

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Clerk Benson-Stafford called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson & Trustees Franzene & Bobnock were present. Also, in attendance were County Comm Stafford; Mike Golas, P&R & Sunset Lk Assn; Jane Adams, BOR; Jim Stolberg, WICFD; Residents. Absent: Supervisor Oberlin; Assessor Erhart.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to appoint Trustee Franzene to oversee the board meeting in the absence of Supervisor Oberlin. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Bobnock to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for the month of July 2020 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 119,127.16
Sewer Fund:	\$ 86,201.86
Water Fund:	\$ 303,213.37
Road Fund:	\$ 204,194.11
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford gave a brief overview of a lawsuit regarding when a tax role foreclosure is sold by the County, any money beyond taxes/penalties now must be turned over to the former owner. Beware that every taxing agent involved will have to reimburse monies back to the retroactive date.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Larson Rd is being worked on and will be paved soon.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin was absent. No report.

ZONING UPDATE

Paint River Project – Robb Anderson with GEI was available for questions. The grant will expire May 2021. The project needs to be done this year. FAI was the low bidder and said that they will honor their bid of \$66452. Anderson stated that since we are getting closer to the end of the season, maybe the floating pier could go in next spring. A motion was made by Franzene to move forward with the project that was temporarily on hold due to COVID. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PAINT RIVER PROJECT

BSA Fund Accounting Upgrade – Clerk Benson Stafford presented the bid for the server from PC Tech at \$5215. This will centralize the treasurer/clerk's computers into one server as recommended by BSA. A motion was made by Nelson to approve the purchase. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BSA SERVER

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent but her report stated that there were 7 petitions at the July BOR. She will not hold office hours in July, but she will be back in the office for August. / John Pearson has applied for a land division on the Paint River parcel that he owns. His application was incomplete. She sent him a letter outlining the deficiencies. / A Resident questioned the purpose of the

ASSESSOR REPORT

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Assessor Report (cont'd) - agricultural reassessments. With the absence of Supervisor Oberlin and Assessor Erhart, the board answered the question with the knowledge they had. / A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

Sunset Lake Boat Launch – Pw Benson stated that the Vendor is supposed to come and cut off about 1'-2' because the apron incline is too steep. Waiting on paving.

**SUNSET LAKE
BOAT
LAUNCH**

Cemetery Death Certificates – A motion was made by Nelson to approve the purchase of missing death certificates up to \$300. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CEMETERY

Building Committee Public Hearing – A reminder that the volunteer building committee is holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 19th, at 6:00pm at the Township Hall.

**BUILDING
COMMITTEE**

Election Inspectors Hazard Pay – Clerk Benson-Stafford noted that many municipalities were paying hazard pay due to all the extra tasks that the inspectors must perform due to COVID. She asked that the board consider a stipend for the Inspectors the August and November elections. A motion was made by Franzene to approve a flat fee of \$30/per Inspector for each election. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ELECTION
INSPECTORS
HAZARD PAY**

School Yard/Resident Parking – There continues to be a resident on 1st street that continues to park his car under a tree in the school yard. It is in the school yard and is not in a designated parking area. A photo was provided to all board members. A motion was made by Nelson to put up a no parking sign. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SCHOOL
YARD /
PARKING
VIOLATION**

Park Dumpster/Campground Garbage – There was discussion about illegal dumping into the campsite garbage receptacles and the dumpsters. / It was noted that the cleaning person would be leaving for college on August 17th. / There was discussion to close the park campground & restrooms right after Labor Day.

**PARK
DUMPSTER**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**–Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – PW Benson stated they are working on raising manhole covers. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas talked about the pro bass tournament with a top prize of \$1400. / Fishermen from all over the UP and norther Wisconsin. He stated it was catch & release.
- Residents – There was discussion about a new build on Sunset Lake. Stanley Atanasoff stated that he gave the property owners permission to use his easement access until their road was built. / There were some questions as to who was complaining about the new build. The Board had no knowledge of any complaints but said they would ask Oberlin upon his return since he is the Zoning Administrator.

CORRESPONDENCE

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, 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 6:54pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 8, 2020.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____