

April 7, 2009 – REGULAR SESSION

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at the Batavia Township Community Center.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Fiscal Officer Jennifer Haley gave the roll call for the Board of Trustees. Present were: Mr. Cornett, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Sauls. Also present were Rex Parsons, Administrator, and Denise Kelley, Zoning Administrator.

Mr. Sauls motioned to approve the Minutes for the meetings of March 3rd, March 9th, and March 16th. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried

Mr. Cornett recommended the Board of Trustees motioned to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried

FISCAL OFFICER

Ms. Haley gave her report. Mr. Sauls motioned to approve the financial reports as presented. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	Motion carried

CEMETERY DEED

There was a deed transfer for the Proud family.

RECOGNITION

Mr. Wilson wished to recognize Deputy Bill Crouch. On January 5, he was called to a home for a fire. Deputy Crouch entered the home, removed the occupant, who was in a wheelchair, and two dogs, and brought them to safety.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Haley introduced Morgyn Robinson who is requesting support for her project for her senior exit action project (SEAP) at Amelia High School. Her presentation consisted of a request for an automated external defibrillator (AED) at the Bachelier Park.

Mr. Wilson introduced Ron Hill from the Historical Society. He gave his presentation.

Mr. Wilson introduced Debbie Clepper who gave an update on the Williamsburg to Batavia Hike-Bike trail.

Mr. Wilson discussed with the Board about complaints concerning unsubscribed advertisements/papers being thrown into driveways, even homes that are not occupied. Mr. Parsons will follow up on this.

Kate Hatton lives in Tall Trees subdivision. She had concerns regarding the dissolution of Amelia.

PUBLIC HEARING ZONING CASES

Mrs. Kelley presented the cases and the zoning codes.

Covered Bridge Reserve B-07-04Z - The original applicants were Mr. Hearsel Gorman and Mark Herrmann. Mr. Gorman is present requesting extension of the zoning for 18 months. Mr. Cornett motioned to approve the extension. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried

Fairfield Ridge B-06-04Z – Represented by Mr. Randy Perry and Kathy Dieckmann-Meyer. Mr. Perry is present and requests an 18 month extension on the final development plan. Mr. Sauls motioned to approve the extension. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	Motion carried

StreamSide B-08-04Z - The applicants are Hal Silverman and the Joseph Urban family. Mr. Cornett motioned to approve an 18 month zoning extension. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	Motion carried

Orchard Hill B-04-07Z - The property is owned by the Glaug Family and Mr. Glaug is present for questions. This is for an extension of a preliminary development plan. Mr. Cornett recommended approving the 18 month extension. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	Motion carried

Trautmann Farms Preserve B-13-04Z – The property owners are John Trautmann and Joyce Reynolds. There was no response from the owner for an extension approval. Mr. Wilson motioned to deny the extension. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	no	
Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	Motion carried

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelley gave her report. There were eleven houses built last month. Dave continues working on violations. Her report included activity of the Zoning Board and the BZA.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Parsons gave his report. A Batavia Township resident wrote a thank you for the maintenance crew keeping the roads cleared during the snow and icy conditions. Also a thank-you letter was presented from the Clermont County General Health District for the use of the Township facility.

Rex, Denise Kelley, and Chief Kevin Riley met with Jim Kiefer from Great Traditions Development Company regarding turning over property to the Township for a firehouse on Stonelick-Olive Branch road. They will address issues of concern in their next meeting before presenting to the Trustees.

On March 19, Rex and Ken Embry met with the County Engineers and Silverhawke Contractor regarding the surface of Old State Route 32 and Bauer Road. The contractor will be resurfacing the road in the near future.

Rex wrote a letter to Jay Hamilton of ODOT supporting the Mt. Holly Christian Church’s request for a guardrail between their building and State. Route 125.

As a reminder, we are having Township Clean-up Days on May 1 and 2. This will be at both locations. There will be an advertisement in the paper.

Clean and Green liter pickup will take place Saturday April 18 from 9 to 12.

OLD BUSINESS

Baseball Fields - Rex Parsons and Jim Sauls met with Jim McDonough of UC Clermont regarding the development of the Township property for ball fields.

Apple Road – The County is working on the culvert-widening project which will start in late spring - early summer.

War Memorial – The Committee will approach the trustees at the next meeting, Wednesday, May 6.

Property Maintenance Code – Denise will gather information for another time.

Equipment Purchase – Ken Embry gave his presentation concerning the purchase of a new dump truck. Lee Cornett motioned to purchase a new truck. Jim Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	Motion carried

There was discussion on a possible satellite salt barn at a Clough Pike facility with a shed for mowers, etc. The Board directed Ken Embry to obtain bids on mowing our properties.

NEW BUSINESS

RESIGNATION

Mr. Jim Sauls motioned the Board of Trustees accept the letter of resignation from Matt Smith effective March 20, 2009. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr.Sauls	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	Motion carried

LIQUOR PERMIT

Mr. Cornett motioned the Trustees approve Fuegos Mexican Grill and Bar’s request for a new liquor permit. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	Motion carried

SEASONAL EMPLOYEE

Mr. Wilson motioned for the Board of Trustees to approve the advertisement for a seasonal employee for the Maintenance Department. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried

Rex and Ken are performing second interviews for a full-time maintenance position.

CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

This is a Federal program passed on to the county government to administer the program locally. Rex is applying for the Grant due April 24th to be used in 2010. Mr. Parsons would like to see funds appropriated this year for park improvements at the Township. Mr. Sauls motioned to adopt **Resolution 4-1-09**. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	Motion carried

Jennifer Haley notified the Board she will be attending the local government conference on April 23-24 in Columbus, Ohio.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Archie Wilson,
Chairman

Jennifer Haley,
Fiscal Officer