

Batavia Township
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Minutes of the September 9, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

John West led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees: Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Clerk Sue Fricano.
Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant; Layla Beth, Township Office Manager; Residents: Howard Katz.

Supervisor Anderson noted that the checking of bills and checks had not been added to the agenda. Item was added and will remain as a standard item on the agenda.

Checking of Bills and Checks:

Minutes: There were two corrections to the minutes from the August 11, 2009 meeting. First, Assessor Kavanaugh wanted to correct a comment made by Trustee West that only those who will see a change in their tax bills will receive the notices mailed out on the 13th of August. Assessor Kavanaugh did not want property owners to get confused, notices were sent out to property owners because the assessment value in the township office changed. Secondly, Supervisor Anderson wanted to correct under TOIPAC that the township does not contribute \$100/year, he personally contributes \$100/year. After corrections were stated Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2009 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee West. Roll-call vote was taken.
Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson
Nays: None
Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee Tracy moved to approve the accounts from August; Trustee Singer seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.
Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson
Nays: None
Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh stated that the notices that were sent out on the 13th again were for assessment changes from their office. The last day to file an appeal is September 14th and this can be done on the county website www.kanecountyassessments.org . Assessor Kavanaugh did encourage people to call the township office first to discuss their assessments before filing an appeal. They can contact the Batavia Assessor's office at 630-879-1323 and they are always happy to address any questions and/or concerns.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long reported that things are winding down, the last brush pick up will be in mid October when the leaf pick up will begin. They will begin the preliminary phase of resurfacing at Nelson Lake and Deerpath September 9, 2009 and otherwise things are running smoothly.

Old Business:

- ◆ **Website:** Supervisor Anderson reported the new Website is up and running and that they are now working on getting all the information on the website. He stated that the road district has already begun that task.
- ◆ **Nelson Lake and Deerpath:** Supervisor Anderson reported that the township has had many calls complimenting the road commissioner and his department on what they did at Nelson Lake and Deerpath.

- ◆ **Open Meetings Act:** Supervisor Anderson reported about the letter received regarding the open meetings act complaint, the county felt the complaint had been addressed and the problem corrected so there would be no further action taken.

New Business:

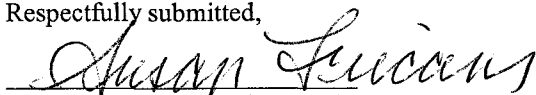
- ◆ **Census Proclamation:** Supervisor Anderson reported he was feeling pressure to push the census but he felt the township really does not benefit from the census. First, the township does not see a lot of visitors and second the townships funds come from property taxes and the census is based on people count. The census benefits places like the city more than the township. However Supervisor Anderson did say he would support the census.
- ◆ **Legislative Survey:** Supervisor Anderson reported if anyone wanted to submit something or make a suggestion to the legislature he could get them the form to fill out and send it in for them.
- ◆ **TOI Annual Conference:** Supervisor Anderson reminded everyone of the annual conference and recommended that everyone attend if possible. He stated the October perspective magazine would have more information on the conference and the different break out sessions to be offered. He also stated he thought the Sunday event was a great opportunity and if anyone had any questions they could give him a call at the township office 630-879-1392.

Trustee Reports:

- ◆ Trustee Gilkerson reported that he attended the Kane County Township Officials Meeting with John and Jim last Wednesday. They listened to the explanation of the role of the state attorney in criminal and civil matters. He thought they did a good job in explaining their roles as elected officials. He stated there was a good presentation on the Freedom of Information Act and changes to the act. In regards to the changes there was a suggestion to have people fill out a form for public record. Supervisor Anderson stated that the township has never filled out a form or any type of formal request because the township never refuses to give out information. Trustee Gilkerson concluded that it was a very informative meeting and worth while attending.
- ◆ Trustee West also felt it was an informative meeting and gave him a good understanding of the topics discussed. He felt the Batavia Township was informed and up to date on everything.
- ◆ Trustee Gilkerson had another comment about the TOI conference. He stated that he hoped everyone would make an effort to attend. The conference covers every aspect of what township government is all about. He stated you will see how other townships do things and you will see a lot of disparity between the townships.
- ◆ Trustee Singer reported that he went out to see the property at Nelson Lake and Deerpath that had received complaints. He felt the property look acceptable and was not an eye sore. He did state that if it was not maintained it could become a problem, but presently looks very presentable. Commissioner Long stated that the property has always and will continue to be kept up. Lastly, Trustee Singer stated he still intends on meeting with the township officials individually to get a better understanding of their positions. He hopes to begin doing this within the next couple of weeks. Township Attorney Van Larson cautioned Trustee Singer to make sure that there are no more than two trustees meeting with the township officials or with each other at once or he would be in violation of the open meetings act. Trustee Singer assured him it would just be himself meeting with the township officials for his own interest.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee Singer and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: Date: _____