

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session Tuesday June 1, 2010 at the Batavia Township Community Center.

After the Holly Hill Daisy Troop #41444 led the Pledge of Allegiance, Fiscal Officer, Jennifer Haley gave the roll call for the Board of Trustees. Present were: Mr. Cornett, Mr. Sauls, Mr. Wilson, and Fiscal Officer, Jennifer Haley. Also present were Rex Parsons, Township Administrator, and Denise Kelley, Zoning Administrator.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION

Mr. Parsons introduced Aggreko, a valued business in Batavia Township, and gave a summary. It is located at 1533 Old State Route 74. They provide temporary electric, heating, and cooling. They provided power for the Winter Olympics and recently for the areas in Nashville afflicted by recent floods. Mr. Steve Johnson, business manager for the site in our township received the award presented by the Trustees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the agenda of the June 1, 2010 meeting as presented. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the May 6th and May 7th meetings as presented. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Cemetery Deed

The Trustees signed a deed for the Olive Branch Cemetery.

FISCAL OFFICER

Payment was made for two trucks for the Maintenance Department and the truck purchased at auction.

Mr. Cornett motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the May 2010 financial reports as presented. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Ms. Haley offered a copy of the tax budget for review. Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees adopt **Resolution 6-01-2010**, approving the 2011 tax budget. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Parsons introduced Holly Hill Daisy Troop #41444. Maria Zigmunt is their troop leader. Katie Jones, assistant troop leader, spoke about the group and presented a thank-you to the Trustees for the use of the township building.

Justin Burwinkel presented the Covered Bridge photo, comprised of about 190 different photos, which will be on display at the Township Community Center through June.

ZONING CASES

Denise Kelley presented the zoning cases and offered summaries as listed below.

Zoning Case B-03-03ZMM3. This is a request for a minor modification involving land in the Lexington Run planned development. Jim Kiefer gave a presentation of the case for administrative review. Mr. Cornett motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees accept the modification. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Parsons informed the Board that Hoppy's Bar had a withdrawal of the current liquor license. They sent an appeal to the Liquor Board which was denied. They are not eligible for a new liquor license until November 1, 2010.

Concerning the draining issues on Greenbriar Road, Mr. Parsons provided photos where the ditches have gotten deeper. A proposed solution to the issue is a ditch run-off repair/wash away.

Mr. Parsons received a response letter from the Engineer's office concerning the intersection of Amelia-Olive Branch and Old State Route 74. There will be stop signs or flashing lights, some type of temporary light signal.

The Trustees had signed letters to the Valedictorians and Salutatorians in Batavia, Glen Este, and Amelia School Districts.

All Township employees are now updated on the AED class.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee reports – Concerning the Hike Bike trail, the next phase being designed will lead from the overlook to the campground, connecting the campground to Greenbriar Road. A work session will be scheduled this fall for Batavia Township concerning short Summit Road and Old Zagar Road.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Denise Kelley reported there were 36 permits last month.

Mrs. Kelley gave the monthly summary of The Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

ZONING CASES (cont'd)

Zoning Case B-01-10 Brock Warren/Ron Singleton. Mrs. Kelley gave an introduction of the case and Jonathan Woche offered the summary. This is conducted in the format of a public hearing. This property is located at the northwest corner quadrant of the intersection at Elmwood Road and Hartman Lane and the request is for a zone map amendment from Planned Development District to B2 General Business District for approximately 4.63 acres of property. The Clermont County Planning Commission sent the recommendation and approval to the Batavia Township Trustees.

Mr. Ron Singleton spoke on behalf of the zone change.

John Hartman, 4405 Hartman Lane, commented on the adjacent property uses.

THOSE IN FAVOR OF ZONE CHANGE

Danny Bare, Clough Pike, Batavia, spoke as a former Trustee on behalf of the property owners.

Tim Boffey, resident of Williamsburg, spoke about traffic flow and issues with State Route 32.

Mark Pennington, West Hall Road, New Richmond, business owner, spoke on behalf of the zone change and also the residents' concerns for the future.

THOSE AGAINST ZONE CHANGE

Butch Davis, Elmwood Rd. resident spoke against zone change and the history of the zone change issues at Hartman and Elmwood.

David Jordan, 4480 Hartman Ln., spoke against the zoning change and cited many reasons.

Sherrill Hondorf, 30-year resident, spoke in opposition of the zone change. There needs to be more conformity.

Derrick Burchett, 4550 Hartman Lane, spoke against the zone change.

Zach Ison, 4500 Hartman Lane, 17-year resident, asked questions and spoke against the zone change.

Carol Byrd, 4503 Elmwood Rd., 2-month resident, opposes the B2 development and spoke against the zone change.

Jim Weaver, 4574 Hartman Lane, voiced his concerns and opposition to the zoning change.

Tom Casbar, 4488 Hartman Lane, 10-year resident, spoke against the zone change.

Marlene Hines, 4542 Elmwood Rd., 35-year resident, spoke against the zone change.

Gary Burr, 4503 Elmwood Rd. spoke against the zoning change.

The public comment portion of the meeting closed at 8:06 p.m. The Board proceeded with comments and discussion.

The Trustees recessed for 5 minutes at 8:31 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:38 p.m. Mr. Wilson opened the meeting to additional public comment.

Marty LaForce spoke and questioned the change.

Butch Davis again spoke against the zone change.

Brenda Fisher, 4467 Hartman Lane asked the question of where they will place the entrance. At this time there will be separate curb cuts.

The public comments are now closed.

The Board continued discussion. Mrs. Kelley gave descriptions of B1, B2 and Office/Business uses. Mr. Cornett motioned to zone one lot designated for the veterinarian clinic B2, and the remainder of the as Office/Business as shown in exhibit 'A' per applicant. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Copies of exhibit 'A' were given to public in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Sealed Bid Opening – Only one bid was received on 5/19/10 for \$4,250.00. Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees accept the bid for the surplus vehicle. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

State Route 125 Business Corridor – Mr. Geis from Union Township, along with Pierce Township will meet with Batavia Township as a group to discuss cleaning up State Route 125.

Old 74 Right of Way – Mr. Parsons wrote a letter to the parcel owner on the other side of Old State Route 74 regarding vacating the road section. There was no response to the letter. During the next meeting the Board will motion on the decision.

Property from Great Traditions – They have transferred the deed. We are waiting for the County to approve the lot split.

Mr. Parsons thanked Mr. Sauls for helping select the new trucks for the Maintenance Dept.

NEW BUSINESS

Probationary Employee

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees remove maintenance II worker, Gary Sunday from probationary status and raise his salary to \$17.00/hour effective 7, 2010. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Engineering Quotes

Mr. Parsons received the quotes with the lowest being \$19,500 and the highest \$32,775 with the in between being \$20,600. Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees grant the contract to Santoro for the low b.i.d. of \$19,500. Mr. Cornet seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Parsons and Mrs. Kelley briefly met with members of Melink Co. about the possibility of performing a solar SID (Solar Incentive District). This would include the three largest townships in Clermont County, Union, Miami, and Batavia. Citizens and/or business can take advantage of the Federal Government money for solar systems on their properties. The Township role would be to opt in/endorse the plan.

DISCUSSION

There was discussion on the condemned properties in the township.

The Trustees agreed to add-on paving to the entrance of Cross-Point.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Archie Wilson,
Chairman

Jennifer Haley,
Fiscal Officer