

September 9, 2019– REGULAR SESSION

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met for a regular session at 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2019, at the Batavia Township Community Center.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Jennifer Haley gave the roll call for the Board of Trustees. Present were: Mr. Dowdney, Mr. Sauls, and Mr. Perry. Also present were Jennifer Haley, Fiscal Officer, Rex Parsons, Township Administrator, Denise Kelley, Zoning Administrator, Brad Harris, Zoning Inspector, Ken Embry, Service Dept. Director, and Deputy Kidder, Clermont County Sheriff's Department.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the September 9, 2019 agenda as presented. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Dowdney	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Perry	yes	Motion carried

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the August 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the August 9, 2019 special meeting as presented. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Perry	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	Motion carried

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ms. Haley gave the August 2019 financial reports as presented.

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve the August 2019 financial reports as presented. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Perry	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	Motion carried

**RESOLUTION 9-01-2019**

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve **Resolution 9-01-2019**, Acceptance of Rates for 2020 from the County Auditor. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Perry	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	Motion carried

**CEMETERY DEED**

Ms. Haley presented to the Trustees for signatures, a cemetery deed for Olive Branch Cemetery, for 3 graves, for Robert Wayne Green.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Deputy Jesse Kidder gave the August 2019 Sheriff report. Batavia Township Deputies took 189 offense reports for August, up 14% from July. There was \$2000 of stolen property recovered. There were 6 overdoses for the Township (two for the same individual). There were 3 burglaries.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Parsons introduced Weston Gruber, who gave a power point presentation for his Eagle Scout Project, a gaga ball arena.

Ethan Kinner presented his Eagle Scout Project, Dog Park enhancements.

Tom Turchiano, Republic Waste/Recycling, gave his presentation on the first year of service.

Ed McCoy spoke as a proponent of dissolving the Amelia Village.

## **REPORTS OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/INSPECTOR**

Denise Kelley, Zoning Administrator, and Brad Harris, Zoning Inspector, gave their August reports which included the Housing permits, and BZA and Zoning Commission updates.

## **REPORTS OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Embry gave an update on the 2019 Road Paving Program.

All the equipment is in for the new truck.

## **REPORTS OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Parsons spoke about the Stream side TIF/Amended agreement.

There was a resident complaint about drivers speeding on Filager Road. Mr. Parsons sent a letter to Jeremy Evans, Clermont County Engineer. A speed study has not been completed since 1996. Mr. Evans is hopeful the State will consider doing a speed study on Filager.

The Veteran's Services had their first annual family picnic at the Township Park. They sent a thank-you letter to the Batavia Township Trustees.

The Bulldog Blast 3 mile walk/run took place a few weeks ago. Mr. Parsons participated and won the race for his age group. There were 175 participants and raised about \$2000 for scholarships for Batavia Local School students.

The National Night Out was held August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Township Park. The Sheriff's office sent a letter of thank-you to the Township. Next year's NNO will be August 4, 2020.

The LFAW (League for Animal Welfare) is having an open house, Saturday, October 5 from 1-4 pm.

Mr. Parsons spoke about the Orion Roller Coaster at Kings Island. It supported jobs in Batavia Township because it was manufactured in Batavia, at Southern Ohio Fabricators in Afton.

The Trustees were given the Electric Aggregation Performance Summary.

Mr. Parsons has obtained quotes for security cameras for the Township Property.

There was a five minute break.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Parsons, Ms. Haley and Mr. Perry met with the State Auditors, etc. for planning purposes concerning the Village of Amelia dissolution on November’s ballot.

Mr. Parsons spoke about the 2020 budget to include the sidewalk repair program.

**DISCUSSION**

The Clermont county Park Grant Application is due by October 1, 2019. Suggested uses of the grant would include: Frisbee golf, bathroom facility, spray park, etc. There was discussion about the water lines, designs, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS**

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees accept Brookdale Court (0.101), Millstream Dr. (0.64), Alexa’s Way (0.22), Apple Farm Dr. (0.045), Woodbury Glen Dr. (0.121), and Shawna’s Way (0.087) all within the Woodbury Glen Subdivision into the Township road system effective immediately. Total accepted mileage is 1.016 miles. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Perry	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	Motion carried

**RESOLUTION 9-03-2019 NUISANCE ABATEMENT**

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve **Resolution 9-03-2019** as it relates to declaring a nuisance abatement on the following property in Batavia Township: 41 Lucy Run Rd. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Dowdney	yes	
Mr. Perry	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	Motion carried

**RESOLUTION 9-02-2019**

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve **Resolution 9-02-2019**, as it relates to adopting a policy for the use of credit cards used by Township employees. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Perry	yes	
Mr. Dowdney	yes	Motion carried

**SEPARATION AGREEMENT**

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees authorize the continuation of health coverage for Gary Sunday and his two children until October 31, 2019, in lieu of unused sick time. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Dowdney	yes	
Mr. Sauls	yes	
Mr. Perry	yes	Motion carried

**FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENT POND/LAKE**

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees replace/repair the pond fountain with a pump and light, at a cost not to exceed \$3500. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls                    yes  
Mr. Dowdney                yes  
Mr. Perry                    yes                                Motion carried

**CONTRACTOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve payment to the John R Jurgensen Paving Co in the amount of \$152,152.07 for paving completed in Crosspointe Subdivision. This is to be retro-active to August 21, 2019. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Dowdney                yes  
Mr. Perry                    yes  
Mr. Sauls                    yes                                Motion carried

**RESOLUTION 9-04-2019**

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve **Resolution 9-04-2019**, as it relates to applying for a matching grant of \$20,000 from the Clermont County Park District for park improvements. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Dowdney                yes  
Mr. Sauls                    yes  
Mr. Perry                    yes                                Motion carried

**CONTRACTOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees approve payment to Neyra Paving in the amount of \$22,779.56 for sealcoating and striping of Batavia Township property located at 1535 Clough Pike and 2401 Old SR 32. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Perry                    yes  
Mr. Dowdney                yes  
Mr. Sauls                    yes                                Motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss employees performance and consider salary adjustments. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion at 8:20 pm. On the roll being called:

Mr. Dowdney                yes  
Mr. Perry                    yes  
Mr. Sauls                    yes                                Motion carried

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Dowdney motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees return to Regular Session. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion at 9:03 pm. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls                    yes  
Mr. Dowdney                yes  
Mr. Perry                    yes                                Motion carried

**SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees APPROVE ADJUSTING Steven Tyminski's and Jordan Webber's salaries for excellent work performance by \$2 per hour, to \$22.60 each, effective at the next payroll. Mr. Dowdney seconded the motion at 8:20 pm. On the roll being called:

Mr. Dowdney                yes  
Mr. Perry                    yes  
Mr. Sauls                    yes                                Motion carried

There is a Clermont County Chamber Board of Advisors meeting at Huhtamaki, Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 9:30 am. This includes a tour. Mr. Perry will speak at the meeting. The Trustees discussed attending.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Perry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Randy Perry,  
Chairman

Jennifer Haley,  
Fiscal Officer