

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday - March 10, 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; Mike Golas, P&R & Sunset Lk Assn; Margee Brennan & Yvonne Anderson, ZBA; Gasser Gasperini, P&R; Krist Atanasoff, PC/ZBA; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 154,592.13
Sewer Fund:	\$ 89,094.98
Water Fund:	\$ 305,245.95
Road Fund:	\$ 243,617.58
Liquor Law:	\$

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated that CF City Mayor Mike McCarthy was chosen as the 911 municipal designated member. / The plat book will be put out for bids. It is printed every two years.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Oberlin stated that he estimates the dust control will be about \$12000 again this year. He will get a quote.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report with 2 new permits issued. He has answered several questions regarding spring and summer projects. /Violations: Court date is set for April 9 via zoom on the Mark Gasperini permit # 20 violation / ZBA granted one variance on 3/1/2021. / Permits to date: 3. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Public Works New Hire – The Board agreed to publish another help wanted ad.

NEW HIRE

Park Host – The Board agreed to publish a help wanted ad.

PARK HOST

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Oberlin reviewed the report. BOR week. / All affidavits from Veterans who received Disabled Veterans exemptions & one new one, were all processed at today's BOR. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR REPORT

2021-2022 BOT Public Meetings Notice – Clerk Benson-Stafford presented the board with the notice of the 2020-2021 meeting dates, to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. A motion was made by Nelson to accept the BOT Public Meeting Schedule for the 2021-2022 year. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. (Copy of meeting schedule attached to these minutes.)

BOT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Employee Wage Review – A motion was made by Adams to increase the full-time employee from \$25.75/hour to \$26.75/hour; and the part time employee from \$16.25/hour to \$17.25/hour, effective 4/1/2021. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE WAGE REVIEW

Social Media Policy – Supervisor Oberlin stated that during a recent Insurance risk assessment, it was recommended that the township have a social media policy. Action is tabled until the next meeting when a sample policy can be reviewed.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

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NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Hall & Pavilion Rental Agreements – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that during the same risk assessment it was recommended that the township modify their hall and pavilion rental agreements to cover events with alcohol. and the liability. No action taken, tabled until the next meeting when a sample policy can be reviewed.

**HALL/
PAVILION
RENTAL
AGREEMENT**

Township Meter Reader Position – The Board is currently waiting on an estimate on a new meter reading system. Oberlin stated that he had a conversation with another municipal Trustee, and they just do a flat fee in lieu of reading meters. No action taken; tabled until next meeting after more research can be done.

**METER
READER**

Park/Campground Weekly Inspections – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated that during the risk assessment it was recommended that the township have the park/campgrounds inspected weekly. No specific action taken, tabled until next meeting when it can be decided who can perform this task.

**PARK/CAMP
GROUND
INSPECTION**

Miskwaagamiwiziibi / UPEC grant – A grant of \$6000 has been approved by the UPEC. Rich Sloat is spearheading the project. UPEC needs to know if the township will be the fiduciary for the grant. There was some discussion, and it was determined that there will be another Parks & Rec meeting with Rich to clarify the details of the project and the verbiage of the grant application.

UPEC GRANT

Township Property Sale Resolution – A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to adopt a resolution giving the Township Board the authority to sell township property. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes, Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP
SALE OF
PROPERTY**

Financial Institution Deposit Resolution – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to adopt a resolution to continue to keep/use the accounts that the township currently has through the Miners State Bank; and reserve the right to use a second depository. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

**DEPOSIT
RESOLUTION**

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** – Nothing new report.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Margee Brennan/BHPS stated that there first project will be the front hall stairs. She has been talking to Connors about flooring. Krist Atanasoff stated that he would be donating materials to shore up the foundation.

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 7:09pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Date Approved: _____