

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

Tuesday – August 10, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** The Batavia Township Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Leigh Tracy. Trustee Walter Donat led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call:** The Clerk called the roll. The following township officials were present for the meeting: Supervisor Leigh Tracy, Trustees Walter Donat, Tom Sharp, and Troy Tousana. Trustee John West was absent. Also present for the meeting were Road Commissioner Chris Long, Township Attorney Van Larson, and City Clerk Penelope Tracy. The meeting was recorded by BATV intern Josh Scharpenberg. Supervisor Tracy reported the Batavia Township meetings can be viewed on YouTube.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the July 13, 2021, Township Board meeting were presented for approval. Trustee Tousana moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Sharp seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes - 4, Nays – None. The motion passed.
4. **Approval of Bills for August:** Supervisor Tracy reported that property tax revenue payments for the general fund and the road fund were received from Kane County in the amount of \$334,358. A payment for the personal property replacement tax in the amount of \$8,251.01 was also received.

A summary of the August bills was distributed to the trustees for review prior to the meeting. Tracy reported that included in the August bills for the general fund was a second 25% payment of the money collected for the 708 Board mental health fund. Adding an additional bill to the list of August payables for Brian Cole and Associates would bring the total amount of bills to be paid in August to \$151,672.07. Trustee Donat moved to approve payment of August bills from the general fund. Trustee Tousana seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes – 4, Nays – None. The motion passed.

Supervisor Tracy presented the road fund bills for August in the amount of \$48,864.01. Included in these bills is the purchase of a new John Deere tractor for \$20,864.01. Trustee Donat moved to approve payment of the road fund bills. Trustee Sharp seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes – 4, Nays – None. Motion passed.

5. **Assessor's Report:** Supervisor Tracy announced that the last day to file an assessment appeal is Monday, August 16.
6. **Road Commissioner's Report:** Road Commissioner Long reported that the road projects are almost complete and brush pick up continues weekly. Long also reported that trade-in value of the old 1999 tractor was \$15,000.
7. **Public Participation:** None
8. **Old Business:** Supervisor Tracy presented his recommendation for 2021-2022 funding for social service agencies. His presentation eliminated funding to some agencies while increasing amounts to others. He also identified five agencies who might also receive additional funding from the Batavia Rotary Club based on the data compiled from a recent Rotary Needs Assessment Survey. Tracy said he would contact the Rotary Board and present the township's funding proposal to them to see if they would also contribute to these agencies.

Trustee Sharp requested that the meeting's minutes include a comparison between last year's funding and this year's proposed funding. (The comparison chart is included as an attachment to the minutes). Sharp then moved to approve Tracy's social services funding request for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$125,000. Trustee Donat seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes – 4, Nays – None. The motion passed.

9. **New Business:** None
10. **Trustee Reports:** None
11. **Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Tracy reported on the following items:
 - The Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) organization is seeking volunteers to serve on division committees. These divisions report each month in the "Township Perspective" magazine and sponsor training sessions for township officials.
 - One of the agencies support by Batavia Township, the Tri-City Health Partnership, is hosting an open house for their new medical and dental clinics. Township officials are invited to attend on August 21 at 4:00 p.m.
 - A tour of the Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management facility has been scheduled for August 23 at 10:00 a.m. Clarke is the firm used by the township for mosquito control, and a recent report from Clarke states that the mosquito population has increased due to recent rains. They also report the presence of West Nile Virus in some of the mosquitos that were trapped.

- The Township Officials of Illinois Annual Educational Conference is scheduled for November 15-17. This conference usually held in Springfield, Illinois will be a virtual event this year.
- Attorney Van Larson discussed Governor Pritzker's decision not to suspend the open meeting act with regard to allowing remote public meetings. He suggested that the township wait for the publication of state guidelines on the subject of meeting attendance via Zoom before offering the option of attending a meeting remotely.

12. The next meeting of the Batavia Township Board is scheduled for September 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

13. **Adjournment:** As there was no further business to discuss, Trustee Sharp moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Tousana. The motion was passed with a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penelope L. Tracy

Penelope L. Tracy, Batavia Township Clerk