

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

ATTENDEES

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; Larry Nelson-PC; Jim Stolberg-WICFD; Mike Golas & Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec; Residents. Assr Erhart and County Comm Brennan were absent.

MINUTES

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

Treasurer's report for the month of May 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. All Ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 206,060.73
Sewer Fund:	\$ 113,380.45
Water Fund:	\$ 355,372.72
Road Fund:	\$ 203,494.57
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMM REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that Sec 16 & 22 have been chip sealed. The ICRC is waiting for clarification on the project end date from one of the Vendors. We are also waiting for a "rebid" on Sunset Lk Rd to the Park. The gravel project up north will begin soon. The county will do the ditching, culverts and will spread the gravel. Dust control was completed on 6/5 & 6/6.

ROAD PROJECTS

Larson Park Logging - Trustee Franzene commented that the logging job on the roadside from US2 up Thunander Rd to Section 22 Rd was very sloppy. The Logger has left a mess. Oberlin will contact the ICBC & ICRC to make them aware of this and go after the logger to get it cleaned up. (This was a project being done under the authority of the ICBC.)

LARSON PARK LOGGING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 3 new permits issued. 1 variance was approved from a meeting held on 5/29/18. 1 new inquiries. 1 new violation (fence built without permit). Continue to work with current violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 10. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – The Planning Commission will be meeting soon to review the most recent copy.

MASTER PLAN

Street Lighting – Clerk Benson-Stafford has received no new comments; Mike Golas asked if possibly some of the lights in the park could be moved; Trustee Franzene asked if the township could put up our own dusk to dawn lights and put them on as needed; Supervisor Oberlin suggested that he/Franzene will revise the list and bring it to the next meeting.

STREET LIGHTING

Bates Township Clean Up Day – Supervisor Oberlin gave a very big thank you to all of the volunteers; as well as Mary Baumgartner and Mike Golas who were instrumental in the organizing of the event. The Township has plans to make it a bigger event next year. He also thanked Gasser's for taking the 22 tires that litter's left on the roadside.

TWP CLEAN UP DAY

Bates Township Signage – No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Memorial Day Ceremony – Clerk Benson-Stafford extended a thanks to all who participated/volunteered and to Supervisor Oberlin who had to be the speaker at the last minute due to the unfortunate circumstances of the noted speaker.

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Westside Veterans – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to provide \$250 support. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE
VETERANS

New Cemetery Board – Clerk Benson-Stafford requested a cemetery information board for the new section of the cemetery. A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to purchase an informational board identical to the original cemetery informational board at the same cost of the original board. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW
CEMETERY
INFO-BOARD

Park Showers / Pay per Shower – Supervisor will look into the cost of shower doors and a system that will accept tokens that can be paid for in advance. At this time the Board has approved a fee of \$3.00/shower for non-campers. The Park Hosts will collect this fee and monitor the shower users.

PARK
SHOWERS

Sewer Lift Station Clean Out – PW Benson requested that the Board allow the project to go forward. The lift stations should be cleaned out at least every 5 years and they are currently past due at 8 years. The Vendors will be the City of Iron River Vactor Truck at \$165/hour and/or North Country Septic at \$100/hr. Some lift stations require one or the other or both vendors for the clean out. One lift station was just recently cleaned so a motion was made by Bobnock to proceed with the project. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried. Oberlin stated that this is good preventive maintenance and agrees 100% with the project.

SEWER LIFT
STATION –
CLEAN OUT

Bates School Sink Conversion – The DIISD has agreed to pay rent for a room that they had previously used for storage. A motion was made by Franzene to allow the township to do a sink conversion that will accommodate the DIISD's dishwasher at an estimated cost of up to \$300 per Oberlin. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried.

BATES
SCHOOL
SINK
CONVERT

Bates School Sign – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is waiting for information on changing and updating the sign at the Bates School.

BATES
SCHOOL
SIGN

Bates Township Janitorial –Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that she has been looking into janitorial options for the school. Currently the DIISD is waiting on a bid from the township. There is a possibility that the DIISD would have the township handle the janitorial and then pass through the expense to them on their portion of the services.

BATES
SCHOOL
JANITORIAL

Windsor Rec Authority/November Millage Request – A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to allow the millage request to go on the November ballot. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WINDSOR
REC AUTH-
MILLAGE
RENEWAL

Township Newsletter – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that it was not going to be cost effective to do a newsletter with the summer 2018 tax billing. No action taken.

TWP NEWS-
LETTER

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Township Newsletter – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that within less than a week of the township cleanup there was new litter on the Bates Gaastra Rd. Mary Baumgartner did another round of cleanup. The township will get an estimate on posting littering signs and look into the ordinance fines/prosecuting offenders.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – MDOT Waterline Conflict Project has started. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Backhoe** - Benson stated there was a valve repair. / **School** – The annual fire extinguisher inspection was done at the township. There were 3 that needed changing at the school but all others throughout the township are good until next year. / **Park** – Pat gave their report. This will be their last year as Hosts. They were busy prepping the park for the season; there have been mixed reviews on the changes at the campground with regards to the campsites; people are getting confused with the expanded parking by the pavilions; there were 10 campers over Memorial Day weekend; There was an incident where it was necessary to call the Police; the Park Hosts recommended that the individual involved be banned from the park/campground; the boat wash is being used regularly; there were still some issues with the showers; they managed to come up with a way to rid the beach of the geese. (Copy of the report is on file with the Clerk).

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas stated that the DNR is talking about planting walleyes in Sunset Lake. He stated that the Lake Assn is in favor it that.
- Larry Nelson stated that he appreciated how quickly the dust control was done this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Date Approved: _____