

Batavia Township Board of Trustees

11-14-17

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Anderson at 7:00pm at the Township offices located in Batavia, IL.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Bertalmio.

Roll Call: Trustees Bertalmio, Donat, Tracy, West, Supervisor Anderson. Also present were Highway Commissioner Long, Clerk Katz. Not present: Assessor Kavanaugh, Township Accountant Robert Chalberg, Township Attorney Van Larson

At this point, the checking of Bills and Checks for September 2017 were reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes from September 2017

A motion to approve the Sept. 2017 minutes was made by Trustee Tracy and seconded by Trustee West. Roll Call vote: Aye - Bertalmio, Donat, Tracy, Anderson. PASSED

Approval of Accounts

A motion to accept the Sept. Accounts was made by Trustee Tracy and seconded by Trustee Donat. Roll Call vote: Aye - Bertalmio, Donat, Tracy, Anderson. PASSED.

Assessor's Report Not Present.

Road Commissioner's Report We are in the 5th week of leaf pickup. We have one the best pickup machines being made, and it works well: this week one worker is on vacation, and another worker can if necessary operate the machine by themselves. About 40% of all our area has have their leaves picked up. Supervisor Anderson asked if the rain hinders leaf pickup? Commissioner Long stated that the wetness helps as long as they're not sitting there too long--and since we pick up once a week it goes well. The last date of pickup may run into the week following Thanksgiving, since not a lot of leaves have fallen yet.

Old Business

-- Passage of Tax Levies

Trustee Tracy noted that there has been times when the levies have not been increased from previous years, but in this instance, there's a small increase except for the general Road Fund. Commissioner Long says that the average Road Fund was held to 2.1% Supervisor Anderson that the General fund was less than that. A motion to pass the General Fund Levy was made by Trustee Bertalmio and seconded by Trustee Tracy. Roll Call vote: Aye - Bertalmio, Donat, Tracy, Anderson. PASSED.

A motion to pass the Road and Bridge Ley was made by Trustee Donat and seconded by Trustee West. Roll Call vote: Aye - Bertalmio, Donat, Tracy, Anderson. PASSED.

New Business

-- Emergency Assistance:

There has been discussion between the Supervisor and the GA Caseworker about EA amounts. This can be used by families with children --even those who go to the Illinois Department of Human Services. Currently EA is set at \$245, payable once in a calendar year, and they would like to raise it to either \$400 or \$450. This does not need the Trustee Board's approval, but this is to keep everyone informed. This is for instances when places like the Salvation Army or St. Vincent de Paul Society can't help. Trustee Donat asked why is Emergency limited only once a /year? Supervisor Anderson explained that this was per State statute pertaining to General and Emergency Assistance programs. Commissioner Long wondered why was this amount chosen? Supervisor Anderson noted that applicants for EA have to be at least 30 days in arrears of utilities. It's whatever what the City tells us we can pay to avoid the shutoff of their electric and this amount would better help with that. Trustee Donat asked if gas was covered as well as and electric? Supervisor Anderson affirmed that and said we can help approved applicants with up to the amount we're raising the funding amount to. Trustee West noted that the City will only disconnect electric services in winter if it's above 32 degree on the day of shutoff. Supervisor Anderson noted that it's never an easy situation, but we try to help where we can. We get approximately 20 EA applications per season. Any questions about GA or EA, can be answered by contacting the office.

-- Conference reports

Trustee Tracy wanted to make a few general observations--He said it was interesting because interesting that because this was an election year, there were quite a few newly elected people at the conference--approximately 30% of the attendees. The people attending seemed to trend younger this time--a good thing for Township government. In general, there are quite a few townships with a huge difference between them--it's impossible to talk about one type of township in the state--it varies by the region.

Supervisor Anderson noted that some Highway Commissioners work out of their homes since the Townships might be too small to have a highway office. Commissioner Long said that he was aware of two instances where all the County roads are under Townshic control. He stated weren't as many sessions just for roads, so he went to a lot of the general operations sessions--he noted how little conflict there is here in Batavia vs some other Townships around the State.. Supervisor Anderson thought they did a good job of organizing the sessions. Trustee Tracy said that it worth recording that all of our elected officials attended. Trustee Bertalmio said that he found it Interesting in knowing the roles for all the elected , but was surprised that there wasn't something more for the new incoming Trustees! overall he felt that the information there was useful. Trustee West stated that he finds that even the sessions that may not pertain to him directly are instructive about other's positions.

Public Participation

None

Trustee Report

None

Other Business

Next Meeting Date

--Dec.. 12, 2017

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Donat and Seconded by Trustee West. PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectively Submitted

Howard R. Katz
Batavia Township Clerk