

Batavia Township
131 Flinn Dr. Suite B
Batavia, IL 60510
630-879-1392

Minutes of the January 12, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Assessor Kavanaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Layla Beth, Township Office Manager; Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant; Van Larson, Township Attorney; Residents: Howard Katz.

Checking of Bills and Checks

Minutes: Trustee West moved to approve the minutes of the December, 2009 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Singer. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the accounts from December 2009; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh reported that they are preparing to rollover the system to 2010. Supervisor Anderson asked if the Assessor's office would be doing another mailing. Assessor Kavanaugh stated she did not plan on doing a mailing every year, maybe every second year, mostly because of the cost associated with the mailing. Assessor Kavanaugh hopes that the new website will help reduce the need for a mailing.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long happily reported that the road crew is enjoying a lull in the snowfall and getting some well deserved sleep. Trustee Singer inquired about the salt usage after talking to Kendall County who reported they have already used ½ their supply. Commissioner Long reported they have used 135 tons of salt this season, which is right about where they were last year. Commissioner Long stated the Batavia Township is frugal with its salt and the spreaders are run by a computer on the truck which is set by the crew.

Old Business:

- ◆ Nothing to report.

New Business:

- **Assessor's Fund Transfer:** Supervisor Anderson reported a transfer of \$500 from the telephone to publishing and printing because they were short funds. This transfer will appear next month.
- **708 Board Member:** They are looking for a new board member for the Batavia board. Anyone interested can contact Jerry Murphy at 630-892-5456
- **Appointment of Trustee West to the BATV board:** Trustee Tracy moved to allow Trustee West to be appointed. Trustee Gilkerson seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.
Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson
Nays: None
Motion passed.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Tracy reported as a trustee and a citizen he had attended both a city council meeting and a school board meeting. His intent is to encourage co-operation. Trustee Tracy also urged everyone to attend a brainstorming session called "IGNITE a Bright Future for Batavia". The event description is as follows:

"Join us as we identify and build on the tremendous assets and capacities that are the basic fabric of Batavia. Meet other community leaders, and find a place to contribute you talents and abilities to create a bright future for generations yet unborn!"

The event will be held on March 26, 2010 at Waubensee Community College, Rte 47 at Waubensee Dr. The cost is \$25.00 to attend. Any questions can be directed to the Batavia Chamber of Commerce or the City of Batavia. Trustee Tracy stated he had one other reason for appearing at these meetings and that was to try to focus attention on the sad state of Illinois, because the state is broke. He feels we need to bring attention to the state of Illinois and all its problems. Trustee Tracy predicts there will be some kind of melt down and unfortunately the school districts will be forced to lay off and many social service agencies will simply have to close their doors because the state is not paying their bills. Trustee Tracy ended by reminding everyone to vote. Early voting has begun and information on voting can be found at www.kanecountyelections.com. Trustee Tracy was also interested in the Township's new website. He has set up a training session on January 26th for any board member interested in learning how to use the website from the internal side to update things, inputting links and more. The training will take place at the Township office contact Supervisor Anderson for the time. Trustee Tracy wanted to know if the long range plan was for the website to be hosted all at one location. Assessor Kavanaugh, Supervisor Anderson and Commissioner Long all agreed this is the plan, but there have been complications in trying to link older programs with new ones.

Trustee Gilkerson reported he found a couple of interesting things in the Township Perspective Magazine. First the information on the legality of snowplowing was both interesting and timely. If the snow melts from snow piled up by the snowplow and then freezes in the parking lot and someone slips and falls, is the township liable? Only if it can be proven that the ice was formed from the melted snow pile the snowplow made. Trustee Gilkerson commented on the Prevailing Wage Act and how people are figuring out ways around it.

Trustee Singer apologized for blaming BATV for getting our information wrong because apparently a separate entity gives that information to BATV so it was not their fault. Trustee Singer inquired about getting business cards made. Trustee Singer had received some information from the Township Supervisor in Kendall County regarding where they got their business cards or should we use someone local. Supervisor Anderson offered to make some business cards in house to save some money. He stated he could make some and if more were needed he could make some more.

Other Business:

Supervisor Anderson reported on the Township Officials of Kane County Meeting to be held at the U. of I. /Kane County Extension Center, 535 Randall Rd. in St. Charles by the fairgrounds, across the street from the Circuit Clerk's office (enter through the north door) and how they are profiling 4 Townships at each meeting. Batavia will be profiled in the first meeting on Wednesday January 20, 2010 at 7pm, all are welcome to attend and support the Township.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee West and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: Date: _____

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Minutes of the February 9, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Trustee Singer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant; Van Larson, Township Attorney; Residents: Howard Katz.

Absent: Trustee Ron Gilkerson; Layla Beth, Township Office Manager; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh

Checking of Bills and Checks

Minutes: Trustee Tracy moved to approve the minutes of the January 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee West. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee West moved to approve the accounts from January 2010; Trustee Singer seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh was absent but Supervisor Anderson reported that the assessor's office is currently doing neighborhood reviews.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long reported that the road department is busy snow plowing and there was nothing new to report.

Old Business:

- ◆ Nothing to report.

New Business:

- **Preliminary Budgets:** Supervisor Anderson reported they will be ready in March and passed in April.
- **Township Topic Day:** Supervisor Anderson reported that this is when township officials go to Springfield to meet with state legislators for the day. Supervisor Anderson stated he has never gone, but if you have any interest he can provide you with more information. TOIPAC is usually there to help create and power legislation.
- **50 Men Who Cook:** Supervisor Anderson volunteers in the afternoons at Suicide Prevention Services. This event is a fundraiser to help the center. 50 men volunteer to make sample size portions of their favorite dish and all the proceeds from the evening go to the Suicide Prevention Center. The event will be held at the Lincoln Inn on February 27th from 6-9pm. Tickets are \$50/advance and \$60/door. Supervisor Anderson will be making Vegetable Pinwheels this year.
- **Annual Town Meeting:** Supervisor Anderson reported the meeting will be held on April 13th right after the regular monthly Township meeting. Next month the Board will vote on times, but most likely it will be the same as last year with the regular meeting starting at 7pm, followed by the Annual Meeting at 8pm.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee West reported that he attended the Township of Kane County Meeting and he got a good overview of the townships and their budgets. Trustee West also reported that he was officially elected to the BATV board; he

attended his first meeting and knows most of the board members. He brought to the attention of the BATV board the acoustic problem with the meetings and the need for a microphone on the table to help make the acoustics better. Trustee West brought in the plaque he had made for the clock Trustee Gilkerson made for the Township.

Trustee Tracy reported on the training session for the website and Supervisor Anderson reported that Laya Beth, the Township Office Manager, had already posted one set of minutes. Trustee Tracy advised the board that now Agendas can be posted on the website, minutes and the Township Officials emails will be up on the website. There was discussion around putting up the Trustees personal emails and Van Larson, Township Attorney, advised the Township to set up emails for Trustees@bataviatownship.com and have the emails then sent to the individual Trustees personal emails through the office. Trustee Tracy continued to report on phase II of the website where the goal is to have everything at the Township hosted in one location. Supervisor Anderson did advise the board that this will be an extra cost to the Township. Trustee Tracy reminded everyone about the Waubensee College brain storming session about Batavia's future:

“Ignite a Bright Future for Batavia”
March 26, 2010 8am
Waubensee Community College
Rte 47 at Waubensee Dr.
Cost: \$25

He encouraged individuals to come and bring others with them. Lastly, Trustee Tracy was interested in seeing how the board could encourage more people to come and participate in the annual meeting. Supervisor Anderson stated it would be posted in the newspaper by Clerk Fricano, it will be on the website and on BATV. He also advised that any registered voter in Batavia can come and vote at the annual meeting.

Trustee Singer was interested in having a Trustee section on the website where the Trustees and Township could get feedback from the community.

Other Business:

Resident Howard Katz reminded the board of the Advisory Meeting of the 708 board on Thursday February the 11th at 7pm at the Batavia Township Office and that they are still looking to fill a vacancy.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Singer, seconded by Trustee West and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

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Minutes of the March 9, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Trustee Gilkerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant; Layla Beth, Township Office Manager; Residents: Howard Katz.

Absent: Van Larson, Township Attorney

Checking of Bills and Checks

Minutes: Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the minutes of the February 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Singer. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee West moved to approve the accounts from February 2010; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh reported their office is working generating neighborhood reports for reassessments. They are looking at 120 neighborhoods plus commercial, industrial and farms, and are hoping to be done by mid to late July. Trustee Gilkerson reported that while he was on vacation he was reading the editorial page of the local Florida newspaper and there were a lot of people writing to the assessor about their taxes. Supervisor Jim reminded everyone that the assessments are based on a 3 year average. Assessor Kavanaugh reported that they are much busier than in previous years.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long reported that the road department is enjoying the lull between the seasons but will be preparing for spring, summer and all the maintenance that goes along with those seasons.

Old Business:

A. Preliminary Budgets: action cannot be taken until everyone has had a chance to look them over, there will definitely be some tweaking.

B. Annual Town Meeting: Budget hearings will take place at 6:45pm as they do not need to be a part of the meeting. The regular township meeting will take place at 7pm followed by the Annual Township Meeting at 8pm.

New Business:

- A. FOIA Compliance Officers:** A motion was made by Trustee West and seconded by Trustee Tracy to allow Supervisor Anderson, Township Office Manager, Layla Beth and Township Clerk, Sue Fricano to share the duties of FOIA Compliance Officer.
- B. Mental Health 708 Appointment – Gary Brown:** Thanks to Resident Howard Katz the opening on the 708 board was filled by Gary Brown on 408 Walnut St. in Batavia, IL. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Trustee Singer and seconded by Trustee Tracy. Congratulations to Mr. Gary Brown on his appointment.
- C. Kane County Meeting – Wednesday March 17th at 7pm:** A reminder of the meeting was made by Supervisor Anderson. He reported there is not a big attendance at these meetings but they are well attended by the Batavia Township. Four more Townships will tell their story this meeting.
- D. MainStreet Gala Saturday March 13, 2010 at 5:30pm:** Township Clerk Sue Fricano reminded everyone about the upcoming Gala. She reported it is a community event and hoped the township would show their support and get a table together to attend. Everyone in the community is invited.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Tracy reported that the website is moving along and you will now find all the minutes from June to February posted. Soon agendas and contact information will be posted. The second phase of the website proposal is coming along and hopefully everything will be hosted from one place soon! Trustee Tracy reminded everyone about the Waubensee College brain storming session about Batavia's future:

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Cost: \$25

He encouraged individuals to come and bring others with them. Trustee Tracy reported that March 7 – 13th is local government week. Trustee Tracy stated if you get out one of your property tax bills it will show you exactly what your local government is doing. He pointed out that the Batavia Township takes up the least amount of dollars on the tax bill. He encouraged people to participate in local government beyond paying taxes and invited them to attend local government meetings. Trustee Tracy also encouraged everyone to sign a petition for the Fair Map Amendment as he feels it is the first thing we can do to reform politics in Illinois. Here is a brief outline of the problem and solution. More information is available at www.ilfairmap.com

The Problem – Illinois' Legislative Mapping Process is Flawed & Political

- **Under existing system, legislators draw district lines behind closed doors.**
- **Which party gets to draw, Republicans or Democrats, is decided by drawing a name out of a hat**
- **Districts are drawn to protect incumbents.**
- **Districts are drawn to protect friends and punish enemies. Power is entrenched in the hands of a few, and it's almost impossible to vote them out.**
- **Districts lack true competition.**

The Solution – A New, Fair Mapping Process

- **Based on a Citizens' Commission Proposal (Illinois Reform Commission).**
- **Legislators DO NOT draw maps – Independent Commission does.**
- **Maps drawn in open and transparent process, with public input.**
- **Specific criteria must be used to draw maps to protect minority voting rights and aim to eliminate partisan advantage**
- **Map drawers may not unduly favor any political party. Maps are drawn for people, not politicians.**

The Process – Citizen Initiative

- **Two ways to change the system – through the legislature, or through the citizens.**
 - **Legislature will not change the system – citizens must.**
- **Need 500,000 signatures of registered voters by end of April.**
 - **Voters must sign a petition specific to their election authority, usually your city or county.**
 - **Signatures get the IL Fair Map Amendment on the November 2010 ballot for voters to decide.**
- **If the people vote for the new IL Fair Map Amendment, it will become law and we will finally have a redistricting process that is transparent and fair.**

Trustee Tracy pointed out as a result of the above problem it is important for people to fill out the Census and Mail it back.

Trustee West reported there is a new president for the BATV board, he has been a board member for a few years. He reported there is a full board and that the official annual report will be given at the City of Batavia Council meeting. Trustee West informed the board that AT&T is wiring into the High School where BATV is located so soon it will be available for many more residents to view. Trustee West also emphasized the importance of taking the time to fill out and return the Census forms because a lot of dollars come from the Census.

Trustee Gilkerson was welcomed back from his time away. Trustee Gilkerson wanted to send his condolences publicly to the Family of Linnea Miller who passed away of Cancer in January. She was an alderwoman, very involved, supportive of the community and will be missed. Trustee Gilkerson reported on the City of Aurora and the two wind generating energy wind mills that have been put up by that community. He commended them on their efforts to conserve energy. Trustee Gilkerson commented on the State of State Address and how the Tribune was recommending that Township government be eliminated. Trustee Gilkerson argues that Township government is the closest body the public has to ensure work is done. He feels Township government serves an important function and he hopes one of Governor Quinns goals will be to ensure the strength of Township government. Supervisor Anderson stated Township government is efficient and if there is no township government others will be burdened and services will suffer.

Trustee West reported that the Batavia Apartments have started a community based recycling program. This is a fundraiser for them. Budget cuts have affected the services they help fund and this program is an attempt to help with things like summer camps. Please take paper recycling to the Apartments and help them with this program.

Other Business:

Resident Howard Katz reported that the 708 board met on Thursday February 11th to look at their budget and they have been hit hard by cuts and are having a hard time being able to get funding together. Resident Howard Katz had the operating Treasurers report and the operating strategic plan if anyone was interested. He spoke about the 708 board, how it operates and who it serves.

Some of the agencies it serves includes Dayone Network, Family Counseling Services, Suicide Prevention Services, Prairie State Legal Services...and many more. People in Batavia Township and some other outlying townships all have access to these agencies. Please visit the www.incboard.org for more information.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee West and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____

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Minutes of the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Assessor Kavanaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Layla Beth, Township Office Manager; Residents: Howard Katz, Garry Brown, Max Firth

Absent: Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant

Checking of Bills and Checks

Minutes: Trustee Tracy moved to approve the minutes of the March 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee West. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee West moved to approve the accounts from March 2010; Trustee Gilkerson seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh reported that not much has changed since last month. The tax bills will be mailed out from the Kane County Treasurer's Office on April 23, 2010. Assessor Kavanaugh stated that if anyone is not satisfied with their assessment please contact the Assessor's office via the website www.bataviatownship.com or 630-879-1323.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long reported that there is not too much new. They started brush pick up 2 weeks ago and it will continue every Monday. The last date for leave pick up until the fall will be the 1st week of May. Commissioner Long reported his crew is busy with tree trimming and brush pick up. Trustee Gilkerson commented on some positive feedback from residents of Nelson Lake and Deerpath, who both praised the road department for the work they have done on both roads. Commissioner Long stated he is trying to make the roads safer because they are difficult roads.

Old Business:

C. Educational Conference Oakbrook: Supervisor Anderson passed around a signup sheet for those who are interested in attending.

D. Annual Town Meeting: Supervisor Anderson stated it would take place tonight at 8pm.

E. Passage of Budgets: There was a budget hearing that took place at 6:45pm before the official start of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Batavia Township. Supervisor Anderson reported there were a few transfers from some funds to others and this happens from time to time. There were no other new items added because of the uncertainty of funding and the state. Trustee Tracy wanted to know if there were percentages to compare to last year. Supervisor Anderson stated there were no percentages and the levy was basically the same as last year and that is how he does his budget. Trustee Gilkerson wanted to know if the Township would be staying with Clark for mosquito abatement. Supervisor Anderson stated yes he felt like there would be a public outcry if they tried to get rid of this item. Trustee Gilkerson wanted it noted as a major topic for discussion in the new year. Whether to continue with this item or not. After no further discussion Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the General Township Budget for 2010; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Commissioner Long reported the budget for the road and bridge is pretty much the same as last year. Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the Road and Bridge Budget for 2010:

Trustee West seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

New Business:

A. FOIA Resolution: Supervisor Anderson read the resolution and Trustee West moved to approve the FOIA resolution; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

B. Sugar Grove Open House: Supervisor Anderson reported that this is a new township and they are having an open house on Sunday May 2, 2010 from 1 to 4pm. The address is 54 Snow St., Sugar Grove, IL.

C. TOIRMA Dividend \$3595: Supervisor Anderson reported that the dividend will be split between the General Township and Road and Bridge.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Tracy reported that the website is proceeding along and the company is working on the trustee's emails. An individual should be able to email a Trustee at the Batavia Township and hopefully the Trustee can access them at home. Van Larson, Township Attorney stated some kind of permanent recording system must be kept of the emails and the responses. Trustee Tracy stated he would look into this and make sure it was done. Trustee Tracy also commented on 'Ignite Batavia'. He stated there were between 75 and 80 people in attendance and all the areas of Batavia were well represented from the Library to the City, Park District, MainSteeet...etc. If you go to the "Ignite Batavia 2010" on face book, you can get a full run down of what went on at the meetings. Trustee Tracy reported of his invites to discussions concerning the current budget crisis, the next one will take place at the Congregational Church in Batavia on Saturday April 17,

2010. The discussions look at House Bill 174, more information on this bill can be found at, <http://taxpayersforillinois.blogspot.com/2009/06/fact-sheet-house-bill-174.html>
Trustee Gilkerson encouraged state employees and retirees to look at the Senate Bill 1946 as it is going to drastically change retirement benefits. More information on this bill can be found at, <http://trs.illinois.gov/subsections/legislative/SB1946.htm>

Trustee West reported that AT&T Uverse now carried all the shows on BATV. Supervisor Anderson wanted to know how many other towns get Batavia Meetings, he thought Elburn and Hampshire. Trustee West believed there were two others but he was not sure which ones.

Trustee Singer reported about a program called 'Knocking at Your Door'. The program has the format of a fashion show. It talks to seniors about 'gypsy scams' where one individual distracts the senior with information or services they are providing and the other individual robs them blind. The show informs them what kind of I.D. they should be asking for and how to identify if it is real or not. Finally, they have a runway show of how individuals from local companies that regularly make service calls should be dressed and behave. The program is put together by a Lt. Kevin Williams, they have two shows coming up at the Geneva Senior Center and the Priscal Center in Aurora. Contact Lt. Williams at 630-208-2042 for more information. Trustee Singer reported that he is now co-president of the PTO for the school his children attend. He wanted to express his sincere appreciation to all those who volunteer and lead the PTO's throughout our community. Without all the support and commitment from these individuals many special events, new equipment etc.. simply would not exist.

Other Business: None reported.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee West and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____

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Batavia Township Annual Minutes for April 13, 2010.

Call to Order:

The Annual Town Meeting of Batavia Township was called to order at 8:00pm by Clerk Susan Fricano. John West led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Layla Beth, Township Office Manager;

Residents: Howard Katz, Garry Brown, Max Firth

Absent: Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant

Moderator: Howard Katz was nominated as moderator, there were no other nominations. Upon a motion made by Jim Anderson and seconded by Chris Long, a vote was taken and with no nays the motion was passed. Mr. Katz was then sworn in by Clerk Susan Fricano.

Moderator Salary: Upon a motion made by Jim Anderson that the moderator's salary be set at \$49.99 and seconded by Ron Gilkerson, a vote was taken and with no nays the motion was passed.

Minutes: Moderator Katz made some corrections to the minutes from last year. First, Jim Dallesasse was not a Trustee at the time of the meeting, as he had passed away and Howard Katz was the Trustee that took his spot. Second, Layla Beth was listed as a resident when she is not and she is also listed correctly as the Township Office Manager. Lastly, it was noted by Moderator Katz after the meeting to both Jim Anderson, Township Supervisor and Sue Fricano, Township Clerk that the date for the next meeting was 2009 instead of 2010. Ron Gilkerson also highlighted his recommendation from last year that the mosquito issue be revisited to see if it was still necessary. Ron Gilkerson wanted to make it clear he did want it discussed and seriously considered if it is necessary for this coming year. Ron Gilkerson moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, seconded by John West. The motion was passed via voice vote.

Next Meeting: Mr. Katz noted that the next Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 12, 2011 and the time shall remain set at 8pm. Mr. Katz noted that all Annual Town Meetings in all 1400 townships are held on the 2nd Tuesday in April after 6pm.

Supervisor's Annual Report: Clerk Fricano read the following Township summary.

General Town Fund

Beginning Balance April 1, 2009	\$	202,392.49
Revenues		979,342.07
Disbursements		<u>886,057.43</u>
Ending Balance March 31, 2010		295,677.13

General Assistance Fund

Beginning Balance April 1, 2009	\$	57,106.00
Revenues		35,076.59
Disbursements		<u>20,373.36</u>
Ending Balance March 31, 2010		71,809.23

Road Fund

Beginning Balance April 1, 2009	\$	358,709.16
Revenues		441,882.28
Disbursements		<u>484,763.04</u>
Ending Balance March 31, 2010		315,828.40

Declaration of Surplus Property: There is a Ford 350 Service Dump Truck that will be replaced this year.

Discussion by Electors: None.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Chris Long, seconded by Ron Gilkerson and unanimously approved, the Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Howard Katz, Moderator

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Minutes of the May 11, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Trustee Gilkerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Layla Beth, Township Office Manager;

Residents: Howard Katz, Garry Brown, Max Firth

Absent: Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant

Checking of Bills and Checks for May 2010

Minutes: Trustee West moved to approve the minutes of the April 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Singer. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the accounts from April 2010; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh reported that the tax bills have been mailed out and are due in 2 installments. The first one is due on June 1, 2010 and the second one is due on September 1, 2010. Assessor Kavanaugh stated that the assessor's office does not control the taxes or the rate. The rate in Batavia did go up from last year. Last year the rate was 7.076896 and this year the rate is 7.12193710 Assessor Kavanaugh review her own bill and compared it to last year. She stated that there was a slight increase across all bodies, not just one in particular. Assessor Kavanaugh did want to caution residents to review their bills to make sure they are getting any exemptions they are eligible, they are finding a lot are missing. Forms for the exemptions can be printed at www.kanecountyassessments.org. Trustee West reported that the biggest exemption that is missed is the senior citizen freeze. Assessor Kavanaugh stated it had to be applied for each year. Supervisor Anderson inquired as to whether if someone did not know about the exemption and applied would they be grandfathered? Assessor Kavanaugh explained the county would issue a certificate of error and make the correction but that the tax payer would be responsible for paying the 1st installment even if it is incorrect and they will be reimbursed later. Any further questions can be directed to the Assessor's office via the website www.bataviatownship.com or 630-879-1323. Trustee Gilkerson inquired as to an income limit and eligibility for the freeze. Assessor Kavanaugh stated that if the household makes more than \$55,000 they do not qualify.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long is on vacation fishing and will report next month.

Old Business:

- F. Educational Conference Oakbrook:** Supervisor Anderson is sending in form for Oakbrook Conference if anyone else would like to register this is their last chance.

New Business:

- D. Ride in Kane:** Supervisor Anderson handed out a copy of the letter to commit funds for next year. Supervisor Anderson explained that the township budgets for Ride in Kane every year and so no approval is needed. The City and Township of Batavia both kick in \$26,000.00/each
- E. Email for Trustees:** Supervisor Anderson reported that the emails are up and working for the Trustees on the website. Trustee Tracy emailed directions on how to retrieve emails and will send them out one more time. Township Attorney Van Larson recommended strongly that a procedure regarding backing up the emails be put into place as soon as possible. It is recommended that a procedure be outlined and put on the next agenda for approval.
- F. MainStreet:** Supervisor Anderson made a motion to partner with Batavia MainStreet in there revitalization efforts for downtown. The Township would join at the Friend level for \$125.00. Trustee Tracy moved to approve the partnership and Trustee Gilkerson seconded the motion.
Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.
Nays: None
Motion passed.
- E. Kane County Meeting:** Supervisor Anderson reported on the upcoming County Meeting to be held on Wednesday May 19,2010 at 7pm. He stated the meetings are still continuing with their 'Filling in the Big Picture' theme and having 5 new townships tell their story at the meeting.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Singer gave an update about the program called 'Knocking at Your Door' that he discussed at the last meeting. Supervisor Anderson advised him of the Seniors in Batavia meeting that takes place at the East Town Center once a month. He told Trustee Singer to contact the Park District and the Senior Center to set up a presentation for the Seniors at one of these meetings.

Other Business: None reported.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Singer, seconded by Trustee Gilkerson and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____

Batavia Township
131 Flinn Dr. Suite B
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630-879-1392

Minutes of the June 8, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Clerk Fricano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Layla Beth, Township Office Manager; Residents: Howard Katz

Absent: Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant

Checking of Bills and Checks for May 2010

Minutes: Trustee Tracy moved to approve the minutes of the May 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Gilkerson. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee Singer moved to approve the accounts from May 2010; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh reported that there is nothing new; they are busy working on re-assessments. Trustee Gilkerson inquired about a situation a friend is going through. His friend noticed he has been charged for having a basement but does not have a basement. Assessor Kavanaugh explained that unfortunately errors are made in assessments. The township goes off the original plans and if the original plans called for a basement than that would be part of the assessment. The statute states that it is up to the home owner to make sure the assessment is correct and the township can only go back one year for reimbursements as the tax money has already been accounted for and spent and there is no way of getting it back. Any further questions regarding issues like this can be directed to the Assessor's office via the website www.bataviatownship.com or 630-879-1323.

Old Business:

G. Educational Conference Oakbrook: Supervisor Anderson sent in the registration form and all those who requested to go to the conference are all set. The conference is this coming Wednesday June 16th in Oakbrook.

New Business:

G. Prevailing Wage Ordinance: Supervisor Anderson explained that the prevailing wage ordinance states that work being done for the township must be paid according to the union scale. Highway Commissioner Long explained that this pertains to capital projects. Supervisor Anderson did not print out the actual wages because we have no control over them, they are already set. If interested, the revised rates are available from the following website: www.state.il.us/agency/idol . Trustee Gilkerson added that he likes to point out every year the wages may look high but there are other things factored into the wage rate, like pension, medical...the perks/benefits. Trustee Gilkerson made a motion to approve the prevailing wage ordinance, seconded by Trustee Tracy. Roll call was taken.
Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West.
Nays: None.
Motion Passed.

H. Computer Back Ups: Supervisor Anderson reported that computer back ups are in place.

I. Lazarus House Fundraiser: Supervisor Anderson informed the board of a fundraiser to celebrate the 13th birthday of Lazarus House. Township Office Manager Layla Beth has been very involved in this fundraiser and stated they are focusing on their theme of “spare change out of your pocket-every penny counts” and asking people to donate their spare change. The fundraiser/birthday will take place Saturday June 19th from 11am to 2pm on Walnut St. between 2nd and 3rd streets in St. Charles. Admission is free and there will be live entertainment and many other fun events.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee West reported on the BATV Board and how they are aligning their fiscal year with the City of Batavia because of the connection/funding with Comcast and AT&T Uverse. He also wanted to congratulate all the new graduates from Batavia High School there are about 480 this year. Good Luck in your future endeavors.

Trustee Gilkerson reported on the Memorial Day Service. He stated it was well attended even though he thought it was not as well promoted this year. The Mayor was in attendance and ex-sheriff Ken Ramsey did a good job of saluting the veterans who lost their lives and those who are still with us and served our country. Trustee Gilkerson also wanted to ask for any thoughts on a possible new name for the Inc. Board that he could take back and share with the other board members. Currently they are known as Mental Health and Mental Retardation Service, Inc. and they are looking for a new name.

Other Business:

Resident Howard Katz reported on the 708 Board meeting that will take place at the Township office on Thursday June 10th at 7pm.

Supervisor Anderson reported on the opening of a new restaurant that he is involved with in Batavia called “Ona’s on the Avenue”. Come check them out and grab some true Swedish food.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Singer, seconded by Trustee Gilkerson and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____

Batavia Township
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Minutes of the July 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Trustee Gilkerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Leigh Tracy, John West; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Residents: Howard Katz; Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant

Absent: Trustee Singer

Checking of Bills and Checks for July 2010

Minutes: Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the minutes of the June 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Tracy. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee West moved to approve the accounts from June 2010; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh reported that they are finalizing things and certifying assessment roles which should be done by next week. It will take the county 30 days to finalize everything. Everything should be on the website one week from Monday. Assessor Kavanaugh encouraged people to call the township office and speak to someone in the assessor's office before filing an appeal. Trustee Gilkerson commented on the magazine that is put out by TOI called the Township Perspective. He commented on an article about the property tax system, the article is titled, 'The Property Tax System: Is It "Broken"?'. The article talks about how our current system gives people time to think and challenge assessments, there are not many other tax systems that allow you to challenge them. This is one of the positive things about the property tax system and Trustee Gilkerson encourages everyone to read this article. Assessor Kavanaugh encouraged people with any further questions regarding assessments to visit the website at www.bataviatownship.com or contact the office at 630-879-1323.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long reported they are busy with summer work.

Old Business:

H. June Conference: Trustee Tracy reported that he felt the conference was a good experience allowing Townships to share ideas, thoughts and experiences. He attended a session led by Paul Green from Roosevelt University that he found very entertaining. He spoke on the state of the state and did a good job. Trustee Tracy also attended a session on Trustees approval and auditing of bills and checks. Finally, Trustee Tracy attended a session on general assistance which he found very informative and a subject he really did not know a lot about.

Trustee Gilkerson also attended the session with Paul Green and felt he did a good job at outlining alternatives to salvaging the pension plans. There will be some hard decisions to be made in the near future. Trustee Gilkerson attended a session on how Townships can make money. He found it very interesting. Some examples of how they can make money are through advertising. They could put a sign on the side of the Township trucks promoting a business. Another example Trustee Gilkerson found interesting was if you put a cell tower on a garage or building owned by the Township the Township could bring in \$3,000 to \$5,000 a month and it is all perfectly legal.

I. Website: Supervisor Anderson and Trustee Tracy reported that they continue to work on the website.

New Business:

J. Re-appointment of Howard Katz to Mental Health Board: Supervisor Anderson made a motion to have Howard Katz re-appointed to the Mental Health Board. Trustee Tracy moved to approve the re-appointment, seconded by Trustee Gilkerson. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Gilkerson, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None.

Motion Passed.

K. Clerk appointment to Deputy Clerk: Clerk Fricano appointed resident Howard Katz to Deputy Clerk.

L. FOIA Training: Supervisor Anderson reported that he completed the FOIA training and is now a certified FOIA officer.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Gilkerson reported on some red mulberry trees that were planted 10 years ago. They were planted by the Plain Dirt Gardeners, they are very slow growing but all 4 that were originally planted are still alive and doing well today. They were originally brought to the U.S. and planted so we could manage our own silk during WWII. Trustee Gilkerson also reported that he attended a conference in Campaign, IL dealing with seniors. There was a session on laws for older adults in which a book was passed out surrounding laws specific to seniors. Trustee Gilkerson asked Supervisor Anderson to make a few copies of the book to keep on hand at the Township office for interested residents. Trustee Gilkerson highlighted some examples of what is in the book: Homestead exemption, auto registration fee reduction, estates and wills, reverse mortgages...etc. All very important information for seniors.

Other Business:

Resident Howard Katz reminded everyone of the 10am program to take place at the VFW on Rte 25 in Batavia tomorrow. The program is for veterans to find out about benefits available for themselves and families of veterans. Trustee Gilkerson stated there are a lot of changes in the laws and he encouraged everyone who is eligible to take advantage of this program.

Supervisor Anderson reported on the annual educational conference in Springfield on November 7th to 9th. If anyone is interested in going Jim needs to know by the next meeting and he will send in all the information. Otherwise, past this date individuals will send in their own information.

Trustee Tracy make a final comment on a Batavia Chamber event he attended where there was an individual who spoke on the state of the county, which surprisingly was fairly good. Trustee Tracy pointed out the bond rating for the county went up which is good but unusual. Trustee Tracy stated he has been attending a lot of meetings lately, namely the meeting on the recreational center in downtown Batavia. Trustee Tracy congratulated the Park District, the City, the Chamber and all others involved on their ability to work together. He felt he was more favorable about the proposal after the meeting than he was before. The other Trustees agreed.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee West and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____

Batavia Township

131 Flinn Dr. #B
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Minutes of the August 10, 2010 regular meeting of the Batavia Township Board of Trustees

Atty. Van Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees: Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Deputy Clerk Howard Katz

Others Present: Layla Beth, Township Office Manager; Van Larson, Township Attorney

Absent: Sue Fricano, Clerk; John West Trustee; Tammy Kavanaugh, Assessor; Robert Chalberg, Township Accountant

Checking of Bills and Checks

Minutes: Trustee Tracy moved and Trustee Gilkerson seconded to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2010 regular meeting.

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy,

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Accounts: Trustee Singer moved and Trustee Tracy seconded to approve the accounts from July, 2010

Ayes: Anderson, Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy,

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Assessor's Report: Assessor Cavanaugh was absent.

Mr. Tracy congratulated the Assessor on how the 2010 assessment was handled and said that this was nicely done. He also complimented her on the message from her on the Township's website home page.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long reported that nothing was new since last month. He noted that the area-wide construction strike put us back 1 month on ongoing projects. We're doing the balance of repaving on Deerpath, Seavey and Horseshoe Rds., and a new surface type is being tried on Hickory Rd.

Mr. Gilkerson noted that the television show "60 minutes" recently had a segment on Township governments around the country. They reported that a growing trend to save funds and cut costs that is being done by many Townships is by cutting roads back to country road status—Highway departments are making them gravel roads again by destroying asphalt, in order to save on maintenance costs. Commissioner Long said He was aware of this trend—by changing to gravel,

those townships can save on, for example, pothole repair. He stated that we are fortunate that we have had good roads to begin with. We have a good tax base and small road count to maintain.

Old Business:

The TOI Fall Conference will be held on Nov. 7th thru the 9th, in Springfield. Supervisor Anderson reminded the board that the housing form needs to be returned to TOI before Oct. 15th. Everyone who can attend are registered except for Mr. Singer, and Ms. Fricano. The Township will cover the costs of the Conference.

New Business:

Supervisor Anderson reminded the Board that the Township Officials of Kane County monthly meeting will be held next Wednesday, August 18th, 7:00pm at the Univ. of Illinois Extension Center, 535 S. Randall Rd, St. Charles. The topic will be "Filling in the Big Picture" Chapter 4, and the meeting attendees will hear from the Townships of Blackberry, Campton, Geneva, Kaneville and Sugar Grove.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Gilkerson reported that the Board of Directors of the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board has formally changed its name from the above to simply the "INC Board." This change was made since not only is this how most people now call the organization, but the phrase "mental retardation" no longer represents the scope of the services offered. He noted that the State of IL is behind in payments to the member agencies, and for most, the situation is dire. The irony is that not only do more and more people need the services these agencies offer as the economy falters, but most of the agencies have had to cut staff to meet budget. Supervisor Anderson asked if Mutual Ground in Aurora was still open since they had been particularly hard hit financially. Mr. Gilkerson reported that yes, they are.

Trustee Tracy reported on the Township website status—the programmer is still working on getting the property lookup online to mesh with the current web design, and is reporting progress.

He also noted the City of Batavia's annual Art in Your Eye art festival will be held this weekend

Mr. Tracy then distributed flyers about the upcoming "Governmental Forum on Social Services" forum, to be held on Sept. 16, 6-8:30 pm at the Christ Community Church, in St. Charles. He used as an example the situation with the Kane Co. Board voting to cut the Health Dept. staffing in half. The remaining social service programs in the County are necessary and the idea of this forum is to bring officials and candidates together with Social Service providers, advocates, users of these services as well as voters together, and get a dialog going.

Other Business: Compensation for a Deputy Clerk—Supervisor Anderson asked the Board to consider setting a rate for any Township Deputy Clerk when one has to temporarily take over the Duties from the sitting Clerk. Trustee Gilkerson suggested that Batavia Township pro-rate the salary the Clerk normally gets paid. Supervisor Anderson suggested a starting point of \$150. Atty Larson asked the Deputy Clerk how much time he spent getting ready for tonight's meeting and plus an estimated time finishing the meeting minutes—the Deputy Clerk told the Board what

he had done so far. Since this is a fiscal matter not on tonight's agenda, further discussion and the setting of the remuneration will be on next month's agenda.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Slinger and seconded by Supervisor Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectively submitted,

Howard R. Katz
Deputy Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____

Date: _____

Batavia Township
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Minutes of the September 14, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Brian Singer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.
Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant;
Residents: Howard Katz; Absent: Road Commissioner Christopher Long

Checking of Bills and Checks for August 2010

Minutes: Trustee West moved to approve the minutes of the August 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Tracy. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee Singer moved to approve the accounts from August 2010; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh reported that published assessments were sent out and the last day to file an appeal is September 23, 2010. Assessor Kavanaugh encouraged people to contact the township first about their assessment and if they cannot assist them they can continue the appeal process with the county. Appeals can be filed online at the Kane County website www.co.kane.il.us/soa/, or at the County offices located at 719 S. Batavia Ave., Building C, Geneva, IL 60134. Assessor Kavanaugh reported that the 2010 equalized factor for Batavia Township is 1.0262. Township Attorney Van Larson inquired how this compare with last years equalized factor. Assessor Kavanaugh stated it was down slightly but there is not very much difference from last year. Assessor Kavanaugh stated she would report with exact numbers next month. For further questions regarding assessments please visit the website at www.bataviatownship.com or contact the office at 630-879-1323.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long was absent but Trustee Gilkerson reported on a seminar they both will be attending regarding different and better solutions to salting in the winter. Trustee Gilkerson stated they would report back next month with the findings. Commissioner Long had commented to Trustee Gilkerson that he had not heard of some of the new methods to be discussed.

Old Business:

- J. Fall Conference Registration:** Supervisor Anderson reported that everyone should have received confirmation for the conference and if they have not they need to contact TOI to verify they received the registration. Specifics on seminars have yet to be confirmed.

New Business:

- M. Legislative Survey:** Supervisor Anderson handed out a legislative survey, if you have any concerns or have something that you feel the legislature should address regarding townships you need to fill out the survey form and submitted it by October 29, 2010.

- N. Compensation for Deputy Clerk:** Supervisor Anderson reminded the Trustees of the discussion around compensation for the Deputy Clerk should they have to reside over the monthly meeting in the Clerk's absence. A motion was made by Trustee Gilkerson to compensate the Deputy Clerk \$150/meeting, this motion was seconded by Trustee Tracy. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- O. 30th Annual Dinner Meeting – Kane County:** Supervisor Anderson advised who ever wanted to go to let him know by October 13, 2010.

Trustee Reports:

Nothing to report this month.

Other Business:

No other business this month.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee Tracy and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____

Batavia Township
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Minutes of the October 12, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.
Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant;
Residents: Howard Katz; Absent: Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh

Checking of Bills and Checks for September 2010

Minutes: Trustee Tracy moved to approve the minutes of the September 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee West. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the accounts from September 2010; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh could not be at the meeting tonight but sent a report through Supervisor Anderson that the Assessor's office is busy preparing for appeals. There were 167 appeals filed that will go to the Kane County Board for review. Assessor Kavanaugh reported that the number is a little higher than normal but expected considering the tough economic times.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long reported that the final brush pick up took place today and tomorrow they will begin leaf pick up. Leaf pick up will continue through the last week in November. Trustee Gilkerson commented on the seminar that he attended with Commissioner Long. He reported that he found it very interesting and that Batavia Township is ahead of the technology they were demonstrating. Everything is computerized as far as salting today.

Old Business:

K. Annual Educational Conference: Supervisor Anderson reported that everyone should have received confirmation for the conference and if they have not they need to contact TOI to verify they received the registration. The new TOI magazine has a very extensive section on the conference and all the sessions that will be offered. Supervisor Anderson

recommended a session called, 'live line'. It is on the power of electricity and will keep your attention through the whole session.

- L. Township Officials of Kane County Annual Meeting:** Supervisor Anderson reminded everyone to be there early as Batavia Township is hosting the evening.

New Business:

- P. Date Change:** Supervisor Anderson motioned to have the November meeting date changed from November 9th to November 16th to allow everyone in the Township the opportunity to attend the Annual Educational Conference. Trustee West moved to approve the date change; Trustee Singer seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.
Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson.
Nays: None
Motion passed.

- Q. Estimated Equalization Assessed Valuation Report:** Supervisor Anderson handed out the Assessor Estimated EAV Report by Tax District for general information.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee West reported about board resignation and election at BATV. He also wanted to bring to the attention of all Batavia that the Food Pantry has seen an increase in the demand for food by those in need. All donations are greatly appreciated. Supervisor Anderson went on to explain if you can donate money instead of food it goes 5 times as far as the food donated.

Trustee Gilkerson reported that the 708 board met and discussed the increase in the use of their agencies by people in the Township. Trustee Gilkerson also commented on a letter about doing away with townships and how it should be put on the ballot to see the public opinion on if townships should exist or not.

Resident Howard Katz announced the 708 board is beginning their new fiscal year and Trustee Gilkerson was elected as chair to the 708 board. Mr. Katz commented on townships being abolished and stated the county would have to take over operations and it would not be efficient. Also, every county would have to vote positive to dissolve township.

Trustee Tracy encourages everyone to get out and vote as this could be a historical election. You can go to www.kanecountyelections.org to find out if you are registered to vote. Trustee Gilkerson reported that John A. Cunningham's office will send a ballot through the mail for you to vote if you cannot get out and vote at a polling station.

Trustee Gilkerson inquired who we get the Batavia Chamber Magazine from and if it is affiliated with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He feels the organization as a whole has become very political and questions if the Township should continue supporting the Chamber. He feels the Township should be neutral and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce puts \$750 million into campaigns. Trustee Gilkerson asked that this question of support for the Chamber of Commerce be put on next month's agenda and go to the board for a vote.

Other Business:

No other business this month.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee West and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____

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Minutes of the November 16, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Resident Howard Katz led the pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.
Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Residents: Howard Katz; Absent: Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant.

Checking of Bills and Checks for October 2010

Minutes: Trustee Singer moved to approve the minutes of the October 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee West. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the accounts from October 2010; Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh was not present, but Supervisor Anderson reported appeals had been taken care of and there were 167 appeals.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long reported that everything is going well they are in the last two weeks of brush pick up and then they will jump right into the winter season.

Old Business: none to report.

New Business:

- A. Educational Conference Reports:** Trustee Gilkerson reported attending the state wide conference. He reported there were some 1200 plus officials in attendance and the opening ceremonies were very nice. He attended a session on general assistance and asked a question that got everyone's attention. He wanted to know why we have general assistance in the first place. He said the presenters did a good job with the answer. Trustee Singer reported that he attended a session about compulsive hoarding and he was interested to find out what it had to do with township government. The session discussed the hoarding as a disorder an anxiety disorder that rises from fear and that people need to

understand the disorder in order to help the individuals, but in the end hoarding cost a lot to clean up and the cost ends up falling on the taxpayer.

The other session Trustee Singer wanted to mention was on meth labs. The police officers stated, to everyone's surprise, that there is probably one meth lab in every community. The session went over some of the signs that a meth lab might be in your community.

Surveillance cameras and motion detectors around the residence, heat bottles for disposal, lithium batteries peeled back to get the lithium strip....they emphasized reporting any suspicious signs to the police and letting them deal with the resident.

Trustee Singer stated overall he enjoyed the conference and thought it was nice to spend time with the people he worked with at the township and to allowed him to get to know them better.

Trustee Tracy felt it was a good opportunity to socialize with township people and after seeing and hearing about other townships he felt the Batavia Township is rather quiet and calm.

Trustee Tracy attended a session on alternative revenue streams for the townships and thought the Batavia Township might want to consider the formation of a foundation or have advertising available on our website. Trustee Tracy pledged to help promote and market the township. He inquired about a spot in the Neighbor magazine distributed throughout Batavia. Supervisor Anderson advised him that we did have a section at one time but we did not have a lot to publicize and it was expensive.

Trustee Gilkerson liked the idea of scholarships for individuals going into government/politics. However, scholarships were given out previously and the township attorney advised the township to form a foundation to fund the money for the scholarship. That way where the money came from and how it is distributed can be tracked because tax dollars cannot be used for scholarships.

Supervisor Anderson stated if a foundation was formed he would like to see some of the money go to the food pantry.

Trustee West reported that the conference was informative and great for networking. He observed that there are really big townships and really small townships and Batavia falls somewhere in-between and seems to be doing very well. He felt the Batavia Township is very open with BATV videotaping all the meetings.

Supervisor Anderson commented on how he is amazed that after 25 years he still learns something new each year at the annual conference. He stated he went to a session on policy and procedure and feels we need to set a policy on the public speaking at the township meetings. Trustee Anderson is going to work on this new policy. Trustee West feels it should be on the agenda each month.

- B. Tentative Tax Levies:** Supervisor Anderson handed out the tentative tax levies, any questions can be addressed at the next meeting.
- C. Expense Sheets:** Supervisor Anderson has expense sheets if anyone needs one.

Trustee Reports

Trustee West wanted to thank all the men and women in the service and acknowledge Veterans Day on November 11th. He also wanted to congratulate all the winners in the recent election. Finally, Trustee West reminded everyone about the toy drive that use to be headed by the late Mildred Bailey. The toy drive will take place this year in conjunction with the police department.

Trustee Singer also wanted to congratulate all the winners in the recent election, with a special congrats to Pat Perez for Kane County Sheriff. Trustee Singer does not think this position should be political, but heard about what a great job Pat Perez does and wanted congratulate him.

Other Business:

No other business this month.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee Singer and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____

Batavia Township
131 Flinn Dr. Suite B
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Minutes of the December 14, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batavia Township.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Township Clerk Sue Fricano led the pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor James Anderson; Trustees Ron Gilkerson, Brian Singer, Leigh Tracy, John West; Road Commissioner Christopher Long; Assessor Tammy Kavanaugh; Township Clerk Sue Fricano.

Others Present: Van Larson, Township Attorney; Bob Chalberg, Township Accountant.

Residents: Howard Katz

Checking of Bills and Checks for November 2010

Minutes: Trustee Tracy moved to approve the minutes of the November 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Trustee West. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Accounts: Trustee Singer moved to approve the accounts from November 2010; Trustee Gilkerson seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Assessor's report: Assessor Kavanaugh reported that she has one more hearing and they are done for the year. There were 161 Appeals and of that 52 were non appearance hearings. This is the first time the county has offered this option. At a non appearance the home owner and assessor do not have to show up, they just have to produce evidence for their appeal/decision. Trustee Gilkerson inquired how long it takes to put together an appeal. Assessor Kavanaugh stated anywhere from 1 to 3 hours depending on the home, comparables and other factors like uniformity and value.

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Long reported winter has arrived and everything is going well. He wanted to state his appreciation to the public for their patience while the roads are being cleared. Trustee West stated he lives in the township and feels the road crew does a good job. Commissioner Long stated it is hard to clear the roads with the wind and snow and it is near impossible to salt. He also feels it is a waste of time and money because if they salt on the snow it will dilute it and then the temperature drops and it freezes again.

Old Business: none to report.

New Business:

A. Passage of General Fund Levy: Supervisor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the General Fund Levy. Trustee Tracy inquired about the difference from last year. Supervisor Anderson stated there is about a 4% increase, 3.7% to be exact plus new construction, he stated it does not amount to much.

Supervisor Anderson called for a motion to pass the General Fund Levy. Trustee Gilkerson moved to approve the passage of the General Fund Levy: Trustee Tracy seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

B. Passage of Road and Bridge Levy: Supervisor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Road and Bridge Levy. There were none. Supervisor Anderson called for a motion to pass the Road and Bridge Levy. Trustee Tracy moved to approve the passage of the Road and Bridge Levy. Trustee West seconded the motion. Roll-call vote was taken.

Ayes: Gilkerson, Singer, Tracy, West, Anderson

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

C. Fare increase for Ride-in-Kane: Supervisor Anderson reported he attended a meeting proposing a fare increase of \$0.50 from \$3.00 to \$3.50 each way for the ride-in-Kane program. There were some issues of change making with the fare increase. Another proposal is to wait until June and make the increase \$1.00. The meetings around ride-in-Kane take place on the second Thursday of the month at the county office in Geneva. Supervisor Anderson felt attending would be very interesting for many. For example, many people do not realize the program is subsidized by the township and city together, each ride is subsidized \$12.00 each way. That is \$24.00 every time someone rides. Public transportation is expensive because you have to take into account other things like road and vehicle maintenance.

Resident Howard Katz asked Supervisor Anderson to explain ride-in-Kane. Supervisor Anderson explained it is a ride program for seniors, the disabled and low income. He stated you have to register to ride at the billing department in Batavia. You have to call one day in advance to schedule a ride and rides can be set up by subscription so they are automatic every week or month for reoccurring appointments. He also explained there are cabs and vehicles with lifts.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Gilkerson reported on the toys that his wood working group is making for disadvantaged children. So far they have made 875 toys of which 300 went to the Batavia Access Toy Drive. He also commented on the Batavia Food Pantry and the increased need at this time of year. Finally, on a personal note Trustee Gilkerson and his wife have decided to not give each other gifts this year and to donate the money to the food pantry. They feel they have everything they need and are happy to be in a position to help others.

Supervisor Anderson reported that there is a need for gifts for teenagers at the toy drive as they seem to be overlooked by the toys for younger children.

Other Business:

Batavia Enterprises came by with a sample of a sign that will list all the businesses along Flinn St. They wanted to put the sign at the top of the hill so people become aware of all the business along Flinn St., but the City would not let them and so they will put it at the bottom of the hill in the parking lot.

Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Trustee Gilkerson, seconded by Trustee Singer and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fricano, Township Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____ Date: _____