

MARCH 2, 2010 – REGULAR SESSION

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session Tuesday March 2, 2010 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. Wilson, Mr. Cornett, Mr. Sauls, and Fiscal Officer, Jennifer Haley. Also present were Rex Parsons, Township Administrator, and Denise Kelley, Zoning Administrator.

WORKSHOP

Rex Parsons gave a power-point presentation on the budget and appropriations.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION

Mr. Parsons introduced Batavia Township’s newest business, Superior Steel Service, 2760 Old State Route 32, owned by Jeff and Lisa Brewsaugh. They are a special order business, a structural miscellaneous steel fabricator. Mr. Wilson welcomed them to the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting as presented. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Cornett motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the February 12, 2010 meeting as presented. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

FISCAL OFFICER

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the 2009 end of year and the February 2010 financial reports. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

CEMETERY DEEDS

Ms. Haley presented the purchase of 2 different graves in the Olive Branch Cemetery for signature of the Trustees.

LAWN MOWING B.I.D. OPENINGS

Three bids were taken for mowing the Clough Pike township property as well as 2401 Old State Route 32. Mr. Parsons opened the bids in the order they were received.

1. Straight Line Landscaping: For 1535 Clough Pike, section A, mowing was \$350.00. Section B is \$500.00. The hourly rate is \$35.00. For 2401 State Route 32, the ‘per cut’ is \$140.00.
2. Legendary Lawn and Landscape: For 1535 Clough Pike, section A, weekly mowing was \$299.00. Section B, the weekly cut is \$230.00. For 2401 State Route 32, the weekly cut is \$140.00. The hourly rate is \$25.00 for additional work.
3. Yard Masters: For 1535 Clough Pike, section A was \$399.00. Section B is \$600.00. For 2401 State Route 32, the price per cut is \$155.00. The hourly rate is \$35.00.

Bids submitted will be discussed by the Board of Trustees.

CONTINUATION OF OVERLAY DISTRICT/SITE PLAN REVIEW

Mr. Woche gave brief overview of the meeting of February 12, 2010. The applicant has provided updated survey with minor changes regarding street names. The Township has also received some correspondence from the Clermont County Building Department and the Sewer and Water District in response to questions. The Vice President of U.C., Fred Reynolds, the Dean of U.C. Clermont, and from Cleveland, part-owner of IRG, Chris Semarjian.

John Melvin spoke on behalf of the project and against JEDD’s tax.

Chris Smith spoke on behalf of the project.

Mr. Wilson motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve **Case OD/SPO 10-01**, the application as stated, for U.C. to occupy the property, and that the property may be split if deemed necessary. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Wilson commented that we know these are tough times and if we can provide any jobs, any education, even if they leave our state to get a job, we need to do this. It is our responsibility to make sure we get the best for the community. Our community has many county buildings, hospital, etc. without tax. Our community works on revenue of almost 3 million dollars and neighboring townships work on as much as 30 to 40 million dollars. Our township is in good shape financially and we are proud to have U.C. here and proud to welcome their builder, and if there is anything we can do to help encourage business in Batavia Township, we are here to do it. Mr. Cornett and Mr. Sauls are in total agreement.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Denise Kelley gave her report. We have had more housing permits so far this year compared to last year.

There is an application filed for an 80,000 square foot structure which will house an indoor recreational facility. This would be a conditional use in the industrial district.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Parsons gave his report.

Several employees recently attended the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference.

So far this year we have used 740 tons of salt used on 20 different days.

CTC will be purchasing some hybrid buses and will use these to help with the litter pickup during Clean and Green on April 17.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Phone system – Mr. Cornett would like the phone pickup to be automatic and direct to the requested person. Discussion took place and will followup at a later time.

Old 74/Amelia Olive Branch Road Improvements – Mr. Parsons would like to have the Engineer’s office come and discuss at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Engine Brakes – Mr. Parsons has been communicating with ODOT. Signs will be ordered for St. Rt. 32 and St. Rt. 132.

Mt. Holly Road Name Change – This is in the final changes. Mr. Parsons is waiting for one more signature to proceed.

State Route 125 Business Corridor – Mr. Wilson says there needs to be a joint effort with Pierce, Monroe, and Union Townships to clean up the sign violations. Mr. Parsons will followup.

Lexington Run Property – Mr. Cornett motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees accept the dedication of approximately 1.6 acres of land for the purpose of a fire station; and the obligation to fulfill item 18 of the final development plans is met. Furthermore, the Board agrees to release Great Traditions from the obligation to dedicate park land as listed in item 19 of the final development plans. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

A five minute break was taken from 7:12 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Liability/Property Insurance

Mr. Wilson motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the 2010 liability and property insurance. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Permanent Appropriations 2010

Mr. Cornett motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees adopt **Resolution 3-01-10**. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Lawn Mowing Contract

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Trustees award the 2010 lawn mowing contract to Legendary Lawn, and that they supply insurance and Worker’s Compensation certificates. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Meeting Date Change

Mr. Cornett motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees change the Tuesday, May 4th meeting to Thursday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. due to the primary election. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Salary Increase

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees increase probationary employee Gary Sunday’s salary to \$16.50 per hour after his 3-month review effective March 1, 2010. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Deputy Contract

This will not change the contract price approved at the last meeting, but it does change the price we have to pay for fuel by \$1800. Mr. Cornett motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees accept the amendment to the Deputy contract for 2010-2012 which requires the Township to pay for 75% of the gas for the first car. This does not increase the cost of the contract, only the cost of the portion the Township must pay. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Reimbursement

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees reimburse Trustee Lee Cornett for the purchase of air mattresses in the amount of \$254.62. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Cornett will donate this amount back to the Memorial Fund.

Salute to Leaders

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the payment of \$300 for the Salute to leaders Banquet. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Public Records Training

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees appoint Rex Parsons as the Trustees and Fiscal Officers’ designee to take the required Public Records training. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mailbox Policy

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees adopt a mailbox replacement policy for damage by any township vehicle up to \$100.00 limit. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Archie Wilson,
Chairman

Jennifer Haley,
Fiscal Officer