

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Batavia Township Board
131 Flinn St., Suite B
Batavia, IL 60510**

Tuesday – June 8, 2021

Call to Order: The Batavia Township Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Leigh Tracy who asked Troy Tousana to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Roll Call:** The Clerk called the roll. The following township officials were present for the meeting: Supervisor Leigh Tracy, Trustees Troy Tousana and John West. The three officials constituted a quorum and the meeting continued. Also present was Road Commissioner Chris Long. Attending the meeting remotely via Zoom were Township Attorney Van Larson and Township Accountant Robert Chalberg. The meeting was recorded by BATV videographer Josh Scharpenberg who is working for BATV as a summer intern.
2. **Reports by agencies funded in 2020:** Supervisor Tracy welcomed the following agency representatives attending the meeting via Zoom:
 - Kim Lamansky, Executive Director for the Tri-City Health Partnership, and
 - Stephanie Weber, Executive Director of Suicide Prevention Services

Vic Dietz, President of Valley Sheltered Workshop, was present at the meeting for his presentation.

Kim Lamansky began the agency reports and said that the number of Batavia residents visiting the facility had increased last year. Of the 507 individuals served, 146 (29%) were Batavia residents. Due to COVID restrictions, the Tri-City Health Partnership switched from onsite visits to telephone visits. The partnership has also added two bilingual staff members. Most of their patients do not have health insurance coverage. Each patient usually visits three times a year. The average annual cost per patient is \$700. Trustee West commented that he knows someone who is currently receiving treatment via telemedicine. Supervisor Tracy noted that the township's support to the Tri-City Health Partnership last year was \$8,000.

Stephanie Weber shared news of a memorial garden that was installed at their location by a local Scout for his Eagle Scout project. The flower garden includes a gazebo and was created in memory of two of his friends who died by suicide. She also reported that the agency is providing services to more walk-ins, more students, and more older clients in their 70s and 80s who experienced feelings of isolation, anxiety, and depression. Trustee Tousana asked what geographic area the agency serves, and Weber replied, "All areas, we never turn a client away." They have four licensed clinicians and volunteers operate the call-in hot line. She thanked the

township for last year's support in the amount of \$7,000. A one-page summary of the services provided by Suicide Prevention Services is attached to the minutes.

Vic Dietz was joined in his presentation by Zander Donat, Board Vice-President, who attended remotely via Zoom. Dietz summarized the Fox Valley Sheltered Workshop's mission as an employer of last resort providing employment for those who no one wants to hire doing work that no one wants to do. The workshop began in 1966 and hires individuals who have a variety of handicaps and special needs. giving their employees the dignity of a job. He said paychecks range from \$11 to \$150. Due to COVID restrictions, the workshop was closed from March to June 2020. However, workers were paid their average wage while unemployed. Before COVID they had 22 employees but currently they have 16. Dietz stated that the township's support in the amount of \$5,000 was used to help pay for administrative staff. A letter acknowledging the township 2020 grant is attached to the minutes.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for May 11, 2021, Township Board meeting were presented for approval. Trustee West moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Tousana seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes -3, Nays – None. The motion passed.
4. **Approval of Bills for June:** Supervisor Tracy stated that a summary of the June bills was distributed to the trustees for their review prior to the meeting. He added the health insurance premium to the general fund bills. Trustee Tousana then moved to approve payment of the general fund bills for June in the amount of \$46,783.30. Trustee West seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes – 3. Nays - None. The motion passed.

Supervisor Tracy added the premium for employee Joe White's insurance coverage and a bill for Vessel Inc. to the road fund bills. Trustee West moved to approve payment of the road fund bills for June in the amount of \$19,271.71. Trustee Tousana seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes - 3. Nays - None. The motion passed.

5. **Assessor's Report:** Supervisor Tracy reported that the Kane County Supervisor of Assessment's office completed the equalized assessment process resulting in an equalizer factor of 1.0196 to be applied to the property tax rate for 2021. Tracy also reported that the Batavia Township Assessor's website now offers a program that allows residents to subscribe to notifications and information posted by the assessor's office.
6. **Highway Commissioner's Report:** Road Commissioner Long reported that Kane County awarded the blacktop bid to Geneva Construction in the amount of \$144,305. The roads to be resurfaced with blacktop include Volentine Farm Road, Cigrand Court, Schuster Road, Oak Street, and parts of Woodland Avenue and Heritage Road. Smaller contracts have been awarded for the following projects: Deerpath Road will receive a micro-surface additive from the Batavia city line to Nelson Lake Road, and a slurry coat will be put on Partridge Road, Jonathan Court and

Tanglewood Court. Long also reported that his crew continues to mow when and collect brush and trash. Trustee West noted that a small amount of income was received from Kane County in the form of fine revenue. Long explained that a portion of highway fines collected is shared with the township.

7. **Public Participation:** None

8. **Old Business:** Supervisor Tracy asked for feedback on the formatting and content changes made to the monthly reports that are shared with the trustees. Both Trustee West and Tousana said they liked the reports.

9. **New Business:** Supervisor Tracy reported that a vacancy on the Batavia 708 Board occurred due to member Gary Brown's recent move out of the area. 708 Board President Howard Katz has recommended that Ellen Nottke of 38W462 Deerpath Road in Batavia be named as his replacement. Other members of the 708 board are Nancy Hubbard, Sue Krol, Nancy Murphy, T.J. Vaughan and Michael Lowery. A motion was made by Trustee West to appoint Ellen Nottke to the 708 Board. Roll call: Ayes – 3. Nays - None. The motion passed.

10. **Trustee Reports:** Trustee West reported that Bryan Smith, Executive Director of Township Officials of Illinois, will be retiring effective August 31, 2021, after 35 years of employment with TOI. He served as Executive Director for 25 years. West asked Supervisor Tracy to send a letter on behalf of Batavia Township congratulating Smith on his retirement and acknowledging his years of service to township government.

11. **Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Tracy reported that he is still working with Paycom to solve payroll reporting issues and uploading documents and information to the township website.

The next meeting of the Batavia Township Board is scheduled for July 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

12. **Adjournment:** As there was no further business to discuss, Trustee Tousana moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee West. The motion was passed with a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penelope L Tracy

Penelope L. Tracy, Batavia Township Clerk