

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – September 13, 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; PC- Nelson; Pat & Brad – Park Hosts; County Comm Brennan; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Assn; Mike Stafford-ICECA; Carol Margoni & Don Gollakner/Anderson Rd Residents; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 123,641.27
Sewer Fund:	\$ 94,062.58
Water Fund:	\$ 296,329.82
Road Fund:	\$ 186,811.29
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Brennan was present. He stated that the County approved the Bates proposed Master Plan. / The County abolished the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. 2005 was when the committee was established and it never met. If a municipality had the need and wanted an Authority they could do one. / Richard Sloat has done some presentations to the County for the Paint River acreage. At one time the County wanted to sell the property so it was subdivided into lots. For lack of interest and public protest the lots were pulled from the market. In June the storm that passed through blew down many trees. Brennan suggested that the County may in interested in deeding the acreage to Bates if Bates had any interest in doing a primitive campground as suggested by Richard Sloat. He stated that at one time the County deeded Smokey Lake Park to Stambaugh Twp and Gibson Lake Park to Crystal Falls Twp. Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Bates had sent a letter of interest to the County back in 2006-2007 hoping to acquire the land then. / Someone asked who is responsible for Larson Park. Benson stated that it is taken care of by the State and that the ICRC pays the water bill.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects /

ROAD PROJECTS/  
PONOZZO RD

Ponozzo Rd – Supervisor Oberlin stated that crushing has begun on the pit.

Sunset Lake Rd – The County blacktop project will begin this week.

SUNSET LK  
RD

Demboski Rd – The bid came in for 1/3 mile on Demboski Rd at \$77005.20 from Payne & Dolan. (Minus \$1600 without stripe.) Bacco bid was \$80000. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to do the work with Payne & Dolan. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DEMBOSKI  
RD

Complaints - Supervisor Oberlin stated that he has been getting some complaints on the edges of the roads not being mowed. This is a County responsibility. Their mower is broke but they will be out again mowing as soon as it is repaired.

COMPLAINTS

Street Lighting – No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting.

STREET  
LIGHTING

Street Signs – Signs are up and look great. Well worth the investment.

STREET  
SIGNS

DNR Grant / Bates Rec Plan – GEI is working on the Rec Plan.

DNR GRANT  
/REC PLAN

ANDERSON  
RD  
WATERLINE

Anderson Rd Waterline – There was continued discussion about the options and the cost. Carol Margoni and Don Gollakner were present and expressed concerns that they haven't had much time to research their options. The current proposal is a vendor quote of \$26000 which would be split by 4 property owners and the township. Supervisor Oberlin stated that this is a good price and the Township was willing to allow the Employees to help so that the cost could be kept down. There is a chance that the Vendor will not hold the price until next year. Oberlin stated that the Township will not participate anything further than the \$5200. Also, it was agreed that the board would talk to the Twp Attorney about easements and the legality of a private waterline. Action tabled. All sides agreed to continue discussions.

ANDERSON  
RD  
WATERLINE

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 9 new permits issued. 2 new inquiries. 0 new violations. Continuing to work with old violations and making some progress. There was a variance meeting on 9/7/2017 that was approved for a deck on a home at Sunset Lake. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 28. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING  
UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Master Plan had been sent out to all adjoining municipalities for review/comment.

MASTER  
PLAN

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the Township will do a sealed bid to try and acquire the school building.

BATES  
SCHOOL  
ACQUISIT.

Park Ordinance – Trustee Franzene gave an overview of the meeting of the committee (Franzene, Bobnock, Golas, and Park Hosts). He stated that there were a lot of good ideas brought forth. The idea is to make life easier for the Park Hosts. There is a big need for bigger and better signage. This winter will be a great time to work on signage and making the necessary changes before the park opens next spring. The Township Board and the Sunset Lake Assn thanked the Park Hosts for all of their hard work this year. / There was also some discussion about the boat wash and enforcement.

PARK  
ORDINANCE

### NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

Assessor Report – No report was submitted.

Cemetery Decoration Removal – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated 10/01 deadline.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

### HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – There was an illegal sewer hookup that is going to be corrected and there is another possible illegal hookup that will be investigated. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – See above. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Dump Truck – A replacement is being looked at.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

CEMETERY  
DECORATN  
REMOVAL

### GUEST COMMENTS

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### CORRESPONDENCE

- Supervisor Oberlin stated that the ICRC is asking for people to write to Representatives regarding Senate Bill 396 which will lift road restrictions year round. This will destroy our blacktop roads.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

Fire Dept Ad - A motion was made by Bobnock to run the ad. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. 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 6:59pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ 6:00 PM.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_