

**Minutes of the Tax Levy Hearing of the
Batavia Township Board
131 Flinn St., Suite B
Batavia, IL 60510**

Tuesday – December 13, 2022

Call to Order: The Batavia Township Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Supervisor Leigh Tracy pursuant to the publication of a Trust in Taxation Hearing Notice.

Attendance:

Batavia Township Supervisor Leigh Tracy

Batavia Township Clerk Penelope Tracy

Batavia Township Trustees Walt Donat, Tom Sharp, Troy Tousana and John West

Batavia Township Highway Commissioner Chris Long

Batavia Township Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh

Batavia Township resident Bill Knudsen (2041 Gillenwater Street - Batavia, Illinois)

BATV videographer Audrey Karpf

Discussion: Supervisor Tracy explained that a public hearing on a tax levy is required by the Truth in Taxation Law passed in 1994. The purpose of the law is to provide public disclosure when a Township is planning to adopt a levy greater than 105% of the previous year's levy. He explained that the increase maximum is normally 5% plus new construction. However, he anticipates a budget deficit of \$40,000 if the new levy is only 5%. To cover the deficit, he is proposing a 7.7% levy increase for the Batavia Township General Corporate Fund.

Tracy further explained that the levy and budget process has two steps: 1) passing a levy in December, and 2) creating a budget in March. In the current budget 70% of the operating budget goes to support the Ride 'N Kane program, and mental health and social services. Without an increase above 5%, support for these services would be reduced.

Public Comment: Bill Knudson briefly addressed the township board and stated that he was opposed to a tax increase because he felt many of the township services could be more efficiently provided by the county. He suggested that the board look at improving operations and reducing costs by having services provided at the county level.

Supervisor Tracy responded that the county assessor does not want to assess Batavia Township properties nor does the Kane County Department of Transportation want to maintain Batavia Township Roads. He thanked Mr. Knudson for his comments and offered to provide him with budget information.

Motion: Trustee Donat moved to approve Batavia Township Tax Levy Ordinance L2022-2023 in the amount of \$1,294,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tousana. Roll call: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Adjournment: The public hearing ended at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penelope L. Tracy

Penelope L. Tracy, Batavia Township Clerk