

Batavia Township Board of Trustees

9-11-18

Minutes

The Board of Trustees 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 Assessor Kavanaugh.

Roll Call: Trustees Donat, Tracy, Supervisor Anderson. Also present were: Highway Commissioner Chris Long, Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh, Clerk Howard Katz

At this point, the checking of Bills for August 2018 were reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes from August 2018

Trustee Tracy moved to approve the August minutes, seconded by Trustee Donat Roll Call vote: Aye - Donat, Tracy, Anderson. PASSED

Approval of Accounts A motion to approve the August bills was made by Trustee Tracy and seconded by Trustee Donat. Roll Call vote: Aye - Donat, Tracy, Anderson. PASSED

Assessor's Report

Assessor Kavanaugh reported that they've had hearings yesterday, today and will again tomorrow. The schools are contesting some of the reassessments given to various businesses. There have been 41 appeals total in the Township, and we usually we average 120 - 160 appeals out of the 13,000 parcels listed. It helps that the property tax rates have gone down. She stated that the staff is doing an excellent job dealing with the phone calls and walk-ins.

The Township flag is still being worked on--apparently some of the companies approached can't do the artwork we wanted to do, so the project is on hold for the moment. Supervisor Anderson said that we're not in any hurry and if we don't have it for this year's TOI conference we can have it for next year. Supervisor Anderson asked if we should we increase the cost cap we placed on it? Assessor Kavanaugh thought that we probably should, but she's not sure what the final costs might be at this point, and will see what else is needed..

Road Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Long stated that there's nothing new to report at this time, but did remind everyone that we're heading into their normal fall work and that leaf pickup will begin soon.

Old Business

Ride in Kane: Supervisor Anderson noted that most of the problems previously reported to the Board, have been taken care of. He had a long meeting last week with the RIK committee and all the complaints have disappeared. He noted that there's a new representative from PACE which might have something to do with the changes.

Fall Conference: All who can attend are signed up and hotel reservations have been made.

Records disposal: We're finally near the end of the disposal process. Supervisor Anderson called the state to verify: since we have no classified or personal info in this batch, do we need to shred? He was told that we could dispose of them any way we need to. We've been using the Food Pantry's paper disposal dumpster, and we're taking them a few boxes at a time so as not to overload the dumpster. Not shredding saves us several thousand dollars.

New Business

2019 Tax Levies: Next month will have a preliminary tax levy to review. There has to be a minimum off 30 days after it's presented to take final action on the levies, so we may have to wait until Dec. to approve them.

TOKC Annual Dinner: Usually shortly after the Oct. meeting. We'll verify the date.

Public Participation None

Trustee Report

Trustee Tracy noted that Jerry Murphy, the Exec. Director of the IncBoard did a presentation at the Rotary today. He also noted that On the 19th, the County will be discussing a county-wide 708 referenda possibility. Supervisor Anderson stated doesn't think we need a county-wide board but that the individual townships not already so involved, should do a 708 referenda to approve their own funding.

Trustee Tracy showed a handout with information on how the public can dispose of prescription drugs Batavia residents can drop off unused meds at the Batavia police dept.

Supervisor Anderson talked about how recycling is not followed when only certain items can be recycled but a lot of plastics can't be. The county Connects has a guideline of what can and can't be recycled.

Other Business None

Next Board Meeting: Oct. 9, 2018

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Donat and seconded by Trustee Tracy. PASSED
The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectively Submitted

Howard R. Katz
Batavia Township Clerk