

Batavia Township Board of Trustees

8-8-17

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Anderson at 7:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Donat.

Roll Call: Trustees Bertalmio, Donat, Tracy, West, Supervisor Anderson. Also in attendance were Assessor Kavanaugh, Clerk Katz, Township Attorney Van Larson and Township Accountant Chalberg. Absent: Highway Commissioner Chris Long

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

Approval of Minutes from July 2017

A motion to approve the July 2017 minutes was made by Trustee Bertalmio and seconded by Trustee Tracy. PASSED VIA VOICE VOTE.

Approval of Accounts

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

Assessor's Report

Assessor Kavanaugh thanked the Board for announcing the 6-29 publication date of all assessments to the public at the last month's Board meeting, and she noted that July 31st was the end of the appeal date. The public can still contact the Assessor's Office for discussion if they still have questions about their assessment. Supervisor Anderson asked what the procedure would be if someone still questioned and wanted to still appeal their assessment, Assessor Kavanaugh said that an individual could then take their concerns to the County Board of Review--the landowner can submit the material there, and the Board will review it as well as the material produced by the Assessor's Office. If the property owner is still unhappy with the review, they can then request a review by the State's Property Tax Appeal Board, but they should be aware that there's currently a 2-year backlog of cases for that Board. She stated that the Township has 84 appeals that we're working on.

Road Commissioner's Report Absent.

Old Business

--708 Board Representative: At this point no Trustee has expressed interest in being the 708 Board Representative. One will be needed prior to the next 708 Board meeting.

-- November Conference --Springfield November 12-14 Several Township officials have shown interest. Supervisor Anderson asks that anyone who is still thinking about attending to let him know by

the end of the week so reservations can be made. Supervisor Anderson noted that there's not been a single Conference he's attended that he hasn't learned something new.

New Business

-- Old Township records digitization by the Batavia Public Library Supervisor Anderson was contacted by George Sheets from the Library about digitizing our old records which go back to the 1800s. We had in the past given the record books to the Park District for display. At this point in time, since we had not asked for them back after 10 years or knew that we should have,, they actually became the Park District's property. The Park District has located where they had stored them and we still can have them digitized so the Library will proceed with the process. The charge will be \$2289.00 for the digitizing, and \$50 for shipping/microfilming Once done, the records will be viewable on the Library website. Digitizing work will be done at Northern Illinois Univ.. The final date when this will be done, is still unknown.

--November meeting date. Because the last day of the TOI Conference falls on the same day as our regular meeting, does the Board want to change the date? We could make it back in time for the Board meeting, but the bills may not be done in time for the meeting. General consensus was to have the Board meeting on the 14th per our normal schedule.

Public Participation

None

Trustee Report

Trustee Donat attended the TOI Bootcamp in Lisle last month and said that he found the information from that interesting

Other Business

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Donat and Seconded by Trustee Tracy. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectively Submitted

Howard R. Katz
Batavia Township Clerk