

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –Regular**

*February 7, 2006*

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in Regular Session, Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at the Office/Service Complex. Chairman Clepper called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Trustees, Archie Wilson, Lee Cornett, Deborah Clepper, Administrator Rex Parsons, and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Haley. Those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Cornett motioned to approve the minutes from the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Clepper seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mrs. Clepper	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Wilson	abstain	Motion carried

Chairman Clepper called for Deputy Boerger to give his monthly report. He approached the Board and reviewed the statistics from January. There was additional discussion pertaining to concerns in the Braxton Parke subdivision.

Chairman Clepper called for review of the vouchers, warrants, or purchase orders. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the vouchers, warrants or purchase orders as presented per dates shown. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mrs. Clepper	yes	Motion carried.

Clerk Haley stated that she received notice from Mr. Carlton stating that he would like to purchase 8 gravesites within the Lucy Run Cemetery in the amount of \$3500.00. The Board was in agreement to sign the deed.

Mr. Cornett motioned to approve for the Township to join the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development in the amount of \$1,595.00. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mrs. Clepper	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried.

Mr. Parsons informed the Board of a 2005 tax bill received from the Auditors Office in regards to the purchase of new property in the amount of \$100.62. He noted that he will apply for tax exempt status.

Mrs. Kelley approached the Board and gave her zoning report for January. She detailed the upcoming zoning cases adding that Mr. Wocher will be doing a workshop for the BZA Board. There was discussion pertaining to the clean up with Way Out Recycling adding that efforts are being made to maintain that property.

Mr. Wilson motioned to waive the BZA application fee for temporary signage for the Clermont County Home Show. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes
Mrs. Clepper	yes
Mr. Wilson	yes

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman called for resident Wayne Porter to speak on behalf of his family's project. Mr. Porter explained to the Board the nature of his project, which is called The Batavia Agricultural Resource Network, Inc. He stated that they are looking for support and board member candidates to help with their non-profit project. The Board congratulated Mr. Porter on his work and agreed to help promote the success of his project.

Chairman welcomed Jacob Bezel, a boy scout from Troop 977.

### **SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Embry stated that were new additions to the Township road system. Mr. Cornett motioned to accept (.227) Cedar Hill Drive, an extension of (.078) Apple Wood Drive, (.135) Apple Tree Drive and (.037) Apple Court, into the Batavia Township road system. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Wilson	yes
Mrs. Clepper	yes
Mr. Cornett	yes

Motion carried.

He further stated that they were accepting bids for the cemetery mowing. He stated that he did receive a proposal from MRDD for \$381.00 per cut of all 4 cemeteries, which is a 20% increase from last year. However, he stated that he feels this is a good organization and he would like to recommend keeping MRDD due to their good work. Mr. Wilson motioned to accept the 2006 proposal from MRDD for cemetery landscaping. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mrs. Clepper	yes
Mr. Wilson	yes
Mr. Cornett	yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Embry discussed a request from Mr. Davis, President of Ramco Inc., to open cut Curtliss Lane to provide sewer to his facility. There was additional discussion pertaining to boring or open cut. Mr. Embry gave recommendation to not deviate from policy. The Board accepted his recommendation and denied Mr. Davis' request. The Board encouraged Mr. Embry to manage these types of issues as deemed necessary.

There was discussion regarding the hiring of temporary employees and repairs to the existing Township roof. It was noted that the Township Clean Up Days would be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM & May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Mr. Cornett motioned to approve the installation of ceiling fans in the maintenance bays for at total of \$1800.00. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mrs. Clepper	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	Motion carried

There was a short discussion on storm water issues.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the proposed 2006 contract with legal council at \$145.00 per hour. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mrs. Clepper	yes	Motion carried.

Mr. Parsons discussed the gas service to the new building. He reviewed the different options available to run the lines.

There was discussion about the increase with the Townships dental insurance. Mr. Parsons reviewed the different plans and options. Mr. Wilson motioned to stay with the current dental plan. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mrs. Clepper	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried.

Mr. Parsons gave the Board an easement from Cinergy to be signed by the Trustees to provide electric service to the new Township building.

Discussion ensued about interior finishes to the new Township building.

Mr. Parsons stated that he has received good feedback letters and referrals in regards to Mr. Arno's work for website creation. Mr. Cornett motioned to hire Mr. Arno to

reconstruct the Townships website for the amount of \$600.00 and to approve the funds for Mrs. Green to take 3 web classes at \$295.00 per class. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Mr. Wilson	yes
Mrs. Clepper	yes
Mr. Cornett	yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Parsons showed the Board the Townships sign inspection report. The Board reviewed and initialed the report.

Mr. Parsons gave a report on the Ford plant. He spoke of the possible impact the closing will have on the Township. He noted that the plant had a 75% tax abatement with the Township. There was additional discussion pertaining to the creation of a JEDDD (Joint Economic Development District) to levy an income tax on the workers of the Ford plant. It was noted that the Trustees are not receptive to this idea at all.

The Board discussed the next Town Hall meeting, with it being determined to hold the meeting at the new Batavia Township community center in September 2006.

It was noted that 3 scouts from Troop 926 was present.

Cinergy has requested to work in the right of way on Judd Road for the Twin Gates subdivision, with it being noted that Mr. Embry was in agreement to this request. Also, Cincinnati Bell also requested an easement for work at Judd Road and the Little Creek subdivision. The Board was in agreement to allow work for both request.

Mr. Wilson requested that Mr. Parsons check with Cinergy in regards to electrical problems and outages in the area.

There was discussion about Clermont County's road improvement list. It was noted that it does not seem to be focused on Batavia Township roads.

Mrs. Clepper updated the Board on the committee reports. It was noted that the Trustees would like to ask the Village to alternate meeting locations.

Chairman then called for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

Mr. Wilson motioned to go into executive session for personnel discussion. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mrs. Clepper	yes
Mr. Wilson	yes
Mr. Cornett	yes

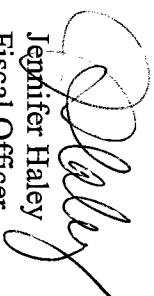
Motion carried.

The Board reconvened back to regular session.

As there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.



Deborah Clepper,  
Chairman



Jennifer Haley  
Fiscal Officer,