park Signage – A bid was received from Newman sign for hi density reflective signs for Bates Park – Sunset Lake. A motion was made by Wodzinski to accept the bid of \$1962. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BATES PARK  
SIGNAGE

Bates Park/Sunset Lake Swim Raft – The Park Hosts stated that they had received numerous inquiries as to why the raft was not out last year. It was decided to fix the leak and put the raft out this year. Action to purchase a new raft will be tabled until next year. Also, Benson will look into the cost to get some iron grills from Raymond Iron and Metal.

BATES PARK  
SWIM RAFT

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Bates Park Tractor – There was some discussion about getting an old tractor for the park to pull a trailer. Nothing fancy and it doesn't need a mower blade. Benson and Helgemo will research further.

PARK  
TRACTOR

Project Graduation - A motion was made by Bobnock to approve a \$50 contribution. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PROJECT  
GRAD

WIC Fire Dept – The Tournament will be held in Iron River this year. A motion was made by Bobnock to contribute \$125 for the ½ page ad in the booklet with Bates Township Park information. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WIC FIRE  
DEPT

Planning Commission Member – With the resignation of Mark Gasperini, the Board will seek to fill this position with a Township Resident.

PC MEMBER

U.P. Championship Rodeo – Supervisor Helgemo stated that it is important to support our community because it can affect the Township Residents. A motion was made by Bobnock to contribute \$50. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

UP RODEO

Memorial Day Ceremony – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to approve the refreshments budget of \$300. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Gail Passamani will Host along with other Volunteers.

MEMORIAL  
DAY

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – There was some discussion on the Chicagon Mine Rd tank project and the possibility that the Twp might have to purchase water from Iron River City during the project. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Benson stated that the park cleanup has begun to prepare for opening of the season. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Lawnmowers – Benson requested that he be able to replace parts that he used to prepare the machines for the coming season. A motion was made by Bobnock to allow the purchase of parts at \$358. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to purchase 4 picnic tables @ \$180/each. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE /GUEST COMMENTS**

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Helgemo 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 7:25pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.