

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – October 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Ernie Schmidt-ICRC; Mike Stafford-ICECA; Residents; Residents. Assr Erhart and County Commissioner Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of September 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 112,997.81
Sewer Fund:	\$ 99,419.35
Water Fund:	\$ 308,337.05
Road Fund:	\$ 184,391.51
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects /

Ponozzo Rd – Supervisor Oberlin stated that we received the invoice for the crushing part of the project. We actually got 10066 tons. This will be spread next year which was confirmed by Ernie Schmidt, ICRC.

ROAD PROJECTS/
PONOZZO RD

Sunset Lake Rd – This year's phase of this County blacktop project should be completed by the end of the week.

SUNSET LK
RD

Demboski Rd – The project is done. Supervisor Oberlin received a call from a Resident that thanked him for getting the road done.

DEMBOSKI
RD

Anderson Rd Waterline – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Board has not received any further communication from the Residents. Franzene stated that they were given time to respond. Ernie Schmidt said that the policy on abandoned waterlines clearly states that 2 years of free water is only given if the homeowner is going to put in a well. If you give free water on a service line that will set a precedent. He followed up with the fact that they are further ahead to keep the service lines. There should be 4 taps put in on the Anderson Rd water main. Supervisor Oberlin stated that the offer is no longer on the table. Mike Stafford questioned if that was in the minutes. Oberlin said that they didn't meet the deadline and he made a motion to rescind the offer to assist on the project. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ANDERSON
RD
WATERLINE

Chip Seal Projects – All chip seal projects are rescheduled to next year.

CHIP SEAL
PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 6 new permits issued. 1 new inquiries. 0 new violations. Continuing to work with old violations and making some progress. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 34. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING
UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

ICECA Update – Paul Schuytema, Executive Director was present to introduce himself and give an overview of the project that the ICECA is working on. He stated that he was contracted through the County and the ICECA has laid out a 5 year plan. They are working on 5 pillars of action. They are hoping to revive Genesee Street, they are working on trying to fill the Ottawa Camp. There is an Economic Summit open to the public on October 20th at GYRC and the event is free. There will be upcoming customer service trainings for area “wait staff and bar staff.” The theme for the area is “Live, Work, Play.” The ICECA is working toward getting a full page ad in the Delta Sky Magazine which has 6 million monthly readers that would promote Iron County. He stated that he is glad that Bates Twp is working on a Master Plan. He stated that if there is anything that his office can do, please feel free to contact him. He also thanked the Township for supporting the ICECA.

ICECA
UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Master Plan is still in the public comment phase.

MASTER
PLAN

Paint River Acreage – At the recommendation of County Commissioner Brennan Oberlin stated that the Township sent a letter to the IC Parks & Rec Chairperson as well as the ICBC. The Township requested that the 22 acres be turned over to the Township. ICPR Chair Tom Clark invited Oberlin to a meeting on 10/12/16 to present the Township’s proposal to them.

PAINT RIVER
ACREAGE

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township was the only bidder. Because of the need to publish twice the deadline was extended to October 14th. He also stated that it appeared that the WICPS wanted to partner with Bates on the recreational use of the school forest.

BATES
SCHOOL
ACQUISIT.

Park Ordinance – Supervisor Oberlin asked Franzene and Bobnock to figure out what changes they would like to recommend to the Board regarding the Park Ordinance and present them at the November 8th meeting. Then we can consult with Attorney Atanasoff.

PARK
ORDINANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart is working on information for the November 8th meeting.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

BSA Seminar – Treasurer Nelson requested to go to a free BSA seminar but to have her mileage reimbursed.

BSA
SEMINAR

November 7th Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded that there will be an election. Anyone needing an absent voter ballot should request an application as soon as possible. Polls will be open from 7:00am – 8:00pm.

ELECTION

Children’s Christmas Party- A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the \$300 budget for the Bates Twp Children’s Christmas Party to be held December 9th from 11:30-1:00. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Senate Bill 396 – Oberlin reminded everyone that the ICRC is encouraging everyone to write to our Representatives opposing this bill which will limit the number of days that seasonal weight restrictions can be in place. This could destroy our roads. The ICRC is asking everyone to stay on top of this.

SENATE BILL
396

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that the annual DEQ evaluation will be coming up. / **Sewer** – Lagoon samples will be taken next week and that will be the last time for the year. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – The cemetery is now closed for the year. / **Park** – The pavilion has been winterized and the park is now closed for the season. The projects will be started in the next week or so. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Dump Truck** – The replacement truck runs great. Benson thanked the board. A motion was made by Oberlin to put the old truck out front of the hall with a sign that states \$1200 obo/ first come/pay the price or best offer bid. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Gasser questioned if the Township had gotten the weight slips from the crushing project. He stated that the County did a phenomenal job of prep work and the ditching is taking shape.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____