

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session Tuesday April 5, 2011 at the Batavia Township Community Center.

TEMPORARY FISCAL OFFICER

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees appoint Rex Parsons as temporary *fiscal officer in Ms. Haley's absence*. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Fiscal Officer, Rex Parsons gave the roll call for the Board of Trustees. Present were: Mr. Cornett, Mr. Dowdney, and Mr. Sauls. Also present were Rex Parsons, Township Administrator and Denise Kelley, Zoning Administrator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the April 5th, 2011 meeting agenda as presented. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the March 1, 2011 meeting as presented. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

FISCAL OFFICER FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Parsons presented the March financial reports to the Trustees including the 2011 appropriations. Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the March 2011 financial reports as reported. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Parsons gave an update on the cuts to revenue from the state for the local government fund and possible cuts to the estate tax. This essentially cuts our local government fund in half. Copies were made for the audience.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Parsons introduced Batavia Heights Christian Child Care owned and operated by Barb Bruner. Her facility has been providing 'teaching' childcare (not just a baby sitting service) to our community for over 25 years. There is a graduation ceremony, complete with diploma, for the class going into kindergarten. Barb Bruner has been a Batavia school board member for almost 12 years. She has had the opportunity to hand the high school diploma to students who graduated from her facility as preschoolers. Mr. Cornett presented Ms. Bruner with a plaque from Batavia Township.

DEPUTY REPORT

Mr. Parsons introduced the new deputy for Batavia Township, Nick Goslin. Deputy Goslin graduated from Williamsburg High School and later served in the Marine Corps. Deputy Billy Crouch is taking another assignment at the Sheriff's Department and was thanked for his service in the township. Deputy Goslin was welcomed by the Trustees.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mrs. Kelley gave her report. There were 30 zoning permits issued in March and 8 single family homes. There was also a 10-unit condo built. Mrs. Kelley also presented the Trustees with the list of violations per Mr. Sheppard.

Mrs. Kelley gave an update on the BZA and BZC reports.

Mr. Wocher provided Mrs. Kelley a draft copy of the text amendments, including revisions to clarify or add definitions. A workshop session will be needed to discuss the text amendments, property maintenance code, and nuisance code.

ZONING CASE B-06-07FD

Mrs. Kelley presented the case for administrative review and decision. Mr. Paul Grammas, owner of Bayberry Crossing, spoke of financing difficulties. Mr. Sauls motioned Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees grant Mr. Grammas 24-months to commence construction. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Parsons and Mr. Embry completed all five NIMS courses.

Mr. Parsons presented the Warning Siren leases for signature of the Trustees.

The Personnel Policy Manual needs updating/revision. Mr. Parsons will review the manual. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The water tower next to 2401 Old State Route 32 is due for repainting in 2015. Mr. Parsons had discussion with Tom Yeager concerning what words/phrase will be painted on the tower and the *Township's involvement*.

The 2010 census results showed 31% increase in growth in Batavia Township, almost 6,000 residents. The population in 2000 was 17,503. These numbers do not include the villages of Batavia or Amelia.

Mr. Parsons gave information on Church Street which is shared by Batavia Township and the village of Amelia. Batavia Township maintains one lane for 1,000 feet, the eastern part of the street. The street is in poor condition. There will be more discussion in the next workshop.

Mr. Parsons had discussions with Rumpke and CSI to reduce the rising costs on waste removal.

NEW BUSINESS

Tractor Purchase

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the purchase of a Kubota L3240 HST tractor with loader and 72 inch mower at a cost of \$24,997 which was budgeted for in the 5-year plan for the equipment in the Township. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Equipment Repair

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve repairs to the mini-excavator at a cost of \$3,305. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Resolution 4-1-11

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees declare the Bobcat model 334 mini-excavator as surplus inventory and authorize its sale to the Village of Batavia in an amount equal to its trade in value (\$13,000). Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Equipment Purchase

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the purchase of a Bobcat model E42 mini-excavator at a State of Ohio b.i.d. price of \$40,551.25. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Liquor License

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the request for liquor license transfer for Amelia Florist located at 235 West Main Street, Amelia. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Resolution 4-2-11

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees increase the appropriations in the cemetery fund to \$27,000. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Easter Egg Hunt

There are two Easter egg hunts being held at the Batavia Township Community Center. The Emanuel United Methodist Church will hold their hunt on Sunday, April 10th at 1 p.m. and the Rotary Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday April 16th at 10 a.m.

Clean Up Days

The Township clean up days will be Friday, May 6th, and Saturday, May 7th.

Trustees Meeting Date

Due to the special election, the next Trustee meeting date will be on Wednesday, May 4th at 6 p.m.

DISCUSSION/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. William Ryder, 3822 Golden Meadow Ct. spoke regarding the traffic concerns thru Braxton Parke subdivision. There was much discussion regarding this issue.

Mr. Parsons introduced our new reporter from the Clermont Sun, Kristin Bednarske.

There were concerns raised by a resident about parking in the fire lane of the shopping center at Route 125 and Bach Buxton Roads. Discussion and suggestions followed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Township Deputy presented his report for February 2011 to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dowdney motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Lee Cornett,
Chairman

Rex A. Parsons,
Temporary Fiscal Officer