

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at the Batavia Township Community Center.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**TEMPORARY FISCAL OFFICER**

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees appoint Rex Parsons as *temporary fiscal officer in Ms. Haley's absence*. Mr. Sauls 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. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the May 4th, 2011 and agenda as presented. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the April 1, 2011 workshop and April 5, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

**CEMETERY DEEDS**

The Batavia Township Trustees were presented two cemetery deeds for signatures.

**FISCAL OFFICER FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

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

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Mr. Parsons gave an update on House Bill 153 which eliminates the tangible personal property tax reimbursement. We will be completely losing the TPP tax over the next two years, 2011 and 2012. Mr. Parsons provided a spreadsheet showing the effect this program has on Batavia Township and the other Townships in Clermont County.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Parsons recognized Leroy Creager, and Creager Tire and Muffler. He has been in business for 46 years in the village of Batavia. Mr. Creager spoke about his business. The Trustees presented a plaque to Mr. Creager for his business and service, value, and quality, car and equipment maintenance. The expertise of Creager Tire and Muffler has enabled the business to be recognized as a leader in the field and considered a valuable member of the Batavia Business Community.

Paul Braasch of Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District spoke about the solid waste district, its purpose, how it is funded, the expense of paying for the recycling dumpsters (\$100,000 annually), and litter pick-up of about 2,000 miles of road, etc. There was discussion about the recycling program and the possibility of contracting waste collection in the township. Other townships are considering doing the same thing.

**DEPUTY REPORT**

The deputy gave the monthly statistics for the Township.

**BID OPENINGS**

The cut-off date for the bids was April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. for the concession and restroom facility. There were 10 bids received. Upon opening each bid tonight, it was found that all prices were over the \$129,000 estimate. Mr. Sauls motioned to accept the bids but not award the contract until alternatives with new specifications are sought. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll called:

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

Discussion took place regarding a seasonal position for the Township Community Center grounds. Mr. Sauls motioned to accept the job description for Maintenance Worker III. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

The Board authorized the Administrator to proceed with advertising the position (which is seasonal and no benefits) in the local newspapers.

There was discussion about a summer meeting schedule.

**REPORTS OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Mrs. Kelley gave her report. The Board of Zoning Appeals will have their meeting May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution 5-02-11**

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve **Resolution 5-02-11** forwarding the Text Amendments to the Zoning Commission for review. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Parsons gave an update on the residential complaints regarding the noise generated from trash collection as early as 4:45 a.m. A letter was received from a Batavia Township resident with the March and April times and dates of the waste collection. It was suggested this could be addressed through a contractual agreement with a waste collection provider.

The road/salt bid for 1,000 tons was placed for the 2011-2012 season.

There has been a drainage problem on Lucy Run Cemetery Road. Clermont County helped clear the debris but the tile is in need of repair.

With record rainfall, Harsha Lake is at a new all-time high, but is still only at 62% of capacity. It will take 25 days of maximum discharge (with no more rainfall) for the lake to return to winter pool depth.

Mr. Embry completed the spring inventory report for signs which was presented for Trustee approval. The signs will be replaced as required to meet code.

There was an issue regarding AAA magazine which wrote an article about Backbone Falls in southwest Ohio. The article was very specific about parking on Elmwood Road and walking down to the creek. This is considered trespassing. Mr. Parsons spoke to the editor and the internet article was pulled but many hard copies were printed and distributed. Our Deputies were notified and people looking for the falls will likely be ticketed for trespassing.

The Walk for Clermont Kids will take place at the Community Center Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Surplus Equipment – This was sold to the village for \$13,000.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Sauls reported CJFED will be purchasing new equipment. Their next meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Dowdney gave a brief report for Union Cemetery.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Liquor License**

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the request for liquor license renewal for Amelia LaRosa’s located at 3780 Bach Buxton Road, Amelia. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

**Resolution 5-01-11**

Mr. Cornett motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve **Resolution 5-01-11** authorizing the transfer of \$80,000 from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund and also to authorize the payment of the interest which is \$18,885.63. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Cornett motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Lee Cornett,  
Chairman

Jennifer Haley,  
Fiscal Officer