

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 12, 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 Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Larry Nelson, PC; County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn-P&R; 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 May 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 174,112.01
Sewer Fund:	\$ 119,529.62
Water Fund:	\$ 342,704.55
Road Fund:	\$ 325,541.79
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present. He stated that the County approved a project that will be a single bike track east of the airport on county owned property. This will be for mountain bikes, no blacktop, and dirt trail.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

West Iron District Library - Barb Bartel & Jenn Berlinski were present to give an overview of the library and the services that it provides to the community. The library is seeking a renewal of millage on the August ballot that would also increase the millage from 1.5 to 1.75 for 5 years. They stated that the millage covers 85% of their operating budget and the rest comes from penal fines, book sales and nonresident library cards. They stated that the current millage has been in place for 25 years. The requested increase is to cover inflation and rising utility costs.

WID LIBRARY MILLAGE

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin that W. Park Drive is finished as well as North & South Trybom paving is done. The grant has gone through for Larson Rd and personally Oberlin thinks it would be best for the township to participate. Franzene asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the road and how do we know that the businesses will be there long term. Ken Willis stated that they just made a \$400,000 investment into the businesses. Oberlin said the township would be responsible for maintenance and usually 5-6 years old chip seal can extend the life. Lou Willis stated that with the States participation it is going to be a much better road. Oberlin reminded that the waterline will have to be redone too. Bobnock asked how much truck traffic the road is getting. Ken Willis stated that it is 3 trips a day of 150000 truck weight. Bobnock asked how the blacktop would hold up? Lou Willis said reminded the board that the State will not make a Class A gravel Rd. A motion was made by Oberlin to participate in the Class A blacktop project for Larson Rd. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There was 5 new permits issued. 3 new zoning questions. No new violations. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=9. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Bates Park-Sunset Lake/Campground Host Search – Bad experience with first Hosts. They had a domestic dispute and left. New hosts coming that were recommended by the Chamber. They were previous Hosts at the city RV Park.

PARK HOSTS

Park Water Raft – PW Benson stated that Lakeshore graciously did the welding as a goodwill gesture which was greatly appreciated. We got a great deal on the decking from American Dock. New it would have been over \$2000. They had some used decking and quoted \$700 but when it was picked up they reduced the price further to \$350 thanks to the negotiating skills of John Franzmeier.

PARK WATER
RAFT

Park Boat Launch – Oberlin stated that Wildlife Unlimited might participate in the repair. They gave Oberlin an application to fill out. Golbach estimated the cost to be no more than \$16000. The DEQ said that it will be ok to proceed with the project. GEI is doing the permit application for \$00. A motion was made by Franzene to proceed with the repair. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK BOAT
LAUNCH

Park Showers – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he can't find a contractor to do the job, everyone is busy. He will keep trying.

PARK
SHOWERS

Master Plan – A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt the Master Plan as was presented at the Board meeting, but with a change of the front page cover photo. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MASTER
PLAN

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY
REPORT

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin read the report. There are 3 tax tribunals that will be held in Ontonagon on 6/24/19. There were some requests for information updates on the website which the Clerk took care of. A copy of the report is kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR
REPORT

Township Hall Projection Screen – Clerk Benson-Stafford requested authorization to purchase a screen. She stated that there have been requests from hall renters. A motion was made by Bobnock to approve the purchase up to \$150. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP
HALL
PROJECTOR
SCREEN

Mapping Solutions – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that Mapping Solutions is make a request for shape files from the Township GIS data. In the past the exchange of information was for 10 plat books. Benson-Stafford asked permission to negotiate for some wall maps too. The Board agreed that was fine.

MAPPING
SOLUTIONS
PLAT -GIS
MAP

ACH – Treasurer Nelson gave a presentation regarding moving the township utility and tax billing into some form of ACH. She said that there have been requests. There was discussion about passing the fees onto the consumer. Nelson stated that she has two different programs, Enhance & BSA, and they do not integrate. Oberlin questioned what other municipalities do? Nelson will research further and report again next month.

ACH

Iron County Fair Board Ad – A motion was made by Nelson to place the ad for \$66.51, same as previous years in support of the event. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

IC FAIR
BOARD AD

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Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that the DEQ lead & copper initial inventory report must be done by 12/31/2019. / He needs some parts for the Honda pump which pumps down the hydrants. / Larson Rd – waiting on funding for the waterline. / **Sewer** – Benson stated that the flow meter is in and might be a little less than estimated cost. / There is a new tap in that will be done on Sunset Lake Rd in the next week or so. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Spring-A-Roo gymnastics would like to do a flush mount bolting of some equipment to the cafeteria floor. A motion was made by Nelson to allow this. Supported by Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – LED conversion materials are in. Benson will get Ahlberg to install. / **Dust Control** – Vendor will call to do the roads next week. / **Anderson Rd Waterline Project** – There was clarification that the Board agreed to participate with \$4500 of materials only. Project to be completed by November 1, 2019. Supervisor Oberlin will make contact again with contact Attorney Atanasoff to draft the necessary legal easement documents.

GUEST COMMENTS

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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: Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____