

# Batavia Township

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## **November 8, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.**

Supervisor Anderson called the November meeting to order at 7pm and Trustee Mitchell led the board in the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present: Supervisor Jim Anderson; Trustees Vicki Mitchell, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy and John West; Road Commissioner Chris Long; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh and Township Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Batavia Township Attorney Van Larson; Batavia Township Accountant Bob Chalberg. Batavia Resident – Howard Katz.

## **Checking of Bills and Checks for October 2016**

**Minutes:** Trustee West moved to approve the minutes from October 2016; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

**Accounts:** Trustee Tracy moved to approve the accounts from October 2016; Trustee West seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Mitchell, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

**Assessor's report:** Assessor Kavanaugh reported nothing new from last month, this is a slow time of year for the Assessor's office.

**Road Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Long reported nothing new, they are deep into leaf pick up. Week of Thanksgiving will probably end leaf pick up. If weather permitting and leafs haven't fallen they will extend one more week.

## **Old Business:**

- 1. TOI November Conference** – begins next week starts Sunday afternoon ends Tuesday.
- 2. Salaries 2017-2021** – Salaries have to be set tonight because they must be set six months in advance of the new candidates taking office. Remember Salaries are set for the office

not the individual. Trustee West reminded everyone again that the salaries are being set for the elected positions and not for the individual that currently holds the position.

**Trustee Tracy moved to have Supervisors salary be frozen at the current level of \$33,887. Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion.**

**Ayes: Mitchell, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson**

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed**

**Trustee Tracy moved to have the Clerks salary to be set at same level of \$5,460 for the next four years. Trustee West seconded the motion.**

**Ayes: Mitchell, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson**

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed**

**Trustee Mitchell moved to have the Trustees salaries set per meeting, if you don't attend you don't get paid. She moved to have the compensation per meeting set at \$125.** Trustee Mitchell said it is very much in line with what other Townships are paying and it helps with a problem the township has had in the past where Trustees do not show up for meetings and the board has difficulty getting a quorum.

Supervisor Anderson agreed with the logic of the \$125/meeting, but pointed out from a bookkeeping point of view it makes it easier to have the same amount every month.

Trustee West inquired to Township Attorney Van Larson if there needed to be further clarification or if compensation per meeting is fine. Township Attorney Van Larson stated there needed to be a second on the motion in order for a discussion to take place.

**Trustee Singer seconded the motion.**

Township Attorney Van Larson wanted clarification around what type of meeting, just monthly meetings? What about special meetings? Is it just for 12 monthly meetings? What about the annual township meeting? Trustee Mitchell stated the Trustees come to the annual town meeting as residents.

Commissioner Long inquired about budget meetings? Supervisor Anderson stated the budget meetings are usually in conjunction with the monthly township meeting.

Commissioner Long stated they are technically a separate meeting. Trustee Mitchell commented even though they are 2 minutes long?

*Trustee Mitchell withdrew the motion.*

**Trustee Mitchell made a motion to pay the Trustees \$125 per meeting day any additional meeting within the month would be \$50/meeting**

**Trustee Singer seconded the motion to open it up for discussion.**

*Trustee Mitchell withdrew the motion again.* But stated she had a real problem paying a Trustee that does not show up for meetings.

Trustee West wanted the motion cleaned up but was not willing to make a motion.

**Trustee Tracy made a motion to freeze the Trustees monthly salary at \$2450/year. Supervisor Anderson seconded the motion to open it up for discussion.** He clarified that there would be no compensation for any additional meetings.

Trustee Mitchell wanted to know how many special meetings the township typically has, there was no response. Trustee Mitchell is concerned someone will run and get elected just for the compensation. Supervisor Anderson and Trustee Tracy assured the board there are provisions to prevent that from happening.

Trustee Mitchell said that they could still get elected and come to every second meeting. Clerk Fricano pointed out that this is the same salary that was approved for the Trustees 4 years ago.

Trustee Mitchell pointed out the Trustees are making as much as the Trustees in St. Charles Township that is twice as big as Batavia Township. Supervisor Anderson said that the size of the Township is not relevant and it was comparing apples to oranges. Trustee Mitchell pointed out that Campton Township Trustees make \$100 meeting and their meetings are 2 hours long in comparison to the Batavia's on average ½ hour meeting. Trustee Tracy supported his role as Trustee by stating some of his accomplishments. He wrote a newsletter, he speaks with constituents, he researches issues at home, he goes to the annual conference and Kane county meetings, all of which he feels are part of the job.

Trustee Singer felt the present Trustees are not in their positions for the compensation. Some do more than others but the present Trustees all do their jobs.

Clerk Fricano reiterated that no one should take the setting of salaries personally as the salary is set based on the positions for the newly elected candidates. **Clerk Fricano called the roll.**

**Ayes: Tracy & Anderson**

**Nays: Mitchell, Singer & West**

**Motion not passed.**

**Trustee Tracy made a motion to have the Trustees paid \$125/month 12 times per year. West seconded the motion.**

**Ayes: Mitchell, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson**

**Nays: Mitchell (stated she still did not feel Trustees should be paid if they did not attend a meeting.)**

**Motion passed**

Trustee Tracy summarized that the Supervisor, the Clerk and the Trustees salaries have been set.

**Trustee Mitchell made a motion to have the Assessors salary set at \$79,000/year with no increases over 4 years. Trustee Tracy seconded the motion.**

Trustee Tracy pointed out the currently Assessors salary is \$73,842 and the Assessors year begins January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year, so 01/2018.

Clerk Fricano repeated the motion for Trustee Singer.

Clerk Fricano asked if there was any more discussion and with no further discussion roll call vote was taken.

**Ayes: Mitchell, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson**

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed**

Supervisor Anderson clarified the Commissioner, Assessor and Supervisor positions all include IMRF and health insurance.

**Trustee Tracy made a motion that the Highway Commissioner's salary remain at \$74,182 with a 2% increase each year. Supervisor Anderson seconded the motion to open up discussion.**

Trustee Mitchell stated her problem is that the Township looks after less and less roads and at what point does the Highway Commissioner's job become a part time job?

Commissioner Long reported the township has less than 14 miles of road, but that the position does not dissolve until it is less than 6 miles of road. Trustee Mitchell inquired to Commissioner Long if it was a full time job with two full time employees?

Commissioner Long stated you need two employees to do any type of road work and if you contract out for the services they do for the Township, it would cost more than his salary. He stated they work with the surrounding Townships and they get paid by those Townships for their work. There was continued discussion around the position of the Highway Commissioner and whether it was a full time position, whether contracted services would be more or less and whether the Township should be doing work for other Townships. After continued discussion roll call vote was taken.

**Ayes: Mitchell, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson**

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed**

**Trustee Tracy made a motion that the Highway Commissioner, Assessor and the Supervisor all receive IMRF and Health Insurance. Trustee West seconded that motion.**

Trustee Mitchell inquired how they set the amount the Township pays and the amount the employee pays for their health insurance. There was discussion around how much the Township pays for health insurance and who provides their health insurance. After some discussion roll call vote was taken.

**Ayes: Mitchell, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson**

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed**

- 3. April Elections** – Coming up soon. Deadlines Dec 20th is the last day to file.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. 2017-18 Tax Levies** – The road district and the township levies are complete. The Township levy has a \$500 increase to mental health and the road district levy is the same as the past two years. Supervisor Anderson stated the levies can be passed next month. Trustee Mitchell wanted to wait until next month to pass the levies and Trustee Tracy agreed.

**Public Participation:** None to report

**Trustee Report:** None to report.

**Other Business:** None

**Time and Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be held on December 13, 2016 at 7:00pm.

**Adjournment:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Singer the meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Fricano, Township Clerk