

Batavia Township
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Minutes of the May 11, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Trustee Gilkerson 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; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant; Residents: Howard Katz,

Absent: Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Layla Beth, Township Office Manager

Checking of Bills and Checks for May 2010

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

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the accounts from April 2010; Trustee Tracy 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 the tax bills have been mailed out and are due in 2 installments. The first one is due on June 1, 2010 and the second one is due on September 1, 2010. Assessor Kavanaugh stated that the assessor's office does not control the taxes or the rate. The rate in Batavia did go up from last year. Last year the rate was 7.076896 and this year the rate is 7.12193710 Assessor Kavanaugh review her own bill and compared it to last year. She stated that there was a slight increase across all bodies, not just one in particular. Assessor Kavanaugh did want to caution residents to review their bills to make sure they are getting any exemptions they are eligible, they are finding a lot are missing. Forms for the exemptions can be printed at www.kanecountyassessments.org . Trustee West reported that the biggest exemption that is missed is the senior citizen freeze. Assessor Kavanaugh stated it has to be applied for each year. Supervisor Anderson inquired as to whether if someone did not know about the exemption and applied would they be grandfathered? Assessor Kavanaugh explained the county would issue a certificate of error and make the correction but that the tax payer would

be responsible for paying the 1st installment even if it is incorrect and they will be reimbursed later. Any further questions can be directed to the Assessor's office via the website www.bataviatownship.com or 630-879-1323. Trustee Gilkerson inquired as to an income limit and eligibility for the freeze. Assessor Kavanaugh stated that if the household makes more than \$55,000 they do not qualify.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long is on vacation fishing and will report next month.

Old Business:

- A. Educational Conference Oakbrook:** Supervisor Anderson is sending in form for Oakbrook Conference if anyone else would like to register this is their last chance.

New Business:

- A. Ride in Kane:** Supervisor Anderson handed out a copy of the letter to commit funds for next year. Supervisor Anderson explained that the township budgets for Ride in Kane every year and so no approval is needed. The City and Township of Batavia both kick in \$26,000.00.
- B. Email for Trustees:** Supervisor Anderson reported that the emails are up and working for the Trustees on the website. Trustee Tracy emailed directions on how to retrieve emails and will send them out one more time. Township Attorney Van Larson recommended strongly that a procedure regarding backing up the emails be put into place as soon as possible. It is recommended that a procedure be outlined and put on the next agenda for approval.
- C. MainStreet:** Supervisor Anderson made a motion to partner with Batavia MainStreet in there revitalization efforts for downtown. The Township would join at the Friend level for \$125.00. Trustee Tracy moved to approve the partnership and Trustee Gilkerson seconded the motion.
Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.
Nays: None
Motion passed.
- A. Kane County Meeting:** Supervisor Anderson reported on the upcoming County Meeting to be held on Wednesday May 19, 2010 at 7pm. He stated the meetings are still continuing with their 'Filling in the Big Picture' theme and having 5 new townships tell their story at the meeting.

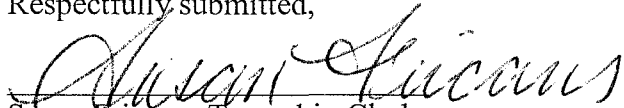
Trustee Reports:

Trustee Singer gave an update about the program called 'Knocking at Your Door' that he discussed at the last meeting. Supervisor Anderson advised him of the Seniors in Batavia meeting that takes place at the East Town Center once a month. He told Trustee Singer to contact the Park District and the Senior Center to set up a presentation for the Seniors at one of these meetings.

Other Business: None reported.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Singer, seconded by Trustee Gilkerson and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____