

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – February 9, 2022, 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 & Trustees Franzene & Adams were present. Also, in attendance were Yvonne Andersen, ZBA/BHPS; Jim Dennis, ZBA; Krist Atanasoff, PC/ZBA. Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart, Treasurer Nelson & Cty Comm Stafford.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 159,859.22
Sewer Fund:	\$ 116,579.96
Water Fund:	\$ 367,041.43
Road Fund:	\$ 159,664.27

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford was absent.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS -

Road Projects- Nothing new to report.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his January report with 1 new permit issued. / He has answered various zoning questions. / Violations: Permit # 20 violation – A settlement was reached. Reports states that settlement papers were signed, waiting for opposition signatures. / However, the township attorney sent an email just prior to the meeting stating that the judge asked that the “home siding requirement terms” be removed from the settlement. Supervisor Oberlin will talk to Atty Atanasoff and get more details. No action taken. / Permits to date: 1. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk. / Krist Atanasoff, ZBA member stated that the recent variance hearing went well.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Hall Preservation Society – Nothing new to report.

BHPS

Bates Park/Sunset Lake Vandalism – Supervisor Oberlin will get the police report and draft the letter. A resident stated that she hoped the township was not going to just give a “slap on the wrist” considering the number of youths that are allowed to “get away” things. She sees it every day in our school systems an in public. Oberlin stated that the township was going to send a bill for the repairs and ban them from the park/campground for a period of time.

PARK VANDALS

Board Salary Resolutions – A motion was made by Adams to authorize an annual increase of \$2000 for the Treasurer position. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to authorize an increase of the monthly meeting fee to \$300 for up to two meeting for Trustee Adams. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, abstain. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to authorize an increase of the monthly meeting fee to \$300 for up to two meeting for Trustee Franzene. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, abstain. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Adams to authorize an annual increase of \$3000 for the Clerk position. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, abstain. Motion carried. / A motion was made by Franzene to authorize an annual increase of \$1000 for the Supervisor position. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, abstain. Motion carried. / Adams stated that the Board may do a resolution in the future regarding an annual cost of living increase, budget permitting, instead of the officials going for years without an increase. / Increases are effective April 1, 2022.

BOARD SALARY RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Clerk Benson-Stafford gave the report. March Board of Review dates are March 8th-Board organizational meeting at 9:00. March 16th 9:00am-3:00pm. March 18th 3:00pm-9:00pm. / By the end of this year the state will mandate new statutory requirements relative to assessing. There will be more information on this at the May board meeting. / The County will be publishing the 2022 Equalization tentative ratios mid-month.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

Planning Commission Re-appointments – A motion was made Oberlin to reappoint Corey Shankleton (term will end 1/9/2005), Larry Nelson (term will end 3/10/2024) and David Koski (term will end 9/14/2022) as members of the planning commission. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

PC APPTS.

Zoning Board of Appeals Reappointment – A motion was made by Oberlin to reappoint Margee Brennan (term will end 12/1/2024) to the zoning board of appeals. Supported by Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZBA APPTS.

2021-2022 Budget Amendments – A motion was made Oberlin to create dept 282 for ARPA funds and dept 201 for township office equipment/supplies, as well as move the respective revenues/expenditures to the new departments. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**2021-2022
BUDGET
AMENDMENT**

2022-2023 Budget – The budget is available for 30 days for public review.

**2022-2023
BUDGET**

Lawn mower – A motion was made Oberlin to authorize the purchase of a new zero turn lawnmower from US 2 Rental for \$6000. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous.

**LAWN
MOWER**

Backhoe Roof – The backhoe roof melted under the radiant heat in the shop. The previous backhoe roof was made of steel. The cost to replace would be \$936 plus freight with the employees installing it. The Clerk will check with the insurance company to see how a claim could affect rates and what the deductible is. Tabled until next meeting.

**BACKHOE
ROOF**

New Truck Estimates– Two estimates were received one from Town & Country Ford, with our trade of \$23830 cost would be \$26740 which includes light bar, 7.3L engine, deflector & plow. Florence Motors estimate was much higher and not a consideration with a lessor trade in value. Krist suggested trying Eagle River Ford. Employees will get an estimate from them. Tabled until next meeting.

**NEW TRUCK
ESTIMATES**

Shop Extension – Estimates will be late. Tabled until next meeting.

**SHOP
EXTENSION**

Department Wages – A motion was made by Oberlin to do the following department wage increases: Public Works Superintendent from \$26.75/hr to \$27.55/hr. Public Works Parttime Employee from \$17.25/hr to \$18.25/hr. Zoning Administrator from \$450/month to \$475/month. Election Inspector Chairperson from \$15/hr to \$18/hr and Election Inspector from \$13/hr to \$15/hr. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DEPT WAGES

Rate Increases – A motion was made by Oberlin to raise the rental rates as follows effective April 1, 2022, with the “already booked rentals grandfathered in at the current rates.” The park pavilion rental rate from \$75 to \$100; the camping rate from \$15 to \$18; the hall rental rate from \$75 to \$100 with \$100 security deposit, weddings to \$250 with \$250 security deposit; and remove the “consecutive day rental option.” Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**RATE
INCREASES**

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

ICECA – A motion was made by Oberlin to pledge support for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$2763, since the County has a current agreement with the ICECA. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ICECA
PLEDGE**

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. / The township is waiting for a response from Otis Elevator. / Pickle Ball will be in the gym for about 4-6 weeks the end of February-March due to the Windsor gym getting a renovation.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Adams encouraged the Board to consider updating the township signs since Nick Baumgartner has gone to the Olympics again in 2022. / She wanted to take a moment for all to recognize the loss of Myrna Cook who was an Election Inspector for many years. / She stated that the BOR members attended annual training and expressed the importance of all committee members getting training for the boards that they serve on.

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mark Bromley, ICECA, thanked the Board for their support. / He gave an overview of the ICECA's recent accomplishments & goals.

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: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Date Approved: _____