

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 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, Trustee Adams & Trustee Franzene were present. Also, in attendance were Larry Nelson, PC; Mike Golas, Sunset Lk Assn/P&R; Yvonne Andersen, ZBA; Krist Atanasoff, ZBA, Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Sue Passamani & Betty Stromberg, BHPS; Cty Comm Stafford. Absent: 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 October 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.

General Fund:	\$ 132,955.58
Sewer Fund:	\$ 115,471.21
Water Fund:	\$ 341,931.98
Road Fund:	\$ 143,559.84

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated the County 2022 budget is available for public review. / The County approved a countywide GIS program which should be ready by the first quarter of 2022. Over the next two years the representatives from each municipality can interject ideas on the GIS functions. Oberlin said that after two years if the GIS does not meet expectations, then the township can pull out. Stafford stated that Stambaugh Twp and Iron River Twp may continue to maintain their own GIS.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Nothing new to report.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report with 3 new permits issued. / He has answered various zoning questions. / Violations: Permit # 20 violation – Arbitration on the Gasperini case has failed. The next court date is scheduled for December 1, 2021, unless there is a settlement before that. / Permits to date: 26. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Hall Preservation Society – Margee Brennan was absent. Betty Stromberg introduced Sue Passamani as the new Treasurer. Betty stated that they have had over 40 people, business’s & volunteers work on the project so far. She thanked Curtis for his work. The group did a presentation regarding the CoVantage Cares grant program which they received a grant from. There was discussion on the details of the matching grant. The BHPS wanted to know how much the township was willing to donate to the grant match. / The Board pointed out that when the township was seeking the resident’s input on the buildings (school & hall) and whether to keep and/or sell one or the other; there were a possible 928 surveys that could have been returned. 63 surveys were returned which indicated that the respondents wanted the township to keep both buildings. /There was also discussion that the township supports the BHPS endeavors but only has limited funds. / A motion for \$5000 and \$10000 for the program were made but died for lack of support and because the Board wanted more clarification on how the grant program worked. / A meeting will be scheduled with Mike Franzene, Jane Adams-Board of Trustees along with a CoVantage Cares representative and representatives from the BHPS. The clarification of grant details will be brought back to the Board of Trustees at a special meeting; date to be determined.

BHPS

BHPS Newsletter – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford for the Township to cover the cost of the BHPS newsletter that would go on the back of the winter tax billing. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

BHPS NEWSLTR

Mansfield Township Donation for Bates Hall Project – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to give the \$200 to CoVantage Cares for the grant matching program. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

BHPS MANSFIELD DONATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, (cont'd)

Hall Ceiling Fan/Lights – The BHPS purchased ceiling fans for the hall. Benson-Stafford made a motion that the township pay to have a licensed electrician install the ceiling fan/lights at the township’s expense. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BHPS
FANS/LIGHT**

BHPS Raffle – Members of the society requested the Boards permission to apply for a license to have a raffle. A motion was made by Oberlin to adopt a resolution for charitable gaming licenses on behalf of the BHPS. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BHPS RAFFLE

EGLE Sewer Lagoon – Nothing new to report. Waiting on a bid from UP Engineers.

**EGLE/SEWER
LAGOON**

Bates Park/Sunset Lake Vandalism – Oberlin is waiting on the State Police report.

**PARK
VANDALS**

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Assessor Report – No report received.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

Chgn Mine/Lambert Rd Waterlines – Oberlin said that in the future there is a possibility that Chgn Mine Rd waterline could be abandoned from Nelson to Lambert Rd, because there is only one customer.

**CHGN MINE
RD WTRLINE**

Phillips Rd & Helgemo Waterlines – A motion was made by Oberlin to go forward with a project requiring new valves/waterline replacement at a proposed cost of \$20,000. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**PHILLIPS &
HELGEMO RD
WATERLINES**

November 2 Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford stated the 2 road mills passed at the election. Out of 928 registered voters there was 140 ballots cast with 126 yes and 14 no. She thanked the election inspectors for their job well done.

**NOV 2
ELECTION**

Park Campground / Reservations or First Come – There was discussion as to whether to continue with reservations or revert back to a first come-first serve basis. Nelson will look into online payments/online reservations as an option. The Board has interviewed a potential 2022 park host but one of the challenges is the extra work required for taking reservations. Tabled until the next meeting.

**PARK CMPGD
RESERVE or
NOT**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – See comments above. / **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

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CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA monthly newsletter.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, 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, December 8, 2021.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Date Approved: _____