

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – September 14, 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, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene & Adams present. Also, in attendance were Benson & Powell, PW; Margee Brennan, ZBA/BHPS; Sue Passamani, BHPS; Bonnie Hager, Park Host; Mike Golas, P&R; Yvonne Andersen, ZBA; Monica Franzmeier, Elections; Larry Nelson, PC; Krist Atanasoff, PC; Ron Frailing, ICRC; County Comm Stafford; Assessor Erhart; Residents. Absent: ZA Shankleton.

ATTENDEES

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

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of August 2022 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.

General Fund:	\$ 158,034.44
Sewer Fund:	\$ 122,003.95
Water Fund:	\$ 309,727.85
Road Fund:	\$ 135,896.16

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Comm Stafford stated that Pentoga Park will be 100 years old. On September 19th, the BOC meeting will be held at the park at 4:00pm. There will be cake.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin stated that E. Lake Emily blacktop project is complete. / Still waiting on Andreski Plat Rd update.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – ZBA Shankleton was absent. Supervisor Oberlin gave an overview of the zoning report. / There were multiple complaints about 653 Sunset Lake Rd however after further review, EGLE visited the site and the scope of work that has been completed so far is within the scope of the permit. / There were several permit violations found by the Assessor. Shankleton will be reviewing them and will proceed accordingly. / Permits to date: 16. / A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Bates Hall Preservation Society Update – Sue Passamani introduced 2 new directors to the BHPS: Sharon Stockero Ryden & Fay Frailing. / The Township Board was given detailed drawings and plans for the proposed project. / Margee Brennan was present with Myron Berry-Mountain Engineering & Bob Berndt. She stated that the movers will guarantee their cost for next year. They continue to seek out grants. They are currently talking to 2 basement contractors. Rich Bekkala has agreed to design Legacy Park (brick park). / At this time, they are seeking permission to get estimates based upon the current area on the lawn where the hall would be moved to. / Oberlin questioned why they are not just putting the basement underneath the hall where it currently sits. Passamani stated that their research indicates that this would just be a band aid approach. Franzene stated that his research indicates that there would not be a problem putting the basement under the hall where it sits. It could be done. Passamani added that there would be a problem with the location of the front porch/steps. Benson & Powell spoke about MDOT setbacks and why they did not choose to just move the hall parallel to where it sits instead of at an angle. / Oberlin stated that the township is planning on putting in a new septic, but he has an issue with any other costs that may be incurred because of the building being moved to the proposed location. Franzene agreed. PB Benson questioned if the BHPS is going to pay for all of the costs involved with moving the utilities. That was confirmed. / A motion was made by Franzene to approve the proposed new location of the hall so that the BHPS could seek out estimates only. Supported by Adams. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes with reservations; Adams, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BHPS UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

EGLS Sewer Lagoon– The Board was given the graph of readings. There will further testing of the wells within the next month.

**EGLS-SEWER
LAGOON**

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was present and gave her report. / Many PRE forms had to be returned to property owners for correct or missing information. / She is currently dealing with an ineligible Disabled Veterans Exemption. / Several structures were discovered that do not appear to have zoning and/or building permits. She provided details and photographs to the Zoning Administrator and the Building Construction Code office. Adams asked what the course of action would be for the violations. Oberlin stated that currently the fine is 4 times the cost of the \$35 permit for zoning.

**ASSESSOR
REPORT**

Bates Township Rec Plan 2023-2028 – There will be a public hearing September 20th at the hall at 6:00pm to gather public input and ideas for the rec plan.

**REC PLAN
2023-2028**

Cemetery Decoration October 1st Removal – Ad has been published.

**CEMETERY
DECO AD**

Old Trailer – A motion was made by Oberlin to accept a \$100 bid to purchase the old trailer. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

**OLD
TRAILER**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hall-Nothing new to report. / **Shop**– Nothing new to report. / **Water** – PW Benson stated they are clearing a section of Wagner Lake Rd to prep for a waterline repair. / Irma Mathews has passed away and years ago it was decided the waterline would not be severed until she passed. Topic up for review. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Oberlin stated that he talked to Louis at General Concrete, and he will repair the boat launch in the spring. / **School** – Benson-Stafford is gathering information on the electric issues at the school.

Old Dumps – A motion was made by Franzene to allow G&G Service to remove at no cost to the township some rocks in exchange he will level an area for the township to use in the future for resident’s seasonal lawn clippings. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Adams, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DUMPS

Park Campground Host – Benson-Stafford expressed the boards thanks to Bonnie for the excellent job. The Township will retain her one more month to maintain the restrooms until they are closed for the season. She stated she has ideas for next summer such as Bingo on the Beach, Cornhole Tournaments, etc.

**PARK
CAMPGRND
HOST**

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

- ICECA
- IC Reporter – Fire Prevention Week Ad- A motion was made by Oberlin to send the WIC Fire Dept a \$50 contribution instead of doing the newspaper ad. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

INVOICE APPROVAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____