

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 9, 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 & Trustees Franzene & Adams were present. Also, in attendance were County Comm Stafford; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Yvonne Andersen, ZBA/BHPS; Jim Stolberg, WICFD; Mike Golas, Sunset Lake Assn/P&R; Lesa Behling & Betty Stromberg, BHPS; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes from the previous month’s meeting and remove the Liquor Law financial report since the township no longer receives funding from the state for this. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 188,194.00
Sewer Fund:	\$ 86,941.40
Water Fund:	\$ 343,278.94
Road Fund:	\$ 159,134.83

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated that the county has lifted their state of emergency due to COVID. / The County is seeking to hire its own plumbing and electrical Inspectors; or maybe partner with Dickinson County for this. / He announced the plat cover photo contest with the prize being a free book and a \$50 visa card.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that there is nothing new to report other than dust control will be done June 22 & 23.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report with 2 new permits issued. / He has answered various zoning questions. / Violations: Permit # 20 violation has nothing new to report. /The resident at 3187 US 2 has cleaned their yard 2 days after he contacted them. / Permits to date: 10. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Public Works New Hire – One new application was received and will be reviewed.

NEW HIRE

Bates Hall Preservation Society - Margee Brennan/BHPS stated introduced Steve Ryan, who was present. Mr. Ryan is putting together various bids on the hall project. There was some discussion about going forward with the hardwood flooring or whether it would be damaged if the hall were lifted from its foundation for foundation repair or replacement. Brennan stated that the BHPS cannot be responsible for the whole dollar amount for the foundation. / There was discussion about the school roof being replaced but only the furnace was replaced at the hall. The front stoop needs repair. / Franzene said that any help from the township would depend on the cost. Adams stated that the Board cannot give a hard yes or no until we know the cost. Betty Stromberg (BHPS) said that many people are receptive to the restoration. / Margee reiterated that the township should maybe not support the Windsor Center, use the millage for the hall. Oberlin commented that the BHPS should get more than one bid on the foundation repair/replacement matter. Jim Brennan stated that many of the buildings at the museum were successfully moved to that destination and there should be another quote.

BHPS

Water Meters – Reading – There was some discussion about still trying to hire a meter reader. At this time Nelson will continue to estimate readings.

WATER METER READER

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

EGLE Sewer Lagoon – There was some discussion about the sewer lagoon and whether it not it would need repair. A motion was made by Nelson to authorize Oberlin to start talking to Coleman Engineers and UP Engineers about assistance in the matter as well as bids for potential repairs. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**EGLE/SEWER
LAGOON**

Chicaugon Lake Assn Milfoil Money Request – There was discussion again about whether to contribute. Benson-Stafford asked if the residents thought the Sunset Lake boat wash has helped in preventing milfoil. The consensus was yes. Benson-Stafford questioned why wouldn't a boat wash have the same result on Chicaugon Lake? There were opinions on why it did not work. The resident's opinions on whether the township should contribute were mixed. It was noted that Randy Jump and Krist Atanasoff dug the boat wash at Sunset Lake. Adams suggested that Oberlin should do a formal letter to the Chicaugon Lake homeowner's association regarding the current position of the Bates BOT, which is undecided as of this meeting.

**CHICAUGON
LAKE
MILFOIL \$
REQUEST**

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

Renewal 2 Mill Road Millage/Ballot Language – A motion was made by Franzene to approval the ballot language for the renewal of the 2 mills for roads and place it on the ballot of the November 2, 2021, special election. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**2 MILS ROAD
RENEWAL**

UP Rodeo – A motion was made by Oberlin to contribute \$50 to the organization for the upcoming event. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Jim Stolberg commented that the rodeo board has not been transparent with their financial statements, when asked to provide them.

UP RODEO

Westside Veterans Council – A motion was made by Oberlin to contribute \$250 to the organization to help defray costs for events that they provide. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. It was noted that the Westside Veterans Council has participated along with VFW Ottawa Post 3134 in the color guard presented every year for the Bates Memorial Day ceremony.

**WESTSIDE
VETERANS
COUNCIL**

MERS Budget Amendment – Clerk Benson-Stafford moved to amend the MERS budget from \$20,000 to \$22500 due to their increase in retirement costs for Konoske. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**MERS
BUDGET
AMNDMT**

UPSET – A motion was made by Franzene to contribute \$500 to UPSET for services provided. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

UPSET

GIS Mapping – Oberlin stated that there was a meeting of the municipalities and the County. The County has a budget to do GIS mapping. There will be discussions about whether the township would want to charge the county for our data files. The county would be using a different mapping service. Colligogis.com Oberlin just wanted the board to be aware of the matter. No action taken at this time.

**COUNTY GIS
MAPPING**

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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** – Inspection report was turned in and will be turned over to PW Benson for review and repairs. / **School** – Inspection report was turned in and will be turned over to PW Benson for review and repairs. / Clerk Benson-Stafford will have a septic company come into the school and snake one of the classroom sinks that is currently blocked.

COMMUNITY

Supervisor Oberlin acknowledged the passing of Bob Pozniak. Bob had served on the Board of Review for many years and was still a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Township was grateful for his faithful service and extends their condolences to the family.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Jim Brennan stated that he thought the Memorial Day service was wonderful. He was proud to be a Veteran and a Bates resident.
- ICECA monthly newsletter.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____