

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – February 13, 2019 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; Jim Stolberg, WICFD; County Comm Stafford; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of January 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.

General Fund:	\$ 113,473.26
Sewer Fund:	\$ 113,776.38
Water Fund:	\$ 363,144.47
Road Fund:	\$ 260,764.04
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Stafford was present and stated that the bounty board meeting had been cancelled due to weather. There was nothing new to report at this time.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that there was nothing new to report other than the ICRC is waiting on bids which should be due around 2/2/2019.

ROAD PROJECTS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 2 new permits issued. There were some new inquiries. He is still working on the violations that the Assessor found during field work. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=2. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – The LED light conversion in the Bates Township Center gym is done. The Board expects to see a cost savings.

BATES CTR LED CONV

MDNR Trust Grant – Supervisor Oberlin stated that GEI has started the engineering for the project.

MDNR TRUST GRANT

Budget Workshop – The Board rescheduled the workshop date to February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm; the original date was cancelled due to unforeseen conflicts.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Anderson Rd Waterline Project – The Board is considering the cost of materials. No action taken. Tabled until next month.

ANDERSON RD WTRLN

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – The Assessor submitted the information and requested that the board take action on the 2019 Poverty Exemption Guidelines. A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adopt the 2019 Guidelines for Poverty Exemption Resolution. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A copy of the 2019 Guidelines and the Application for Tax Exemption are on file with the Clerk’s office.

ASSESSOR REPORT

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

2018-2019 Audit – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to see a call for bids ad. Treasurer Nelson and Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that they have been pleased with the work that was done by DS Rostagno CPA which is now owned by Haukkala & Company, PC and would like to see them do the audit.

2018-2019  
AUDIT

Huntington Bank Loan – There was discussion regarding this water loan. The current balance is \$115,000 (approximately). The next payment due is \$27,500. There are funds in the water fund earmarked for this loan of \$105,000. There is about 5 years left to pay on the loan. It was decided to keep a balance in the event that there are unforeseen waterline repairs needed this summer. A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to make a payment of \$57,500. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. The Board will revisit this loan in the fall when the next payment is due and perhaps pay off the balance then.

HUNTINGTN  
WATER LOAN

Board Salary Resolutions – All Board members declined any requests for an increase in salary for the 2019-2020 year.

BOARD  
SALARY  
RESOLUTION

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said the Kellstrom Rd water connection will be done in the spring. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – The fire alarm inspection was completed. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report

**GUEST COMMENTS**

**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: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, 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 6:30pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

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