

May 1, 2012 – REGULAR SESSION

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 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. Perry, and Mr. Sauls. Also present were Jennifer Haley, Fiscal Officer, Rex Parsons, Township Administrator, Denise Kelley, Zoning Administrator, Kenneth Embry, Service Director, and Nick Goslin, Deputy Sheriff.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Mr. Perry motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the May 1, 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 April 3rd regular and the April 19th special 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 April 2012 financial reports as presented. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

RESOLUTION 5-01-12

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve **Resolution 5-01-12** authorizing the transfer of funds and the payment of the Township's bond. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Perry	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	

Mr. Sauls yes Motion carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Parsons introduced Girl Scout troop 40411 and their leader who thanked the Trustees for the use of the Township building.

Denise Kelley introduced Dr. Timothy Fouts and Hillside Animal Hospital. Dr. Fouts gave a short speech regarding his practice on Hartman Lane which was previously located on State Route 132. Mrs. Kelley presented a plaque from Batavia Township Trustees to Dr. Fouts and Hillside Animal Hospital.

Mr. Parsons introduced guests from the Village of Amelia, Mayor Todd Hart and counsel member Derrick Campbell.

JOINT MEETING – BATAVIA UNION CEMETERY

Kathy Turner opened the meeting conducted by Steve Shinkle and Donna Amann.

DEPUTY REPORT

Deputy Nick Goslin gave his April report. The deputies for Batavia Township responded to 441 calls of service. There was \$16,560 worth of property recovered.

REPORTS OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelley gave the reports for April permits, Zoning Boards, and property maintenance code violations. The Zoning Commission will meet on May 10th. The Trustees will review the Growth Management Plan update at another meeting.

There were some property maintenance code violations encountered. These were presented to the Trustees for review. Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees move forward with enforcing the nuisance code at the Judd Road and 23 Hitchcock home property. Mr. Perry 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 pass **Resolution 5-03-12** for the removal of debris and grass cutting at 3818 State Route 132. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

REPORTS OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Embry compared fees of cemetery maintenance. Mr. Perry motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees raise the cemetery fees to match those of Batavia Village. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

There was discussion about maintenance issues because of decorative items placed in cemeteries near head stones during mowing season.

The Township Clean-up Days are Friday and Saturday, May 4th and 5th. There will be dumpsters at 2401 State Route 32 and at the Township Community Center. The items must be non-hazardous. The Township will be recycling metal this year.

There was discussion concerning private to public streets and maintenance responsibility/costs. Mr. Parsons obtained information from the County Engineers.

Joint work day was discussed in the Batavia Union Cemetery meeting.

REPORTS OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Many activities including a special announcement will be made May 2, 2012 at noon. There will also be 20-25 members of the UC Clermont baseball team present, several Reds players, Marty Brennaman, and others in attendance. Mr. Parsons reminded everyone to wear their Reds shirts.

Indigent burials have become an ongoing problem. There was discussion on the issue.

The Slade Road boat ramp has been improved and is open.

The Old 74/Amelia Olive Branch Road improvement information is displayed in the foyer of the Township Center. The improvements will not be started until at least 2015.

The Trustees reviewed the county 5-year capital waste water and capital water project improvement plan.

The Township received notice there is a parcel of land that will be forfeited. It was open to auction but there were no bids.

OLD BUSINESS

The County Planning Commission appointment has been completed. Hearsel Gorman was accepted.

The Clough Pike 'No Parking' signs have been installed due to school traffic flow and will be enforced by the Sheriff's Department.

The Lucy Run Cemetery Road project is still awaiting clarification of the easement.

Mr. Parsons is waiting to hear about the discussions and review concerning the property in Project Maximus.

Mr. Parsons presented to the Trustees the road obstruction letter. Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees adopt the road obstruction letter as presented. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees move into executive session to discuss possibly hiring and/or terminating personnel. Mr. Perry seconded the motion at 7:43 p.m. On the roll being called:

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

Regular Session

Mr. Perry motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees return to regular session. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion at 7:55 p.m. On the roll being called:

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

Resolution 5-2-2012

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees pass **Resolution 5-2-2012** transferring \$15,000 within the general fund within the park appropriation lines to facilitate a part-time seasonal employee for maintenance of the ball fields. Mr. Perry 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. Sauls motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

James Sauls, Jr.
Chairman

Jennifer Haley,
Fiscal Officer

