

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. Monday August 4, 2014, at the Batavia Township Community Center.

**CALL TO ORDER**

After 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 Department Director, and Clermont County Deputy Sean Schubert.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the August 4, 2014 agenda as presented. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Perry motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and July 21<sup>st</sup> special meeting as presented. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

**FISCAL OFFICER FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ms. Haley gave the financial report for July.

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the July 2014 financial reports as presented. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

**DEPUTY REPORT**

Deputy Sean Schubert presented his July report. There were 398 calls for the month.

Deputy Sean gave an update on the senior adult program. The Deputies visit seniors twice a month. Mr. Parsons offered to get volunteers to help the senior adults.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Parsons introduced Mark and Donna Cann, residents of Pierce Township. They are known as Coach Donna and Coach Mark. They have volunteered at the Township at the Township on various projects, the playground build, and the Reds Rookie Success League. Mark and Donna also purchased McDonalds gift cards for every child at the Reds Rookie Success League. Donna and Mark spoke about the League and how special it is to them. The Trustees presented them a plaque award of appreciation.

**REPORTS OF THE TOWNSHIP SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Embry spoke about the 2014 road paving project and the contract bids.

Elmwood Road will be closed the week of August 11 for tile removal.

Mr. Embry presented an estimate for vehicle painting. Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve sandblasting and painting 2 Service Department trucks at a cost of \$4,500 each for a total cost of \$9,000. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

There was no road striping last year. Mr. Embry received an estimate to stripe roads. Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve contracting with A&A Safety to stripe the Township’s roads at a cost of \$5,209.88. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Embry presented estimates to the Trustees for parking lot expansion.

There was a short discussion on the walking trail extension concerning bids received. The trail needs more base.

**ZONING HEARING**

**Case B-02-14Z League for Animal Welfare**

Denise Kelley introduced the case. Zoning consultant Jonathan Wocher presented the case and offered a summary.

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve **Case B-02-14Z** zoning change from R1 single family residential to I-Industrial. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:



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

**DISCUSSION**

**Legal Counsel – Chris Moore**

Legal Counsel, Chris Moore gave an overview of the proposed excessive noise resolution, and facilitated the discussion.

Chris Moore and Denise Kelley spoke about the nuisance notification and procedure. There was a brief discussion.

**Soccer Field Upgrade**

Mr. Parsons introduced Mark Calitri and Chris Smith who spoke about a proposal that includes more agencies contributing to the soccer field upgrade. The Batavia High School soccer coach spoke about the fields.

There was a five minute break.

**REPORTS OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Mrs. Kelley gave her July report including the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission. There were 14 housing permits in July.

**REPORTS OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Parsons gave his report. The Bi-Centennial celebration begins Wednesday. Three tents will be provided by the Township to the Village for the Taste of Clermont.

The Batavia Local Schools Cross Country course is mapped out on the Township property. A Memorandum of Understanding will be presented to the Trustees for approval and signature.

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve a memorandum of understanding with Batavia Local Schools relative to the use of this property by the school for a course for the cross country track team and they will help with maintenance. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Parsons is working on getting the lawn mowing crew to the township for recognition.

The September meeting is the second Monday of the month (September 8<sup>th</sup>) due to Labor Day being the first Monday (September 1<sup>st</sup>).

An indigent person has passed away in the Township. This is the second for this year.

The Village has filed for another annexation, 210 acres of property. The village will provide water and sewer for the streets.

The State Employment Relations Board has given their annual report of the cost of health insurance in Ohio's public sector. This represents 93% of the public employers in the state of Ohio. About 4,000 employees are covered by this report.

There was discussion about the walking trail asphalt.

**Liquor License**

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve a new liquor license for 1728 State Route 125 in Amelia. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

**Adoption of Public Streets**

Mr. Perry motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees accept 478 feet of Vista Meadows Drive and 1,279 feet of Vista Lake Drive, both in the Vista Meadows subdivision, into the Township road system. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

**Resolution 8-1-14 Bond Funding**

**Bond Refunding**

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve **Resolution 8-1-14** relative to issuing new tax exempt bonds in an amount not to exceed \$675,000. Said bonds will be used to pay off the 2005 bond issuances. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the purchase of 3 inches of asphalt, for a length of 3,700 feet, not to exceed the cost of \$50,000. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Perry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

James Sauls,  
Chairman

Jennifer Haley,  
Fiscal Officer