

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at the Batavia Township Community Center.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Mr. Perry motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the March 20, 2012 agenda as presented. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the February 7th and February 21st, 2012 meetings as presented. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

FISCAL OFFICER FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Haley gave her report. Mr. Perry motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the financial reports thru March 2012 as presented. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Parsons introduced Coach John Hurley. He coaches the UC Clermont Cougars, mens basketball team. Mr. Parsons gave a summary of Coach Hurley's accomplishments. Mr. Hurley spoke about his experiences as a coach. Mr. Sauls presented a plaque to Coach Hurley who won 900 games of basketball during 42 years of coaching.

Mr. Parsons summarized the topic of the road closure petition to gate the Laurel Oak connector between Sycamore Creek and Braxton Park. The gate would allow access to safety services but eliminate concerns of the Braxton Park community. Jeremy Evans from the Clermont County Engineers office reported to attendees the traffic flow in this area. A roundtable discussion ensued and citizens spoke concerning the issue. Roy Short, Assistant Chief of the CJFED Fire Department, spoke concerning the safety of the citizens.

DEPUTY REPORT

Deputy Chris Allen was present to give his report. For the month of February there were 354 calls for service. There was \$16,717 in stolen property that was recovered.

REPORTS OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelley gave her report for February which included the reports for permits and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

REPORTS OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Embry gave his report which included the 2012 road resurfacing project. The County Engineer has invited us to piggy-back on their program this year.

The Township has only used 156 tons of salt this year which is 85% less than last year.

Two cemetery deeds were presented for the Trustees signatures.

REPORTS OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Parsons presented a list of teams using the baseball fields throughout the week. There has been a great response.

Mr. Parsons presented brochures to the Trustees regarding the ball field sound system. Discussion ensued. A decision will be made at the next Trustees meeting.

Mr. Parsons gave an update on Senate Bill 50. It is still in Committee at this point.

Mr. Dowdney and Mr. Parsons attended the Batavia Schools community involvement meeting. The meeting included discussion about split session. There has been an enormous growth in enrollment in the Batavia Schools.

There are ongoing complaints concerning road obstructions. Mr. Parsons will consult legal counsel.

There was discussion concerning the Batavia Township Bicentennial.

OLD BUSINESS

The traffic light at the Old 74-Amelia Olive Branch intersection is up and working.

The warning sign is working and has been very beneficial.

Plans are moving ahead for Filager Road and there will be a public involvement meeting planned for the near future.

There was discussion concerning the County Planning Commission appointment.

Consideration for purchase of a new copier continues through trial usage of different copiers.

NEW BUSINESS

Indigent Burials

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees adopt a standardized burial release form for indigent burials as proposed. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Clout Membership

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve paying membership dues of \$200 to joint Clout (Coalition of Large and Urban Townships). Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Radar Purchase

Mr. Perry motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the purchase of two radar units for the Township deputy cars for \$1,434.68 each for a total cost of \$2,869.36. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dowdney motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

James Sauls, Jr.
Chairman

Jennifer Haley,
Fiscal Officer

