

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 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 Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also, in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn & P&R; Yvonne Andersen, Sunset Lk Assn VP; Gasser, 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 October 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 102,351.28
Sewer Fund:	\$ 110,149.98
Water Fund:	\$ 281,528.16
Road Fund:	\$ 99,128.18
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present and stated that the 2020 county budget has been put out for public review and comment. He stated that he proposed an ICECA budget amount of \$35,000 and an MSUE budget amount of \$25,000. This failed on a 3-2 vote. The current proposed budget allows \$15,000 for the MSUE and \$10,000 for the ICECA. On another 3-2 vote there are going to be 2 new millages put on the ballot. One for Central Dispatch/911 and the other for Veterans Services. He stated that the Veterans millage should not be put forth on the voters because the budget already provides for the giving the Veterans \$35000. If that millage passes, then that allows the county to redirect the \$35000 already earmarked for the Veterans. It’s not necessary to strap the voters with another millage.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that all road projects are completed for the year. His proposed 3-year road plan is as follows: 2020-Larson Rd, Ponozzo Rd (10,000 tons gravel), Demboski Rd (portion of) and Sunset Lk Boat Launch parking area. 2021 – E Lk Emily Rd, Thunander Rd, Sec 14 Rd. 2022 – Kofmehl Rd 8/10’s mile share with Stambaugh Twp, Wagner Lk Rd, Passamani Rd, chip seal.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 new permits issued. He is currently working to finalize 2 permits. Some new zoning questions. Ongoing violation of garbage in yard on Section 22 Rd. Owner was given a November 19th deadline to clean it up or the township will hire it done and owner will pay for it. Contacted 2 people on Sunset Lake with zoning violations, working with them to resolve. ZBA met twice in October regarding an appeal to build a cabin on the Paint River/Morrison Creek. Appeal was denied. The applicant may modify the structure plans. (ongoing). ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=18. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Park Improvements/Signage – Trustee Franzene stated that Gasser started the landscaping project. The dirt from the boat launch project was hauled to the site and will be used. Due to weather the project will resume in the spring. Closed for the season. Franzene stated he thinks when it is done it will be nice.

PARK IMPROVMNT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Township Hall Foundation – Trustee Franzene and PW Benson met with Northland Basement Systems. The initial estimate to fix the township hall foundation is \$20861.50 but it could go as high as \$30,000. The west wall of the hall is not sitting on the foundation. If the township did the project, the waiting list is long, and the project wouldn't be done until June or July. A new roof is also needed on the back office. Franzene stated that in his opinion maybe it's time to have a public hearing about the future of the hall and this property. The township already owns a very nice building (Bates School) and it has available space to move the offices down there. No action taken at this time.

**TWP HALL
FOUND.**

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he authorized 2 more lights to be turned off; one on Reiman Rd and the other at the corner of Sunset Lk Rd & Section 16 Rd.

**STREET
LIGHTING**

Rogers Location Alley Repair – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the project is complete and looks good.

**ROGERS LOC
ALLEYS**

Children's Christmas Party – After further discussion it was decided to cancel the party this year for lack of interest. The family that has hosted the party for the past 11 years stated that there has been declining attendance.

**CHILDRENS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

Park Boat Launch – Due to the weather the Vendor will begin the project in the spring between May 15-Memorial Day. PW Benson stated that he will give the Sunset Lk Assn advance notice. There was also a discussion about redoing the center driveway.

**PARK BOAT
LAUNCH**

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Supervisor Oberlin gave an overview of the Assessor's Report. The winter tax roll is being prepared and the postage prepay amount if \$525 to be made payable to KCI. The agenda for the December Board of Review meeting is available. Person's wishing to be heard at this meeting should contact the Assessor ahead of time.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

December Meeting Date Change – Due to a conflict with a couple of Board members the December meeting has been changed from Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 6:00pm to Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 5:00pm. Clerk Benson-Stafford will have the change posted and published.

**DECEMBER
MEETING
CHANGE**

Bates School – The Board approved the purchase of a vacuum for the school. The old one no longer works.

**BATES
SCHOOL
VACUUM**

Hall- Nothing new to report. / **Shop**—Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson stated that he has started 2 "let runs." (Bates Amasa Rd & Schmidt's log yard.) **Sewer** – It appears that there are sump pumps around Sunset Lk that are being directed into the sewer system. This is against the ordinance. Oberlin stated that the township may need to audit the home. If there isn't an ordinance in place that we need to do one. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** –The patches will have to be done in the spring where the driveway blacktop was cut. / **School** – One bid was received for the LED exterior lights. A motion was made by Oberlin to accept the bid of \$1400 from Jon Ahlberg. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Supervisor Oberlin stated that GEI got back to him with an estimate of \$3500 to determine if a climbing rope could be attached to one of the gym beams. No action taken. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- A resident asked Oberlin to elaborate on the Sunset Lk zoning violations that he was working on. He stated one was for a carport that was too close to the road and was not permitted. The second was for a remodel of a including a fence and deck that should have required a variance and was not permitted. This resident is a repeat offender.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The Report – Letters to Santa ad. No action taken.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 5:00pm.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____