

**Batavia Township**  
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**Minutes of the December 8, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.**

Trustee Singer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order:**

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; Clerk Sue Fricano.

Absent: Layla Beth, Township Office Manager; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant.

Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Residents: Howard Katz.

**Checking of Bills and Checks**

**Minutes:** Trustee Tracy moved to approve the minutes of the November, 2009 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee West. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

**Accounts:** Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the accounts from November 2009; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

**Assessor's report:** No assessor's report.

**Road Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Long reported that we have now gone from leaves to snow and the meeting night showed a good start to the snow. Trustee Gilkerson warned of snow trucks being stolen in Aurora in the last week. Keep the township trucks under close watch.

**Old Business:**

◆ Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

**Passage of General Fund Levy:** Trustee Tracy pointed out a correction to be made on the date of the General Fund Levy. Supervisor Anderson noted the change and will make it on the official document to be filed at the County Clerks office by December 31, 2009. Trustee Tracy asked how the numbers compare to last year. Supervisor Anderson stated they are up about \$4,500 over last year due to new construction. Trustee Tracy inquired about whether residents will see a change in their tax rate. Supervisor Anderson said if the tax rate did increase, it would be by 1/10 and not noticeable. Commissioner Long stated that the levy is based on dollars, not on rates, as the dollars go up a bit, the rate stays the same.

Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the General Fund Levy; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

**Passage of Road and Bridge Levy**

Trustee Singer moved to approve the Road and Bridge Levy; Trustee West seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

## Trustee Reports:

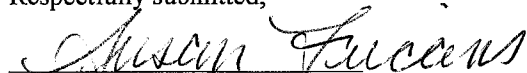
- ◆ Trustee Gilkerson reported that John Roloff, 82, passed away. He was a well-respected member of the community who served on the township board for 8 years. He was a wonderful human being with a big heart. Trustee Gilkerson stated that the INC board met and Hesus House in Aurora reported that they were serving 2500 meals/week last year and they are presently serving 7,000 meals/week. All the agencies helping those in need are hit by bigger numbers this year and all need extra help, some other needy agencies are Batavia Food Pantry, Lazarus House in St. Charles and there are many more. Trustee Tracy reported that Batavia Access was serving 800 families this year with the toy drive and are in need of more toys. He stated they needed teen gifts that would probably be best served with gift cards. Trustee Gilkerson reported that his wood working club makes more than 900 toys for the Batavia Access Toy Drive. Trustee Singer was interested in the wood working club which meets at Bethany Lutheran Church the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.
- ◆ Trustee Singer distributed handouts from one of the sessions he attended at the conference. He felt everyone could benefit from reading the handouts on, "17 Ways to Keep Your Township From Getting A Call From The State's Attorney" and "Practices and Procedures". Trustee Singer reported he contacted BATV and had the information scroll corrected on the township meeting time and date. He also commended BATV on doing a great job of getting all the meetings broadcast and out to the community to keep residents informed about their local government. Trustee Gilkerson commented on how few townships actually televise their meetings.

## Other Business:

- ◆ Trustee Gilkerson presented the township with a hand made clock. Trustee Gilkerson made the clock from a tree that was in his backyard. It is cherry wood. Township attorney, Van Larson recommended having a plaque made for the clock with Trustee Gilkerson's name and date. Trustee West offered to get that done.
- ◆ Trustee West is interested in being on the BATV board but needs the township board's approval. Supervisor Anderson put this on the agenda for the January meeting.

**Adjournment:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee Singer and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Fficano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: Date: \_\_\_\_\_