

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 8, 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, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Bonnie Hager, Park Host; Mike Golas, P&R; County Comm Stafford; Ernie Schmidt, ICRC; Residents. Absent: Assessor Erhart.

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 May 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

General Fund:	\$ 221,187.04
Sewer Fund:	\$ 129,859.44
Water Fund:	\$ 397,010.86
Road Fund:	\$ 258,624.18

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated that the County meeting is June 14th, so there is nothing new to report at this time.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that dust control will be June 27th & 28th. / He thanked the 12 people that showed up for the roadside cleanup. / He stated that the ICRC is currently working on estimates for Andreski Plat Rd.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton was absent. Supervisor Oberlin gave an overview of the report which was as follows: 4 new permits issued. / A zoning variance was granted for 895 Little Finland Rd. / A variance for 137 Noren Rd was granted. / Two new zoning violations were issued. / The new zoning applications are now in use. / Permits to date: 13. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Margee Brennan stated that they are waiting on Mountain Engineering. / Gary Pisoni did a survey. / The rummage sale fundraiser will be held at the Bates School gym July 2-3 and volunteers are welcome. / To date over 100 bricks have been sold for that fundraiser. / Bigari Hardware “roundup” will go through 7/4/2022. / A few tables will be needed for the rummage sale. The Township does not let them out, however an exception was made for the rummage sale event.

BHPS UPDATE

EGLE Sewer Lagoon- PW Benson stated that UP Engineers is testing cells 3 & 4, & 1 as well.

EGLE-SEWER LAGOON

Bates Township / Nick Baumgartner Sign - Oberlin stated that he had not checked with KC regarding having the sign at the hall. He will do that for the next meeting.

BATES SIGN-NICK BAUMGARTNER

Lift Stations Generators – The generators have been ordered and a down payment made.

SEWER LIFT STATION GENERATOR

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR REPORT

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NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Iron County E-Waste Day – Reminder that July 23rd from Noon – 4:00PM the Iron Baraga Conservation District will collect E-Waste at the Township Hall. No cost for most items, however there may be copays depending on what you bring, and some items may not be accepted. Complete list in the township office.

**BATES
EWASTE DAY**

Park Hosts – The park hosts are having problems with people using the showers that are not campers. Oberlin suggested taping off “showers” on the signs on US2. / Ernie Schmidt said not to waste time building partitions in the bathrooms. / There were suggestions to cut the showers off and not offer them. / Also, problems with people smoking in the bathrooms.

**PARK
UPDATE**

Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes Proposal – A proposal was received to be the new Township Attorneys. Nelson stated that she enjoys their weekly newsletters which are highly informative, and their rates are comparable. / Stafford said that if there was a necessity for a courtroom appearance, they would engage a UP Attorney that would appear at the direction and under the guidance of FSBR. / Oberlin stated that he was not pleased with the current advice received on the Permit violation. / A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to appoint FSBR as the new Township Attorneys effective immediately. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Oberlin said he would do a letter to Attorney Atanasoff.

**ATTORNEY
CHANGE**

Iron County Fair Book Ad – A motion was made by Oberlin to place the ad for \$71. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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FAIRBOOK**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Lift station #3 landscaping will be corrected at homeowners’ expense to comply with township requirements. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Nothing new to report. / **School** – Nothing new to report.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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GUEST COMMENTS

- Jim Andersen asked Oberlin if he contacted the Drain Commissioner because no one reached out to the Andersen’s. Oberlin stated that he contacted the Drain Commissioner the day after the last meeting. / Ron Frailing said that he would look into it also.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA monthly newsletter.
- Par Plan rebate of \$511.36
- Windsor Center Programs - Informational Brochure
- Book Box Day

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Date Approved: _____