

Batavia Township
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Minutes of the April 13, 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; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Layla Beth, Township Office Manager; Residents: Howard Katz, Garry Brown, Max Firth

Absent: Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant

Checking of Bills and Checks

Minutes: Trustee Tracy moved to approve the minutes of the March 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee West. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee West moved to approve the accounts from March 2010; Trustee Gilkerson seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh reported that not much has changed since last month. The tax bills will be mailed out from the Kane County Treasurer's Office on April 23, 2010. Assessor Kavanaugh stated that if anyone is not satisfied with their assessment please contact the Assessor's office via the website www.bataviatownship.com or 630-879-1323.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long reported that there is not too much new. They started brush pick up 2 weeks ago and it will continue every Monday. The last date for leave pick up until the fall will be the 1st week of May. Commissioner Long reported his crew is busy with tree trimming and brush pick up. Trustee Gilkerson commented on some positive feedback from residents of Nelson Lake and Deerpath, who both praised the road department for the work they have done on both roads. Commissioner Long stated he is trying to make the roads safer because they are difficult roads.

Old Business:

- A. Educational Conference Oakbrook:** Supervisor Anderson passed around a signup sheet for those who are interested in attending.
- B. Annual Town Meeting:** Supervisor Anderson stated it would take place tonight at 8pm.
- C. Passage of Budgets:** There was a budget hearing that took place at 6:45pm before the official start of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Batavia Township. Supervisor Anderson reported there were a few transfers from some funds to others and this happens from time to time. There were no other new items added because of the uncertainty of funding and the state. Trustee Tracy wanted to know if there were percentages to compare to last year. Supervisor Anderson stated there were no percentages and the levy was basically the same as last year and that is how he does his budget. Trustee Gilkerson wanted to know if the Township would be staying with Clark for mosquito abatement. Supervisor Anderson stated yes he felt like there would be a public outcry if they tried to get rid of this item. Trustee Gilkerson wanted it noted as a major topic for discussion in the new year. Whether to continue with this item or not. After no further discussion Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the General Township Budget for 2010; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.
Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.
Nays: None
Motion passed.
- Commissioner Long reported the budget for the road and bridge is pretty much the same as last year. Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the Road and Bridge Budget for 2010; Trustee West seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.
Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.
Nays: None
Motion passed.

New Business:

- A. FOIA Resolution:** Supervisor Anderson read the resolution and Trustee West moved to approve the FOIA resolution; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.
Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.
Nays: None
Motion passed.
- B. Sugar Grove Open House:** Supervisor Anderson reported that this is a new township and they are having an open house on Sunday May 2, 2010 from 1 to 4pm. The address is 54 Snow St., Sugar Grove, IL.
- C. TOIRMA Dividend \$3595:** Supervisor Anderson reported that the dividend will be split between the General Township and Road and Bridge.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Tracy reported that the website is proceeding along and the company is working on the trustee's emails. An individual should be able to email a Trustee at the Batavia Township and hopefully the Trustee can access them at home. Van Larson, Township Attorney stated some kind of permanent recording system must be kept of the emails and the responses. Trustee Tracy stated he would look into this and make sure it was done. Trustee Tracy also commented on 'Ignite Batavia'. He stated there were between 75 and 80 people in attendance and all the areas of Batavia were well represented from the Library to the City, Park District, MainSteeet...etc. If you go to the "Ignite Batavia 2010" on face book, you can get a full run down of what went on at the meetings. Trustee Tracy reported of his invites to discussions concerning the current budget crisis, the next one will take place at the Congregational Church in Batavia on Saturday April 17, 2010. The discussions look at House Bill 174, more information on this bill can be found at, <http://taxpayersforillinois.blogspot.com/2009/06/fact-sheet-house-bill-174.html> Trustee Gilkerson encouraged state employees and retirees to look at the Senate Bill 1946 as it is going to drastically change retirement benefits. More information on this bill can be found at, <http://trs.illinois.gov/subsections/legislative/SB1946.htm>

Trustee West reported that AT&T Uverse now carried all the shows on BATV. Supervisor Anderson wanted to know how many other towns get Batavia Meetings, he thought Elburn and Hampshire. Trustee West believed there were two others but he was not sure which ones.

Trustee Singer reported about a program called 'Knocking at Your Door'. The program has the format of a fashion show. It talks to seniors about 'gypsy scams' where one individual distracts the senior with information or services they are providing and the other individual robs them blind. The show informs them what kind of I.D. they should be asking for and how to identify if it is real or not. Finally, they have a runway show of how individuals from local companies that regularly make service calls should be dressed and behave. The program is put together by a Lt. Kevin Williams, they have two shows coming up at the Geneva Senior Center and the Priscal Center in Aurora. Contact Lt. Williams at 630-208-2042 for more information. Trustee Singer reported that he is now co-president of the PTO for the school his children attend. He wanted to express his sincere appreciation to all those who volunteer and lead the PTO's throughout our community. Without all the support and commitment from these individuals many special events, new equipment etc.. simply would not exist.

Other Business: None reported.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee West and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____