

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – December 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall (outdoors).

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

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meeting with a correction made by Oberlin in “Guest Comments” regarding a drainage issue, not a leak. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

General Fund:	\$ 34,277.96
Sewer Fund:	\$ 84,085.26
Water Fund:	\$ 310,466.54
Road Fund:	\$ 131,851.91
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated the next County meeting will be held outside and the topic is the budget for 2021.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Nothing new to report.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report with 0 new permits issued. He met with one property owner to answer questions. / Violations: Mark Gasperini is still in violation of his permit. After a meeting with Gasperini, Atty Roy Polich with Oberlin and Twp Atty Atanasoff, no progress was made so papers are being prepared to take the matter to court. / Oberlin is compiling a list of junk car ordinance violators and letters will be sent soon. / Permits to date: 28. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

MDNR Paint River Project – Signage is in the works.

MDNR P R PROJECT

Public Works New Hire – There is another candidate that may be applying.

NEW HIRE

Building Committee Update / Survey – The Board received recommendations from the committee. The survey indicated that most people want the township to retain both the school and the hall. At this time, the township offices will remain at the hall. A motion was made by Oberlin to authorize Margee Brennan to investigate the possibility of putting the hall on the historical registry and what grants for building improvements might be available. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

BUILDING COMM SURVEY RECOMM.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – No report received.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Paint River Project Grant Writing/Rich Sloat- Rich presented the Board with a proposal to write a grant for the primitive shelter part of the project. Currently there are some trees cut and the plan is to begin with two shelters. The grant is up to \$10000. Trustee Adams addressed concerns about a request for parking on Shady Lane as well as a request to have a path wide enough to drive into the shelters. A driveway in was never mentioned before. In the past it was understood that these were going to be shelters accessed from the river. There are concerns about people using the shelters to party. Franzene mentioned concerns about additional maintenance and garbage. Sloat stated that previously the Iron County Watershed and Rise Up had committed to helping to maintain the area for a couple of years. He was not sure if that was still the case. A motion was made to authorize Sloat to write the grant. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PAINT RIVER
GRANT /
RICH SLOAT**

Employee Christmas Bonus – A motion was made by Oberlin to give Benson \$175 and Franzmeier \$125. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE
BONUS**

Sewer Lift Station Easement Access Changes – There is a request to change two easements: Stanley Atanasoff and KC Atanasoff. They will do the new driveways at their expense and their Attorney Steve Polich drafted the documents. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to have the Bates Attorney review the documents; if approved and/or changed and acceptable to the township, Supervisor Oberlin can proceed with signing. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SEWER LIFT
STATION
EASEMENT
CHANGES**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**-Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – There was a window busted at the school. A repair estimate is forthcoming.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Welcome to Jane Adams as the new Bates Township Trustee.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____