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Minutes of the January 12, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Assessor Kavanaugh 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; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Layla Beth, Township Office Manager; Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant; Van Larson, Township Attorney; Residents: Howard Katz.

Checking of Bills and Checks

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

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

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

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh reported that they are preparing to rollover the system to 2010. Supervisor Anderson asked if the Assessor's office would be doing another mailing. Assessor Kavanaugh stated she did not plan on doing a mailing every year, maybe every second year, mostly because of the cost associated with the mailing. Assessor Kavanaugh hopes that the new website will help reduce the need for a mailing.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long happily reported that the road crew is enjoying a lull in the snowfall and getting some well deserved sleep. Trustee Singer inquired about the salt usage after talking to Kendall County who reported they have already used ½ their supply. Commissioner Long reported they have used 135 tons of salt this season, which is right about where they were last year. Commissioner Long stated the Batavia Township is frugal with its salt and the spreaders are run by a computer on the truck which is set by the crew.

Old Business:

- ◆ Nothing to report.

New Business:

- **Assessor's Fund Transfer:** Supervisor Anderson reported a transfer of \$500 from the telephone to publishing and printing because they were short funds. This transfer will appear next month.
- **708 Board Member:** They are looking for a new board member for the Batavia board. Anyone interested can contact Jerry Murphy at 630-892-5456
- **Appointment of Trustee West to the BATV board:** Trustee Tracy moved to allow Trustee West to be appointed. Trustee Gilkerson seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.
Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson
Nays: None
Motion passed.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Tracy reported as a trustee and a citizen he had attended both a city council meeting and a school board meeting. His intent is to encourage co-operation. Trustee Tracy also urged everyone to attend a brainstorming session called "IGNITE a Bright Future for Batavia". The event description is as follows:

"Join us as we identify and build on the tremendous assets and capacities that are the basic fabric of Batavia. Meet other community leaders, and find a place to contribute you talents and abilities to create a bright future for generations yet unborn!"

The event will be held on March 26, 2010 at Waubensee Community College, Rte 47 at Waubensee Dr. The cost is \$25.00 to attend. Any questions can be directed to the Batavia Chamber of Commerce or the City of Batavia. Trustee Tracy stated he had one other reason for appearing at these meetings and that was to try to focus attention on the sad state of Illinois, because the state is broke. He feels we need to bring attention to the state of Illinois and all its problems. Trustee Tracy predicts there will be some kind of melt down and unfortunately the school districts will be forced to lay off and many social service agencies will simply have to close their doors because the state is not paying their bills. Trustee Tracy ended by reminding everyone to vote. Early voting has begun and information on voting can be found at www.kanecountyelections.com. Trustee Tracy was also interested in the Township's new website. He has set up a training session on January 26th for any board member interested in learning how to use the website from the internal side to update things, inputting links and more. The training will take place at the Township office contact Supervisor Anderson for the time. Trustee Tracy wanted to know if the long range plan was for the website to be hosted all at one location. Assessor Kavanaugh, Supervisor Anderson and Commissioner Long all agreed this is the plan, but there have been complications in trying to link older programs with new ones.

Trustee Gilkerson reported he found a couple of interesting things in the Township Perspective Magazine. First the information on the legality of snowplowing was both interesting and timely. If the snow melts from snow piled up by the snowplow and then freezes in the parking lot and someone slips and falls, is the township liable? Only if it can be proven that the ice was formed from the melted snow pile the snowplow made. Trustee Gilkerson commented on the Prevailing Wage Act and how people are figuring out ways around it.

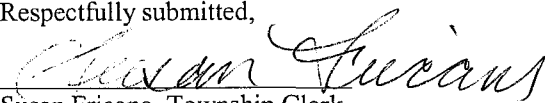
Trustee Singer apologized for blaming BATV for getting our information wrong because apparently a separate entity gives that information to BATV so it was not their fault. Trustee Singer inquired about getting business cards made. Trustee Singer had received some information from the Township Supervisor in Kendall County regarding where they got their business cards or should we use someone local. Supervisor Anderson offered to make some business cards in house to save some money. He stated he could make some and if more were needed he could make some more.

Other Business:

Supervisor Anderson reported on the Township Officials of Kane County Meeting to be held at the U. of I. /Kane County Extension Center, 535 Randall Rd. in St. Charles by the fairgrounds, across the street from the Circuit Clerk's office (enter through the north door) and how they are profiling 4 Townships at each meeting. Batavia will be profiled in the first meeting on Wednesday January 20, 2010 at 7pm, all are welcome to attend and support the Township.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee West and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: Date: 2/9/2010