

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session Tuesday, November 1, 2011, 6:00 p.m., at the Batavia Township Community Center.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the November 1, 2011 agenda as presented. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	Motion carried

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the October 4th regular meeting, and the October 18th and October 27th special meetings as presented. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Dowdney	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried

FISCAL OFFICER FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Haley gave her report. Over the next couple weeks Ms. Haley and Mr. Parsons will be reviewing the temporary appropriations for next year. Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the October 2011 financial reports as presented. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	Motion carried

Bond Payment

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the second bond payment for 2011 which is due December 1st. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Dowdney	yes	
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Mr. Sauls yes
Mr. Cornett yes Motion carried

DEPUTY REPORT

Deputy Chris Allen gave the October 2011 Batavia Township report for the Sheriff's office. The VFW in Batavia will be having their annual parade on November 11, 2011 which will begin at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Allen and Deputy Brewer will take part in the parade.

September 27 and 28 the Clermont County Sheriff's office did their yearly marijuana eradication. There were a total of 132 plants ceased in two days, 54 came out of Batavia Township.

For the month of October there were 288 calls, of which 141 reports were generated. There were 14 adult arrests and 11 juvenile arrests, and \$6,700 in stolen property was recovered.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Parsons introduced Peggy Lyle, director of a non-profit organization, A.R.F. (Animal Rescue Fund) which was founded in 1980. It specializes in finding homes for stray dogs and cats. It is also a home for horses, goats, llamas, deer, chickens, and ducks. It is a 'no kill' facility located on 17 acres, 85 Lucy Run Road, Amelia. Peggy gave the history of A.R.F. A plaque was presented to Ms. Lyle to recognize A.R.F. as a valuable member of the Batavia Township Community.

After Mr. Parsons gave a brief history of how the pond on the Township property was designed, he introduced Austin Edwards, Boy Scout for his Eagle project which included a stone sign located at the Township pond with stones and landscaping. Austin, present with his parents Rick and Marcia, spoke about the project. Also present was the original pond development project supervisor Gary Wilms who had two oak trees saved during the building of the pond, thus the name of Twin Oaks Pond. Pictures were taken of Mr. Wilms with Austin.

ZONING CASE B-03-11Z WOODBURY GLEN

Mrs. Kelley summarized the case. Zoning Consultant Jonathan Wocher presented the case and offered a summary. The applicant is requesting approval to have 60 feet and 8,000 square feet lots and a change to the side and rear yards. Mr. Parlin, V.P. of HPA Development Group gave his reasons for the change. Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Trustees accept the modification. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett yes
Mr. Sauls yes Motion carried
Mr. Dowdney yes

REPORTS OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelley presented copies of her report to the Trustees. Four single family homes are started for October and a 14-unit condo.

The Zoning Commission has no meetings scheduled for November. The Board of Zoning Appeals had two cases in October and none scheduled for November. The Trustees were informed one seat expires for the Zoning Commission and one for the BZA.

REPORTS OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Parsons attended the PAYT (pay as you throw) seminar. This was a workshop is for garbage removal and the improvements/changes being made to this type of service.

Mr. Parsons met with Duke Energy. They are moving forward with automated Meter Readers and automated meters. They will start in the Village of Batavia.

The concession/restroom facility is nearly complete and ready for inspection. The ribbon cutting ceremony is Wednesday, November 2nd at noon.

Mr. Parsons spoke about the Batavia Village annexation of the Wiedenbein property. The objection to the petition as it was written was filed with the Commissioners office on Thursday, October 27th. The Commissions will possibly hear this issue on November 16th.

Mr. Parsons gleaned some history on Batavia Township from John Finegan at the Township Association. Through August 2011, there were 1,517 households enrolled in the Duke Energy retail program. The current number of active accounts is down to 1,099 due to people moving, disconnections, other providers, etc. The total savings to date is \$269,831.62, averaging \$250.00 per home, and an overall savings for all of Clermont County was over a million dollars.

Mr. Parsons is researching health insurance prices.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial will be held at the Township Center on Armistice Day (Veterans Day), Friday, November 11th at 4:00 p.m. Veterans Services are handling the plans. The Trustees are invited. This is open to the public. There will be a parade that evening and both of our Sheriff Deputy cruisers will be in the parade.

The Township Clean-Up Days was down about 10% with 102 people using the facilities during the two days.

Mr. Parsons discussed the Shared Services Agreement. Ken Embry and Wayne Smith are working on a shared agreement for snow removal (not a maintenance issue) between East Bauman Lane and State Route 222, the dead-end part of Old 222.

Employee evaluations will be presented to the Trustees to be completed at the next meeting.

The Middle East Fork Watershed Balanced Growth Plan document will need review by the Trustees.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Mr. Sauls gave the report for CJFED. There will be a meeting November 16th. They will be looking at specs for a new ambulance.

Mr. Dowdney gave his report for the Cemetery Board. The next meeting will be Thursday November 3rd.

Bauer Road Tile

The tile was purchased but the gas line main running across the tile is being relocated so this project may take place in the spring.

Old 74-Olive Branch Road Intersection

The County has an agreement to put up the temporary lights until the road project is complete.

OTAN

Mr. Parsons will be attending the Ohio Tax Administrators Network Meeting in Columbus Friday. He shared the agenda with the Board. Discussion followed.

FEMA FUNDS

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Trustees authorize Rex A. Parsons, Township Administrator to sign documents relative to securing the FEMA funds for the Lucy Run Cemetery Road improvements. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	Motion carried

SALT LOADER

There was discussion regarding equipment rental or equipment purchase. The Trustees will revisit this in the spring.

Resolution 11-1-2011

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Trustees approve **Resolution 11-1-2011** relative to assessing property taxes for nuisance abatement work performed at 3818 State Route 132, Batavia Township in the amount of \$1,173.42. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Parade Detour

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Trustees approve the Christmas parade route detour as proposed by the Village of Amelia and approved by the Clermont County Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Dowdney	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried

Chamber Membership

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Trustees approve payment for 2012 Clermont Chamber of Commerce dues in the amount of \$500.00. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dowdney motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Lee Cornett,
Chairman

Jennifer Haley,
Fiscal Officer