

Batavia Township Board of Trustees

6-13-17

Minutes

Budget Hearing

The Budget Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Anderson at 6:45pm for the Township and the Road District.

General Fund: Trustee Tracy notes \$120,000 is marked for Social Services and a line item is included for Clarke Mosquito. Supervisor Anderson states that the amount is the same as the last budget except for the 708 Mental Health fund which was raised to the amount requested by the Inc.Board..

Trustee Tracy moved and Trustee West seconded to approve the proposed General Fund Budget. Roll Call: Yes: Bertalmio, Donant, Tracy, West, Anderson

Road District: Commissioner Long stated that this budget is the same as last year with a few items changed. The tax levy was held to the same amount as the previous budget. There isn't a 1-year amount to carryover, so we can save up to fund any needed road projects.

Trustee Donat moved and Trustee Tracy seconded to approve the proposed Road District Budget.

Roll Call: Yes: Bertalmio, Donant, Tracy, West, Anderson .

Trustee Tracy moved to close the Budget hearing, with Trustee Bertalmio seconding.
PASSED VIA VOICE VOTE.

Trustee Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Anderson at 7:00.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Tracy.

Roll Call: Trustees Bertalmio, Donant, Tracy, West, Supervisor Anderson. Also in attendance was Assessor Kavanaugh, Highway Commissioner Long, Clerk Katz, Township Atty Van Larson

At this point, the checking of Bills and Checks for May 2017 were reviewed by the Board of Trustees

Approval of Minutes from May 2017

A motion to approve the May 2017 minutes was made by Trustee Tracy and seconded by Trustee Donat. PASSED VIA VOICE VOTE.

Approval of Accounts

A motion to accept the May Accounts was made by Trustee West seconded by Trustee Tracy. Roll Call vote: Aye - Bertalmio, Donat, Tracy, West, Anderson.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Kavanaugh noted that last month her office sent certified assessment rolls to the County and they are still processing them. Final assessments will be published in the Kane County Chronicle in late June or July, and they will also be posted on the Township's webpage. If any property owner has any questions about the assessments, Assessor Kavanaugh urges them to call the office.

Trustee West noted that the bills for some people have gone down during this cycle. Assessor Kavanaugh said that the tax rate went down a bit, but the assessed values stayed the same, as the combination of both is what caused the decrease for those people.

Road Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Long said that other than the temperature changes, overall there's nothing new to report. Bids for the east side resurfacing have started to come in and we'd like to get them started in July. Due to the size of our projects the companies we contract with fit us in to their schedules where they can.

Trustee West noted that the Merlo area is marked--will that also be done? Commissioner Long noted that the work isn't being planned by the Township, but it could be work being planned by either the city or NICOR. Trustee West stated that this could be because new mains have been put in by NICOR, which are redoing the landscaping.

Old business

Due to the misspelling of his name on the March Ballot, the Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges of proper spelling of Trustee Bertalmio's name, and request that the Township Clerk submits the information to the County Clerk's office. Trustee West moves, and Trustee Donat seconded this motion. PASSED VIA VOICE VOTE.

New business

- Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Supervisor Anderson noted that every year the Township needs to pass a Prevailing Wage Ordinance. This means that if we do a highway/construction project, whoever we hire must agree to pay their workers the current Kane Co. Prevailing Wage, based on union scale. While this can cost the taxpayers a bit more, it does mean that the work should be done at union level of required quality. Most of our road work is currently done by the County for engineering to be in compliance with IDOT specs, and the County takes care of this for us, charging us \$2k per job to handle these requirements. Commissioner Long stated that the County does a very good job for the Township in this regard.

Trustee Donat asked that if the wages are set, why are the bids different? Commissioner Long noted that bids could be different due to time of work, amount of asphalt to be used, and other issues other than just salary, such as number of personnel required. All bidding companies have to have a Certificate of Insurance, meet the minimum requirements to be able to bid on a job, and still pay their workers prevailing wages.

Trustee West moved to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Bertalmio. Roll Call vote: Aye - Bertalmio, Donat, Tracy, West, Anderson.

- Inc. Board appointments:

Supervisor Anderson noted that both Nancy Murphy and Helen (Sue) Krol, whose terms are set to expire on June 30, 2017 have agreed to serve another 4-year term on the Batavia Township Community Mental Health Board and he requests a vote to approve their reappointments. Trustee Tracy moved the reappointments, and Trustee West seconded. PASSED VIA VOICE VOTE.

Trustee Tracy announced that he will be stepping down as the Township Trustee liaison. No one yet agreed to take over that role, and that will be done before the next 708 Board meeting.

- IMRF Resolution

The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund are for the people who are qualified to serve, and put in 600 hours or more a year. Currently, of our elected officials, this means that the Supervisor, Highway Commissioner and Assessor all participate in IMRF. We are required by IMRF to forward a resolution to send back to IMRF that tthe three still qualified.

Trustee Tracy moved and Trustee Donat seconded that this information be sent. Roll Call vote: Aye - Bertalmio, Donat, Tracy, West, Anderson.

- Trustee Report

Trustee West offered a welcome to Trustees Bertalmio and Donat as well as the Clerk Katz as new members of the Board

Other Business

Clerk Katz reported on the latest Batavia township Community Mental health 708 Board meeting:

The Batavia 708 Board met on June 1st. At the report for the end of April, there were 19 agencies serving the IncBoard area, and Batavia residents accessed 17 out of the 19 (two agencies are Aurora-area specific.) Of those 17 agencies for the Township, there were 1,481 people served, with a total number of units equaling 11,416. (Units can be ¼ to one hour in length.) This represents an increase of 220 new clients, and an increase of 1171 units of service since the last report.

Two agencies or programs will not be continued with the next fiscal year: Open Door's HIV program since it's services are duplicated elsewhere, and Prairie State Legal Services since they have funding available elsewhere. It was noted that both programs do still continue to help our residents, but with the decrease in available funds from the State, these were cut. There will be 17 agencies providing 40 different programs available to Township residents.

The remaining programs will see an overall 2% increase in grants and awards next fiscal year.

For the next fiscal yar beginning July, 1st, current assets for the IncBoard stands at \$985,777.71, with a net liability of \$265,006.72. Total liability stands at 2,677,058.00, with a balance emergency asset for 3 months of \$100,000.00. Current net income stands at \$363,361.96 All budgets are set at 99% of tax revenue to provide for variances in collections from the townships.

Recommended levies for 2018/19 will have a recommended levy of 2.1% CPI and whatever is collected for new construction, which for Batavia would mean an increase of \$7,560 over the

current extended levy or a total of \$367,561. It was noted that the IncBoard uses 8% of their income on administrative costs, well below the average for other similar non-profit organizations. The recommended levy will be forwarded to Supervisor Anderson in the near future, along with names of 708 Board individuals to be re-affirmed by the township Board for continued terms of service.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Donat and seconded by Trustee Tracy. **PASSED VIA VOICE VOTE.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectively Submitted

Howard R. Katz
Batavia Township Clerk

