

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session Tuesday, October 4, 2011, 6:00 p.m., at the Batavia Township Community Center.

CALL TO ORDER

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

TEMPORARY FISCAL OFFICER

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees appoint Rex Parsons as temporary Fiscal Officer for the meeting of October 4, 2011. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the October 4, 2011 agenda as presented with the addition of **Resolution 10-2-2011** to the agenda. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the September 6th meeting as presented. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

FISCAL OFFICER FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Parsons presented to the Trustees copies of the monthly report which included revenue status, appropriation status, cash summary by fund, payment register, and investment summary for September, with payments due totaling \$140,702.42.

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the September 2011 financial reports as presented. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Resolution 10-1-11

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees increase the appropriations in the Township’s Cemetery Fund to cover the expense of storm damage repair. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

CEMETERY DEED

A cemetery deed was presented for signature of the Trustees.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Parsons introduced a member of our business community, KangaRoof, located at 117 E. Main Street, Amelia. It is owned by Duane Brandstetter who gave an overview of his services. A plaque was presented to KangaRoof for their outstanding service and willingness to provide volunteer services to organizations in need. They are a valuable member of the Batavia Township business community.

Mr. Parsons introduced Matt Miller, Boy Scout, and his father Steve. He is working on his Eagle Scout.

Dean Greg Sojka spoke about the Reds Rookie Success League and the field renovations fund. He suggested this would benefit the community, its youth, and Clermont College. Present with Dean Sojka was Jack Harbison, assistant baseball coach.

Mr. Steve Miller, Beechwood Place, spoke concerning issues with the creek behind his home and neighbors’ homes. This may be an HOA issue. Mr. Parsons will speak with the appropriate County agency to address this.

REPORTS OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelley presented copies of her report to the Trustees. A commercial use permit was issued to IRG for Global Scrap Management, an aluminum recycling business.

There was some discussion about the nuisance code and violations. The grass on the property on State Route 132 was cut and will need to be cut again. **Resolution 10-2-2011** will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Board of Appeals heard one case on September 15th. There are two hearings scheduled on October 20th. The Zoning Commission will hear a case on October 13th.

DEPUTY REPORT

Deputy Nick Goslin gave the Batavia Township report for the Sheriff’s office. There were 460 calls answered, 101 offense reports, 103 incident reports, and 53 warrants served. There were 31 adult arrests and 8 juvenile arrests. There were 28 traffic arrests and 30 traffic warnings. There were 3 OVI’s. There were numerous vehicle break-ins.

REPORTS OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Parsons announced we received approval for the FEMA funds through the historical section of FEMA. They determined the bridge is not of historical value, therefore the bridge repair project is moving along.

The concession/restroom facility is continuing in its completion. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, November 2nd at noon at the Community Center.

The request from the County Commissioners was withdrawn for the Batavia Village annexation for the Wiedenbein property. Another petition was received today for the same property. Discussion ensued. Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Trustees seek council to pursue options in the Batavia annexation. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Parsons informed the Trustees this is the second year for reserving the picnic shelter. So far this year there have been 77 reservations. There are various activities that enhance the shelter including basketball, corn hole, and volleyball.

House Bill 246 (Reverse Auctions) is being proposed to reverse the bidding process, where prices will start high and go low instead of low going high. This will affect every type of bidding.

The approved electric aggregation will be over at the end of the year. Residents can profit from this option.

The renewal for health insurance is January 1st. Mr. Parsons will obtain information from the Trustees so he can get prices from local vendors.

Clermont County has asked for the Ohio EPA to develop a closure plan for the CECOS landfill operation, now owned by Republic Services. The facility is closed but this would continue the monitoring of the facility. Mr. Parsons explained if the Trustees pass a resolution in support of the County, it will support the County's request for a closure plan. We will be asking the EPA to follow what the County is suggesting.

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Trustees adopt **Resolution 10-3-2011** supporting the County's closure plan in followup of the Aber Road Landfill. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Mr. Sauls gave the report for CJFED. There was a meeting in September and there will be a meeting Thursday night October 6th.

Mr. Dowdney gave his report for the Cemetery Board. There were no issues at this time.

Road Striping

This project is complete.

Bauer Road Tile

A gas main was discovered on top of the existing tile. This project will most likely take place during 2012.

Old 74-Olive Branch Road Intersection

Mr. Parsons met with the County Engineer and the consultant. There will most likely be another public involvement meeting this year. The project is still in progress.

Veterans Memorial

There will be additions to the Memorial including names of fallen heroes. The County will celebrate the event on Armistice Day, Friday, November 11th. Mr. Parsons is working with Dan Bare in the planning. Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Trustees approve the improvements to the Veterans Memorial not to exceed \$3,000. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

2011 Paving Project Payment

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Trustees authorize payment to the Jergensen Company in the amount of \$197,631.73 for the completion of our 2011 paving project. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Field Use Policy

There have been increasing requests to use the baseball fields on the Batavia Township Community Center property. Mr. Parsons has developed a proposed policy for field reservations. It will be available on the Township website. Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Trustees adopt the proposed field use policy including the proposed fees for the baseball fields. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Equipment Rental

Mr. Parsons spoke with Mr. Embry, our Service Director, regarding salt loading and the damage to the current equipment. There was discussion concerning the rental of salt loading equipment. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Funding Agreement

The County has been approved for an OPWC grant for the improvements to Filager Road. A Township match with a cap would be used for the improvements. Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Trustees sign the proposed funding agreement with the Clermont County Commissioners for improvements to Filager Road. Mr. Saul seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Apple Court Petition

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees accept the Apple Court no parking petition and post no parking signs on the left hand side of the street. 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. Sauls motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Lee Cornett,
Chairman

Rex A. Parsons,
Temporary Fiscal Officer