

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – December 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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 & Trustee Adams were present. Also, in attendance were Larry Nelson, PC; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn/P&R; Yvonne Andersen, ZBA; Sue Passamani & Margee Brennan, BHPS; Cty Comm Stafford. Absent: Trustee Franzene & Assessor Erhart.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of November 2021 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 164,452.46
Sewer Fund:	\$ 110,667.24
Water Fund:	\$ 346,873.56
Road Fund:	\$ 143,583.44

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated that the County meeting was scheduled for the following Tuesday; he had nothing new to report at this time.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin submitted his three-year road plan as follows: 2022 Pave- East Lake Emily Rd, Gravel-Finish Ponozzo Rd, Rebuild Thunander & Section 14 Rds to get rid of spring thaw problems. Chip Seal-Paved portion of Section 14 Rd; 2023 Pave – Passamani Rd, Gravel-Section 3 Rd; 2024 Pave-Forsberg Rd, Krans Rd, Andreski Plat Rd. Dust control will be done again and will be coordinated with the ICRC on grading before spreading.

ROAD PROJECTS / 3-YEAR ROAD PLAN

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his November report with 3 new permits issued. / He has answered various zoning questions. / Violations: Permit # 20 violation – A settlement was reached. The final papers have not been made available for approval or signature yet. / Permits to date: 29. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Hall Preservation Society – There was discussion on the agreement between the Township and the BHPS. The Board decided to hold a special meeting after they could consult with legal counsel on a couple of the items.

BHPS

EGL E Sewer Lagoon – Tabled until next month.

EGL E/SEWER LAGOON

Bates Park/Sunset Lake Vandalism – Tabled until next month.

PARK VANDALS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – No report received.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Office Copier – A motion was made by Nelson to approve the purchase of a new office copier/scanner for \$2795. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OFFICE COPIER

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Public Works Employee – The Board had interviewed a new candidate that looked very favorable. No action taken at this meeting.

**PUBLIC
WORKS
EMPLOYEE**

Employee Jackets - A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to reorder jackets for the employees through Full Source. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE
JACKETS**

Park Campground / Reservations or First Come – A motion was made by Nelson to hire Paul Conlee as the 2022 Park/Campground Host. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. / Action was tabled until next meeting regarding whether to take reservations or to revert back to “first come first serve” campground. Nelson was researching online reservations.

**PARK HOST/
PARK CMPGD
RESERVE or
NOT**

Employee Christmas Bonus – A motion was made by Oberlin to give the full-time employee \$200 and the part time employee \$150. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE
CHRISTMAS
BONUS**

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** – Still waiting on the glass for the broken window repair.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Zach Hautala, Iron County Chamber Director introduced himself and said that he is available to help if needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA monthly newsletter.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____