

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 7, 2018 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 Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Larry Nelson-PC; Mike Stafford-Parks & Rec/ICECA; Residents. County Comm Brennan and Assr Erhart were absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes with a clarification under School gymnasium. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of October 2018 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit. / Mike Stafford questioned where the road revenues come from. Supervisor Oberlin explained that we have a millage but the increase this month was due to a refund from the ICRC for projects that couldn’t be done because of the union workers strike.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 78,047.13
Sewer Fund:	\$ 114,347.28
Water Fund:	\$ 378,873.19
Road Fund:	\$ 197,673.32
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Brennan was absent. Newly elected Iron County District 2 Commissioner Mike Stafford was present. He noted that the ICBC contributed \$10,000 towards the ICECA funding. Supervisor Oberlin asked Stafford to keep his eyes open for any grants or funding for the projects that the township is hoping to do in the future.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is still waiting on the Larson Rd project information from the ICRC. PW Benson mentioned that he had been talking with UPPCO about the 3 Phase power that will be going in and there might be a waterline conflicts.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave the following report. There was 1 new permit issued. A land use issue will be brought before the planning commission. 0 new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed. Permits issued to date in 2018 = 21. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

School Elevator–PW Benson rec’d two quotes: Bach Mobility’s and Otis. Otis has been doing the inspections and currently has the key for the elevator. Trustee Franzene questioned if there was a way to build a ramp and do away with the elevator and the expense of the quarterly inspections. Clerk Benson Stafford wondered if the current obsolete shower in the gymnasium could be converted to a handicap accessible bathroom. PW Benson wondered if the closet area behind the kitchen could be renovated and used as the area for a ramp. No action taken. Tabled until next meeting.

SCHOOL ELEVATOR

General Election Results – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that 513 of the 820 registered township voters voted. Thank you to the election inspectors who did a wonderful job.

GENERAL ELECTION

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that UPPCO said that the lights that currently cost us about \$8000 will drop down to about \$5200-\$5500 next July. The Township will still shut off 2 at the park, 2 at the hall, 1 on Krans Rd, 1 on East Emily Lk Rd, 1 at Section 16 Rd and 1 at the tower. Some will be replaced with lights from the township structures. He also said that UPPCO would leave

STREET LIGHTING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Street Lighting (cont'd) - the poles at the hall but the township would have to sign for responsibility of them. / Oberlin stated that he will be having another meeting with a Vendor at the school to finalize the cost estimate of changing to LED's.

STREET
LIGHTING

Sunset Lake Boat Launch –PW Benson spoke with a man at the DNR in Baraga that installs boat launches for the state. He stated that they are completely booked for next year. He would be willing to come and see our damaged boat launch and make recommendations. Ed visited the Indian Lake boat launch at this man's recommendation and it was very nice. Oberlin stated that he might know someone who might donate time and equipment to the project. Benson's estimate so far is about \$6400 for materials alone. It was also noted that if this project is done, there will have to be a skirt in the water to protect the environmental species. It was also recommended that the concrete launch not be used in the winter and that an alternative launch off of the grass right next to it would be more suitable for winter use.

SUNSET
LAKE BOAT
LAUNCH

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report

ASSESSOR
REPORT

December Board Meeting Date Change – Due to unexpected conflicts a motion was made by Oberlin to change the meeting date from Wednesday, December 12 to Wednesday, December 5. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

DECEMBER
MTG DATE
CHANGE

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said the state required PFAS results have been posted on the township website. Both wells came back "non-detect". The results will also be included in the January consumer confidence report. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – The boiler inspection was done at the school. It is a shared expense with WICPS. The fire inspection was done at the school and will be paid for by the DIISD. This needed to be completed by February 2019 when the Early Childhood certification deadline is. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE

- UPSET – A general information letter and funding request letter. Larry Nelson questioned if this was double dipping. We already have law enforcement, why do we support this. Oberlin stated that they do a good job. He would like to see support in 2019 since the township already made a donation in 2018. Board members can do further research on their own. Action will be tabled until the January meeting.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____