

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – October 9, 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; Gasser, P&R. 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 September 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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| General Fund: | \$ 102,767.56 |
| Sewer Fund:   | \$ 107,581.62 |
| Water Fund:   | \$ 270,231.19 |
| Road Fund:    | \$ 99,111.35  |
| Liquor Law:   | \$            |

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Stafford was present and gave an overview of some recent county business which includes working on the budget. The Governor vetoed some line items which is making the budgeting process a challenge. The County could lose \$278000 in PILT. This means because of the difference in fiscal years between the state and county, this could result in the county losing \$70000 in the last quarter of 2019. The County Board has also had discussions about continuing to fund MSUE and the ICECA. The final budget has not been approved yet.

**COUNTY COMM REPORT**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that all road projects are completed for the year. He will submit the 3 year road plan next week.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 3 new permit issued. Some new zoning questions. Scheduled a ZBA meeting for October 7. New violation of a noise complaint on US2. Violator agreed to turn his music down after 10:00pm. 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 – More research needed. Tabled until next meeting.

**PARK IMPROVMNT**

Township Hall Foundation – More research needed. Tabled until next meeting.

**TWP HALL FOUND.**

Street Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he would like to see 2 of the 4 Reiman Rd lights turned off as well as the light at the corner of Sec 16 & Sunset Lk Rd. Golas stated that he didn’t think the light at the boat landing had much value. Oberlin countered that the neighbors in that vicinity feel differently.

**STREET LIGHTING**

Rogers Location Alley Repair – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there were two bids received. G&G Svc for \$3950 and Ryan’s Excavating for \$9220.75. A motion was made by Franzene to accept the G&G Svc bid for \$3950. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ROGERS LOC ALLEYS**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY  
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

**ASSESSOR  
REPORT**

Cemetery Decoration Removal – Clerk Benson-Stafford published the cemetery decoration removal ad. Removal deadline date is October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**CEMETERY  
DECORATN  
REMOVAL**

Children’s Christmas Party – A motion was made by Franzene to budget the same amount of \$300 for this event. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CHILDRENS  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

Sewer Line Repairs – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there were two urgent repairs needed on sewer mains. There has been an infiltration of ground water into the system because of the boat launch break. A motion was made by Franzene to get the repairs done at Rogers Lift Station and at the boat launch at the available Vendor (FAI) bid of \$24000. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SEWER LINE  
REPAIRS**

Road/Culvert Diversion Repair – The suspected cause of the boat launch sewer line break was infiltration which could also be diverted. A motion was made to make the repair/diversion to correct the situation at a time & materials cost estimate by the available Vendor (FAI) of up to \$16000.

**ROAD  
REPAIR/  
PARK**

Sewer Generators – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the insurance company would like to the township to have generators at the lift stations. Mike Stafford did some research on 3-Phase generators and received an estimate. The township would need: 2 each-25HP/77KW @ \$27440 plus \$5000 transfer switch each; 2 each 7.5HP/37KW @ \$19300 plus \$3363 transfer switch each; 8 each 5HP/36KW @ \$16700 plus \$3363 transfer switch each. They would require concrete pads and propane tanks. These prices are “not installed.” The Vendor would provide startup service and training. Oberlin stated that he will talk to Hannula because there might be possible grants through our insurance carrier and/or through the state.

**SEWER  
GENERATOR**

**BOR  
FIELDWORK**

2500 Chevy Brakes – Two estimates were received for this repair. Stateline was \$700 and Wyatt’s was \$492.96. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the bid from Wyatt’s. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CHEVY  
BRAKE  
REPAIR**

Cemetery Ditch Repair – Trustee Franzene stated that he would like to see this repair made due to the flooding. Even if it means cutting into the blacktop driveways. Benson suggested that maybe the ICRC would put in a couple of culverts.

**CEMETERY  
DITCH  
REPAIR**

**Hall/Shop**–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. **Sewer** – See above paragraphs regarding generators and repairs. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Decoration removal ad was published with October 10<sup>th</sup> deadline. / **School** – Benson-Stafford stated that there needs to be a light put by the back kitchen entry. Oberlin stated that he would like all exterior lights to be changed to LED. He will get bids from Ahlberg and Drier. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- A resident questioned as to whether anything has been done or is going to be done about the blight at a home on Sec 22 Rd.

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**GUEST COMMENTS (cont'd)**

- Mike Golas stated that he would like to see the County Drain Commissioner survey the Sunset Lk dam. He stated that the level was established through a 1958 court order on Sunset, Fortune and Stager Lakes. Oberlin will talk to Clark.
- Supervisor Oberlin stated that Wildlife Unlimited put \$11,000 worth of walleye into Sunset Lake.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

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