

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Trustees Franzene & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; ZA Shankleton; Yvonne Andersen, ZBA; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; County Comm Stafford; Residents. Absent: Treasurer Nelson, Assessor Erhart.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of October 2022 was submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Adams to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Adams, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 144,717.93
Sewer Fund:	\$ 132,222.74
Water Fund:	\$ 341,897.87
Road Fund:	\$ 129,986.14

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated the meeting had been moved from Tuesday, November 8 to Monday, November 14. Nothing else new to report.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated there was nothing new to report.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was absent. No report available.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton stated that he has been working with compliance issues. / He has been answering calls. / One new permit was issued. / Permits to date: 21. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Brennan stated that they are continuing to fund raise and seek out grants. They are also waiting on bids. There will be a bake sale on Friday at Bigari Hardware. / The goal is to re-establish the hall as a gathering place.

BHPS UPDATE

Water Meter Reader – Richard Spencer will take the new meter reader around for the November readings. MBS Tech had to help Core & Main get the new gun implemented. Reading will be done November 25th.

WATER METER READER

UPEA Sewer Lagoon/ Letter of Intent– Testing is still being done. Chris Holmes of UP Engineers is working with EGLE on behalf of Bates. Nothing new to report at this time.

UPEA SEWER LAGOON

Bates Township Rec Plan 2023-2028 – Mike Stafford, Parks & Rec Chairperson stated that the plan is available for 30-day review and public comment. / It was determined that the hall is not a recreation asset and not eligible for DNR grants. The Legacy Park doesn’t exist yet, so it does not qualify either. Weddings, parties, are social events, not recreation. The reason the Windsor Center is in the rec plan is because they have recreation, and this is considered partnering with another entity. A motion was made by Adams to begin the 30-day public review on the plan. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REC PLAN 2023-2028

Rogers Location Quit Claim Deed – Benson-Stafford is still waiting on the Attorney for direction. The QC deed was rejected by the Register of Deeds office because it was not drafted correctly by the previous civil counsel.

ROGERS LOC QUIT CLAIM DEED

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report. A motion was made by Oberlin to remove this item agenda and only place on the agenda as needed, as requested by Benson-Stafford. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Water Repair, Replacement Fund – Benson-Stafford made a transfer request to cover expenses for the Wagner Lake waterline repair project. A motion was made by Adams to transfer \$30,000 from 591-000-003-100 to 591-000-001. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**WATER DEPT
FUNDS
TRANSFER**

Zero-Turn Lawnmower – A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the purchase of a zero-turn lawnmower t \$8890 from US2 Rental. Lawnmower will not arrive until April 2023. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ZERO TURN
LAWNMWR**

Bates Amasa Rd Waterline Abandonment – The waterline from the Mathews property to the river has been under consideration for abandonment. Oberlin will talk to the property owners first. Tabled until next meeting.

**WTLINE
ABANDON-
MENT**

Three Year Road Plan – Oberlin stated that his plan would be 2023-Helgemo Rd from US2 to the top of the hill, prep Andreski Plat-possible scarify & dust control; 2024-Finish prep and pave Andreski Plat & dust control; 2025-Midsummer Dr/Bates portion & dust control. No action taken, table until next meeting.

**THREE YEAR
ROAD PLAN**

Election – Benson-Stafford thanked the voters for voting and the Election Inspectors for the incredible job that they do for each election. Great turnout.

ELECTION

GEI/ MDNR Spark Grants – Ryan with GEI gave an overview of the grants and what they can be used for. At this time the township would be looking at the park restrooms upgrade, boat launch and playground equipment. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the \$1500 estimate for GEI to go through the application process on behalf of the township. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes; Adams, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**MDNR
SPARKS
GRANT**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** –Nothing new to report. / **School** – Benson-Stafford stated that the Electrician will probably add a new circuit.

GUEST COMMENTS

- ICECA – Brett reminded of upcoming events; shop local and Christmas in Lights.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA
- BHPS Information Packets.

INVOICE APPROVAL

Trustee Franzene made a motion 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

Trustee Adams made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Clerk Benson-Stafford. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk
Date Approved: _____