

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
January 17, 2022**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 17, 2022**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Mayor Thebout presiding. Mayor Thebout called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Swearing in for New Council Members

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Turner, Mr. Pryor and Mr. Runck were elected to fill the 4-year terms on Council from January, 2022 to December, 2025. Mayor Thebout had them swear and sign their Oaths of Office and then they took their seats as newly elected Council Members.

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Runck, Ms. Turner

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Dennis Nichols, Asst.

Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Officer Lunsford, and Officer Whitaker

Others Attending the Meeting: JoAnn Martino, M. Hatfield, Marry Moore, Sandy Pryor, Katie Pryor, Hank Pryor, Karie Gipson, Magnolia Long, Kelly Taulbee, Joe Taulbee

Approval of Financial Reports:

Ms. Turner made a **Motion** to approve the December Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Ms. Cole. The **Motion** passed 5-1-1, with Mr Runck abstaining

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gipson. The motion passed 4-0-2, with Mr. Pryor and Mr. Runck abstaining.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young was absent but he had submitted his monthly report to Council.

Village Administrator: Dennis Nichols

Assign Zoning Designation for Parcels 060218.027 and 060218.028

Ordinance 1490-22 1st reading

This is the property at 303 W Main Street on the hill next to the veterinary clinic.

Electric Utility – we are transferring startup funds to the account so that we can be ready

Community and Economic Development

Paul Staggs development – Ken Geis met with Mr. Staggs. They are in discussion as to how to develop the 95-acre site.

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Nothing new to report regarding the Streamside Development, Harvest Meadows or the Schueler Group.

Main Street Riverside Drive Haskell Lane Intersection improvements project – The project is currently on hold due to the weather, but is ahead of schedule for completion this spring.

Mr. Nichols is in discussion with someone who wants to put an electric charging station off S.R. 32 in the village. There shouldn't be a cost to the village or much revenue generated for the village, but it is a good service to provide.

The Street Department has moved into the Cincinnati Bell Building at 303 Clark Street

Ken Geis

Ken has been familiarizing himself with the status of current Village projects and is working with Mr. Nichols on future projects to enhance the Village. He has also been working on a Charter for the Village.

Mayor, John Thebout

The Mayor announced the list of Committee Appointments for 2022.

The Mayor announced that the Village planned on hosting another Fun Fair Celebration this year and asked Council Members if they were in agreement with having the event on September 10, the weekend following the Labor Day weekend. Council gave their approval.

Selection of Vice-Mayor for 2022

The Mayor asked Council for nominations for the position of Vice-Mayor.

Ms. Cole nominated Mr. Gipson, seconded by Mr. Pryor.

Mr. Garrison nominated Ms. Turner. Ms. Turner said, "No." Mr Runck seconded the nomination.

The Mayor asked Council to vote.

Ms. Turner – No

Mr. Runck – Turner

Mr. Pryor – Gipson

Mr. Garrison – Turner

Ms. Cole – Gipson

Mr. Gipson – Gipson

Mr. Gipson selected as Vice-Mayor for 2022 by a vote of 3-2-1

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Mr. Garrison asked the Mayor how much extra time did it take for the street department to plow the snow in the Streamside development? The Mayor didn't know but he said he would find out.

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Mr. Moore said that he has prepared the sale documents for the Street Department buildings on S. Riverside Dr. and provided the document to the purchaser. The purchaser is arranging for financing and the sale can go through as soon as the financing is secured.

Mr. Moore told Council that the village has fulfilled all the obligations imposed by Clermont County for the transfer of the water utilities to the county.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

Mr. Waite presented the Fiscal Officer's report on December activity. He noted that 2021 income tax revenue is \$150,000 more than we received in 2020 and the General Fund had a year-end carryover of \$1.3 million.

Ordinance approving full-year appropriations for 2022.

Ordinance 1490-22 1st reading

Amendment to 2022 Temporary Appropriations

Ordinance 1491-22 1st reading pass as an emergency and waive the 3rd reading
Appropriation adjustments necessary for payment of expenses

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to declare an emergency to waive the 3rd reading, seconded by: Mr. Garrison.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0

Ms. Turner made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1491-22**, seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0 **Ordinance 1491-22** adopted

On November 22, 2021 Council adopted **Resolution 312-21** authorizing both Peoples Bank and the Fifth Third Bank as depositories for the Village. The Fiscal Officer asked Council for a **Motion** approving the transfer of \$100,000 from Peoples Bank to the Fifth Third Bank.

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 from Peoples Bank to the Fifth Third Bank to establish a banking account at the Fifth Third Bank, seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0

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Committee Reports:

Planning Commission

Next Meeting Tuesday, January 18 @ 7:00pm

Finance Committee:

Next Meeting Thursday, January 27 @ 6:00pm

Village Council Meeting and Village of Batavia CIC Meeting on the 4th Monday of January

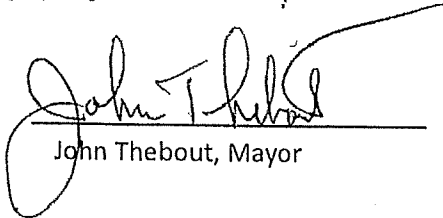
At this time, neither the Mayor nor Council had a reason to have the meetings this month.

Adjournment:

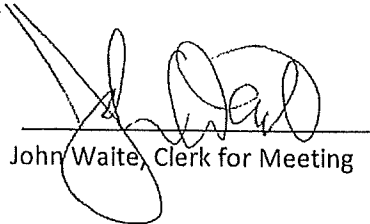
Mr. Gipson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Garrison. **Motion passed 6-0**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

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The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Mayor Thebout presiding. Mayor Thebout called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Runck, Ms. Turner (Mr Gipson arrived at 7:10)

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Chief Young, Wayne Smith, Officer Lunsford

Others Attending the Meeting: JoAnn Martino, Lana Fritsch, Michael Kinner, Jamie Kinner, T. Dean Swartz, Ally Swartz

Approval of Financial Reports:

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to approve the January Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Mr. Pryor. The **Motion** passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Runck. The motion passed 5-0.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council. There were 366 calls in January.

The K-9 officer and dog received their certification and are now working the 6pm -6am shift.

Officer Kuhl attended firearms instructor training. Mr. Runck asked the Chief if the officers had any arms in addition to handguns. The Chief said that they had rifles.

Village Administrator:

Ordinance Appointing Ken Geis Village Administrator and Declaring an Emergency

Ordinance 1492-22 1st reading Waive the 3 readings and declare an emergency

The position of Village Administrator is currently vacant and needs to be filled.

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to declare an emergency to waive the 3 readings, seconded by: Mr. Gipson.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1492-22**, seconded by: Ms. Turner.

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Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0 **Ordinance 1492-22** adopted

Mr. Geis reported that the street department did a great job in clearing the streets in the ice storm.

The funeral service for Mr. Nichols was dignified and his family appreciated the village's help. The police were a great help moving the procession from the village to the cemetery.

We are moving along in getting the Electric Utility established. We are transferring startup funds to the account so that we can be ready to go when we get the interconnect agreement with Duke.

Community and Economic Development

Paul Staggs development

The original plan was for 27 estate houses. Council rejected a proposal for 80 houses similar to the houses in Streamside with the only access from Douglas Dr.

Mr. Staggs would like to know if council's objection was (1) the number of houses or (2) the size of the houses or (3) the single entrance.

Council discussed the development. There was consensus that there needs to be a second entrance. An extension of Forest Avenue seemed to satisfy Council for the second entrance.

There was a discussion about the number of houses, the size of the houses, the remaining green space, stormwater runoff, and the amount of Village exposure and risk. Mr. Geis explained that in analyzing a project, you must work backwards. You determine the total value of the project and then you determine if the value is high enough to cover the debt.

When asked how many houses between 27 and 80 Council was likely to approve, Council seemed agreeable to something in the range of 60 house that were at least slightly more expensive than the houses in Streamside.

There was nothing new to report regarding the Streamside Development, Harvest Meadows or the Schueler Group.

Main Street Riverside Drive Haskell Lane Intersection improvements project – The project is currently on hold due to the weather, but is ahead of schedule for completion this spring.

Mr. Geis is in discussion for an electric charging station off S.R. 32 in the village. The proposed site is in the S.R. 32 right of way and we are trying to determine if we actually own and control the site before proceeding.

Mr. Geis will be meeting with Clermont County to get an update on the transfer of the water utility.

Assign Zoning Designation for Parcels 060218.027 and 060218.028

Ordinance 1489-22 2nd reading

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Mayor, John Thebout

The Mayor announced that Mr. Nichols was responsible for acquiring and demolishing the building at 196 E Main Street and then installing an electric sign on the site. The Mayor suggested that we name the park at 196 E Main for Mr. Nichols we put some benches on the property.

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Mr. Moore said that the purchaser of the Street Department garage is securing his financing and he expects the sale to be completed within a few weeks.

Mr. Moore told Council that the village has fulfilled all the obligations imposed by Clermont County for the transfer of the water utilities to the county.

There was a discussion about CRT Electronics having increased the number of cars on the property to an amount exceeding the amount allowed by the court order.

Mr. Moore related a conversation he had with Hal Silverman at Mr. Nichols funeral. Mr. Silverman stated that the Village did everything it promised him it would do and that the Village has developed a reputation as an attractive place to do business.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

Mr. Waite presented the Fiscal Officer's report on January activity.

Amendment to 2022 Temporary Appropriations

Ordinance 1493-22 1st reading pass as an emergency and waive the 3rd reading
Appropriation adjustments necessary for payment of expenses

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to declare an emergency to waive the 3rd reading, seconded by: Mr. Gipson.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1493-22**, seconded by: Ms. Turner.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0 **Ordinance 1493-22** adopted

Ordinance approving full-year appropriations for 2022.

Ordinance 1490-22 2nd reading Waive the 3rd reading

Mr. Waite explained that the Village's 2021 financial report has been completed and filed with the Auditor of the State of Ohio and the Clermont County Auditor has provided the Village with a Certificate of Available Resources for 2022 so there is no longer a reason to stay under the temporary appropriations.

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Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to waive the 3rd reading, seconded by: Mr. Gipson.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1490-22**, seconded by: Mr. Gipson.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0 **Ordinance 1490-22** adopted

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission	Next Meeting Tuesday, February 15 @ 7:00pm has been cancelled
Finance Committee:	Next Meeting Thursday, February 24 @ 6:00pm

Village Council Meeting and Village of Batavia CIC Meeting on the 4th Monday of January

At this time, neither the Mayor nor Council had a reason to have the meetings this month.

New Business Items

Mr. Runck commended the street department and the police department for their work during the recent ice and snow storm.

Public Participation

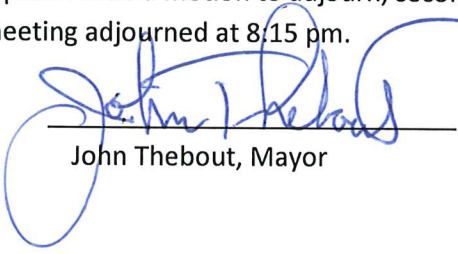
None

Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cole. **Motion** passed 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
March 14, 2022**

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Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Runck, Ms. Turner

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Chief Young, Officer Lunsford

Others Attending the Meeting: JoAnn Martino, Lana Fritsch, Mary Moore

Approval of Financial Reports:

Ms. Turner made a **Motion** to approve the February Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Mr. Garrison. The **Motion** passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Runck made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pryor. The motion passed 6-0.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council. There number of calls in February was normal.

Officer Ashcraft has completed his training and is now working a shift on his own.

The K-9 officer and dog received their certification and are now working the 6pm -6am shift.

The contract with the Batavia Local Schools has been modified to pay for one hour of overtime every day that the school requested because of the construction.

The Crown Vic patrol car is being retired and will be sold on Gov Deals.

Mr. Pryor asked the Chief about curtailing drug activity in the Village. The Chief told him that the Village is working with the County in trying to restrict drug activity.

Village Administrator:

An Ordinance changing the zoning designation for Parcels 060218.027 and 060218.028 from B-2 to R-2

Ordinance 1489-22 3rd reading

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This house is on W. Main Street on the hill next to the veterinarian office and is currently zoned commercial B-2. The homeowner wants the zoning changed to residential R-2 to lower his real estate tax.

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1489-22**, seconded by: Ms. Turner.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0 **Ordinance 1489-22** adopted

Mr. Geis reported that there will be a CRA Community Housing Council Meeting on Thursday, March 17 at 6:00pm to review CRAs that have been approved by the Village and to certify that those CRAs have met their stated purpose.

Mr. Geis will be meeting tomorrow with our electric utility consultants to determine our next steps for getting the Electric Utility established. We are now seeking customers for the utility.

Community and Economic Development

Paul Staggs development

Mr. Staggs has submitted a revised proposal for approximately 60 houses and with 2 access roads.

There is heavy equipment on the Jurgensen property. They are removing dirt and using in on the County's interchange project at S.R. 32 and Bach Buxton Road. The dirt removal is being done in a way that could provide a road on the property for future development.

Streamside continues to develop. Mr. Geis approved the plan for Section 3.

There was nothing new to report regarding Harvest Meadows.

Mr. Geis met with a developer who is interested in developing the 14-acre property owned by Pam Gardner on S.R. 132 across from Sycamore Park.

Main Street Riverside Drive Haskell Lane Intersection improvements project – The contractor was asked to have right-turn arrows painted on the new turn lane.

Mr. Geis will be met with Clermont County to get an update on the transfer of the water utility. We hope to have all issues resolved within the next month.

The Village received a grant to pay for a force main sewer line under the river at Wood Street. The project should begin soon and be completed before the end of the year.

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Mr. Moore has been working with the Mayor regarding an agreement with the K-9 Officer about the cost of a fence on his property.

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There was a discussion about CRT Electronics having increased the number of cars on the property to an amount exceeding the amount allowed by the court order. Mr. Moore asked Council if he should file a contempt motion against Mr. Bach.

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to direct our Solicitor to file a contempt motion against Mr. Bach for violating the terms of our judgement against CRT Electronics, seconded by: Mr. Pryor.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0

Mayor, John Thebout

The Mayor asked Council to set dates for this year's Village-Wide Yard Sale.
Council selected June 4-5 and September 10-11.

The Mayor announced that the Kiwanis Club has offered to donate a bench in memory of Dennis Nichols for placement in the proposed Nichols Park.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

Mr. Waite presented the Fiscal Officer's report on February activity.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission	Next Meeting Tuesday, March 15 @ 7:00pm has been cancelled
Finance Committee:	Next Meeting Thursday, March 24 @ 6:00pm

New Business Items

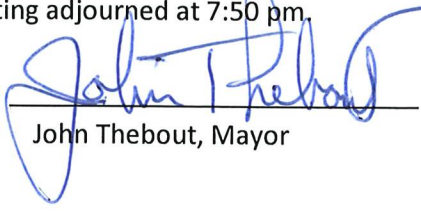
Mary Moore told Council that she was asked by a resident on Fifth Street that there are still issues with traffic noise and speeding on Fifth Street.

The Mayor handed out a sample Charter Agreement and asked Council to review it for discussion at next month's Council Meeting.

Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cole. **Motion** passed 6-0
The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

ATTEST:


John Thebout, Mayor


John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
April 11, 2022**

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Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Turner. Mr. Runck was absent.

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Chief Young, Officer Lunsford, Officer Whitaker

Others Attending the Meeting: Michael Kinner, Jamie Kinner

Approval of Financial Reports:

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to approve the March Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Ms. Turner. The **Motion** passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pryor. The motion passed 5-0.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council. There were 100 more calls in March than February.

Officer Lunsford has completed 3 weeks of leadership training.

The Village paid \$4,000 to have a fence installed in K-9 officer Whitaker's yard as a safety measure for the dog. Officer Whitaker signed an agreement to partially reimburse the Village a declining percentage of the cost of the fence, if he stopped being the K-9 officer within 1, 2 or 3 years.

Officer Ammerman has submitted his resignation. His last day will be April 16.

Josh Ashcraft is currently a part-time police officer. The Mayor has authorized hiring Josh Ashcraft as a full-time officer effective April 17. He will become the new school resource officer.

Council voted 5-0 to approve Josh Ashcraft's appointment as a full-time police officer.

The Crown Vic patrol car was sold on Gov Deals for a net of \$1,704.

Mr. Garrison asked the Chief if most of the traffic stops were in the Village or on S.R. 32. The Chief replied that most of the activity was in the Village.

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Village Administrator:

Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Items

The CRA Community Housing Council met March 17 fulfilling the statutory requirement.

There will be a Public hearing on Monday, May 9 to review a commercial CRA application that has been submitted for 220 E. Main St.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station – nothing new to report

Community and Economic Development updates

Harvest Meadows – The project is expected to close within 30 days with ownership of the property transferring from Kubicki to Fischer Homes.

Streamside – The plans for Section 3 have been approved.

Paul Staggs development – The Administrator continues to talk with Mr. Staggs.

S.R. 132 Gardner Property – nothing new

Electric Utility – nothing new

Street Department / Road Projects

Roundabout at Riverside Dr and S.R. 132 – ODOT is paying for the project, but the Village is required to pay for an environmental study.

Main Street Riverside Drive Haskell Lane Intersection improvements project – work is progressing

Public Utilities

Water – the legislation for the transfer of ownership is being reviewed by the Clermont County Commissioners.

Sewer – we had a meeting with our engineers regarding the force main line below the river.

Ordinance granting consent to ODOT for maintaining signs and road marking in the Village, maintaining and repairing roads in the Village, and removing snow and ice in the Village

Ordinance 1494-22 1st reading Waive the 3 readings and declare an emergency

The Ohio Department of Transportation has asked the Village of pass as an emergency as a safety issue.

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to declare an emergency to waive the 3 readings to grant consent to ODOT to maintain state highways in the Village: seconded by Ms. Turner.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.

The **Motion** passed 5-0

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1494-22**: seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.

The **Motion** passed 5-0 **Ordinance 1494-22 adopted**

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Ordinance granting consent to ODOT to resurface S.R. 132 in the Village

Ordinance 1495-22 1st reading Waive the 3 readings and declare an emergency

The Ohio Department of Transportation has asked the Village of pass as an emergency so they can begin work on the project to repave S.R. 132 in the Village.

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and to waive the three readings to grant consent to ODOT to resurface S.R. 32 in the Village; seconded by: Mr. Pryor.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
The **Motion** passed 5-0

Ms. Turner made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1495-22**; seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
The **Motion** passed 5-0 **Ordinance 1495-22 adopted**

Other Issues and Considerations of Concern to the Village

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Mr. Moore has been in contact with Five Star Paving regarding the timing for their purchase of the street department buildings on S. Riverside Dr. We expect a closing soon.

There was a discussion about CRT Electronics having increased the number of cars on the property to an amount exceeding the amount allowed by the court order. Mr. Moore informed Mr. Bach's attorney that the Village was going to file a contempt motion against Mr. Bach.

Mr. Moore expressed concern that Mr. Bach has installed a fence that blocks access to the waterline and he has installed gravel to additional parking.

Mr. Moore reviewed and approved the fireworks contract for the Fun Fair.

Mayor, John Thebout

The Mayor reminded Council the dates for the Village-Wide Yard Sale are June 4-5.

The Mayor asked Council to select a date for the next Safety Committee meeting.
Council selected May 18 at 6:00pm.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

The Fiscal Officer submitted his report for March activity.

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Resolution adopting the "Standard Allowance" for expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act funds

Resolution 321-22 1st reading Waive the 3 readings and declare an emergency
Adoption of the Standard Allowance for expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act will allow the Village to utilize the funds to pay for any "Government Services", including street and sewer projects,

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and to waive the three readings in order to provide funding for a current sewer project; seconded by: Mr. Pryor.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
The **Motion** passed 5-0

Ms. Turner made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 321-22**: seconded by: Mr. Garrison.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
The **Motion** passed 5-0 **Resolution 321-22 adopted**

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission	Next Meeting Tuesday, April 19 @ 7:00pm
Finance Committee:	Next Meeting Thursday, April 28 @ 6:00pm

New Business Items

Mr. Gipson noted that there is a lot of pedestrians crossing Main Street at the entrance to the Court House instead of utilizing the two crosswalks. He noted that cars are not stopping to allow pedestrians to cross the street.

There was a discussion about a partially demolished house on Wood Street that Council considers to be a safety issue because there are open windows.

Ms. Cole asked Council to select a date for a Beautification Committee meeting.

The Mayor said that when they select a date and time, we will put notification on the electric sign.

The Mayor reminded Council that he has provided them with a sample Charter for Village at the last meeting and asked Council if they had any questions. There were none.

Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cole. **Motion** passed 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

ATTEST:


John Thebout, Mayor


John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
May 9, 2022**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2022**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Mayor Thebout presiding. Mayor Thebout called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Runck, Ms. Turner

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Chief Young, Officer Lunsford, Officer Whitaker, Street Superintendent Wayne Smith

Others Attending the Meeting: Lana Fritsch, Michael Kinner, Mary Moore, Koren Moore-Runck,

Approval of Financial Reports:

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to approve the April Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Ms. Cole. The **Motion** passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. Turner. The motion passed 6-0.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council.

Officer Ammerman resigned to take a position with a different department. Officer Ashcraft is now our school resource officer. He will undergo SRO training once school is out.

Officer Fletcher completed 16 hours of roadside training. Officer Whitaker completed a training class called "What to do in the first 3 seconds of a traffic stop".

Union Township sent us a letter thanking Officer Whitaker for his help with our K-9 in locating a shooting suspect.

The police department will be implementing a physical fitness program.

Mr. Gipson asked the chief to provide information about the number of calls we have received from the Streamside subdivision.

Mr. Pryor expressed his concern about the number of homeless people wandering about the village and sleeping on doorsteps. The Chief explained that we can't arrest them for sleeping on private property unless the owner complains.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
May 9, 2022**

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held regarding the application by Ed Bunn Rentals for tax exemption in Community Reinvestment Area #1 for property located at 220 E Main Street for a period of fifteen (15) years at fifty percent (50%) of the value of new construction. No representative for Ed Bunn Rentals was present.

Council had some questions about the project and expressed that they were not willing to approve the CRA application until they had more information about the project. Council asked to have Mr. Bunn attend the next council meeting.

A Resolution approving the application by Ed Bunn Rentals for a real property tax exemption under CRA #1 provisions for property located at 220 E Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103 for a period of fifteen (15) years at fifty percent (50%) of the value of new construction

Resolution 323-22 1st reading

Village Administrator:

Community and Economic Development updates

Zeal Collective

Zeal had a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 22, 2022. The company is open for business and is operating as a "For Rent work and Gathering Space." The owners did a great job in rehabbing the interior of the building.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station

We completed and submitted a grant to the Ohio Department of Development for 100% funding for an electric vehicle charging station at Bauer Road and State Route #32. We should have some definition on the award before July.

Harvest Meadows

The Prosecutor's Office is working on an easement transfer to complete the sale from the Developer to Fischer Homes.

Streamside

We are approving one or two zoning permits for new houses each week. We are working with Bradley Payne to complete the PILOT payments for Streamside.

Paul Staggs development

He is still working on a new layout and the Administrator has a meeting set for May 10, 2022, concerning a new design with a Developer.

S.R. 132 Gardner Property (across from Sycamore Park)

Wayne and the Administrator met with a person representing the new owner(s) of the property. They are considering developing single family units or a combination of single family, attached family or apartments on the parcel.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
May 9, 2022**

Electric Utility

The Administrator is continuing to research this matter to determine the costs of going forward with one customer or a network of customers. He has asked that our consultants put their work on hold for now.

Street Department / Road Projects

Roundabout at Riverside Dr and S.R. 132

The Grant for the Roundabout construction is progressing.

Public Utilities

Water Utility

Mr. Moore is preparing the deeds for transfer. We have completed this and are working with the County to get this transferred.

Sewer Utility

Wayne received two quotes for the reline of two sanitary “sleeves.” We signed an agreement with the company that supplied the lowest quote. We have projected that we can complete all items before the end of the year.

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Sale of the Street Department Buildings on S. Riverside

Mr. Moore has informed Five Star Painting that they need to finalize their financing and have a closing on their purchase of the street department buildings on S. Riverside Dr. by the end of May or we will put the properties back on the market.

Electric Utility

Mr. Moore clarified that the court ruled that Batavia has the right to establish an electric utility but it did not rule on Duke’s lawsuit because there was no cause of actions since we had not started a utility.

Water Utility

The Village obtained ownership of the water plant 122 years ago by an easement instead of by a deed. Mr. Moore is working on providing the Village with clear title.

Mayor, John Thebout

The Mayor reminded Council the dates for the Village-Wide Yard Sale are June 4-5.

The Batavia Middle School Hope Squad held an event at the Village of Batavia armory on May 3rd. They sent the Village a thank you card for the use of the armory signed by all of the students that attended the event.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
May 9, 2022**

Appointment to Central Joint Fire EMS Board

Per contract with Batavia Township, the Village appoints the at-large member for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2022.

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to appoint Wayne Smith as the Central Joint Fire EMS Board at-large member for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2022; seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0

Mayors Association of Ohio Conference in Dublin, Ohio

The Mayors Association of Ohio is a subsidiary of the Ohio Municipal League. Mayor Thebout is an officer of the Mayors Association. This year's annual conference will be in Dublin, Ohio on June 8 & 9. The conference fee is \$175. The Mayor is asking Council to approve the cost of his attendance at the conference.

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to approve the costs for the Mayor to attend the Mayors Association of Ohio conference including the registration fee, the hotel cost, food, travel reimbursement and parking for a total cost not to exceed \$1,000; seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Council Voted 6-0 to approve the **Motion**

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

The Fiscal Officer submitted his report for April activity.

Resolution adopting the 2023 Tax Budget

Resolution 322-22 1st reading

Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the taxing authority of each subdivision to adopt a tax budget for the next succeeding fiscal year on or before the 15th day of July each year, and Section 5705.30 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that this tax budget be submitted to the County Auditor on or before the 20th day of July each year.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission	Next Meeting Tuesday, May 17 @ 7:00pm is canceled
Finance Committee:	Next Meeting Thursday, May 26 @ 6:00pm

Koren Moore-Runck

Ms. Moore-Runck told Council that she wants to sponsor an event called "East Side Market" on June 25 on Main Street from Second Street to Fourth Street. The event would be to promote local small businesses. There would be food trucks. The vendors would have to provide their own tents.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
May 9, 2022**

New Business Items

Mr. Runck asked the Mayor if there was a way to have Batavia businesses listed on the Village website.

There was discussion about alcohol sales at the Village Fun Fair. Last year Bean and Brew had a beer booth. There then was a discussion about whether or not the Village could qualify to a D.O.R.A. to allow people to carry beer within a designated area on Main Street.

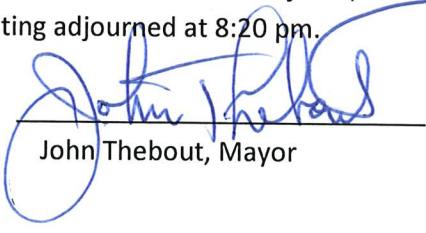
Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cole.

Motion passed 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
June 13, 2022**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7:10 pm with Mayor Thebout presiding. Mayor Thebout called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members Present

Ms. Cole, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Runck. Mr. Gipson and Ms. Turner were absent.

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Chief Young, Officer Superintendent Wayne Smith

Others Attending the Meeting: Greg Hehemann, Ed Bunn, Jim Craver, Gina Crowley, Brian Kimberly, Jo Ann Martino, Mary Moore, Lana Fritsch, Jeff Bach

Approval of Financial Reports:

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to approve the May Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Ms. Cole. The **Motion** passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Runck. The motion passed 4-0.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council.

The police made 77 traffic stops in May and issued 2 citations. The number of crashes increased from last year. We had 13 crashes in May.

The police have 2 suspects for setting the fire at the nursing home.

The Chief provided a listing of calls this year at Streamside. Most of them were just normal patrols.

The Chief is in discussions with the Batavia School Board about increased security at the schools.

Resolution establishing Police Officer extra duty payroll procedures

Resolution 324-22 1st reading

This resolution requires employers to hire police officers through the Village rather than hiring them directly for extra duty activities. The legislation is necessary because of potential liability. This is an emergency because Batavia police officers are currently working extra duty road projects.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
June 13, 2022**

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held regarding the application by Ed Bunn Rentals for tax exemption in Community Reinvestment Area #1 for property located at 220 E Main Street for a period of fifteen (15) years at fifty percent (50%) of the value of new construction. No representative for Ed Bunn Rentals was present.

Mr. Bunn told Council that he owns a home health agency, Country Touch Homecare, in Hillsboro that he plans to expand to Batavia. There will be offices in the first floor and a single apartment in the second floor. He will install a fire escape. He expects the renovation to cost \$140,000. No work can begin until the CRA abatement is granted. After approval from Council approval from the State takes 45-60 days.

A Resolution approving the application by Ed Bunn Rentals for a real property tax exemption under CRA #1 provisions for property located at 220 E Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103 for a period of fifteen (15) years at fifty percent (50%) of the value of new construction

Resolution 323-22 2nd reading

Village Administrator:

Community and Economic Development - Updates

Electric Vehicle Charging Station – nothing new

Harvest Meadows – The developer and Fischer Homes are still working to resolve issues

Streamside

We signed an agreement with Bradley Payne to complete PILOT payments for Streamside.

Ordinance accepting the streets in Streamside Subdivision Phase 1.

Ordinance 1496-22 1st reading

Paul Staggs development – we are still negotiating.

New Development on S.R. 132 across from Sycamore Park

Electric Utility – we met with AAG Glass to discuss the cost and benefits.

Bike Path – A bike path to Sycamore Park would be an amenity for the Village but it wouldn't generate revenue. It probably wouldn't qualify for State funding unless we partnered with the Township or the Park District.

Assistant Administrator – We are working on establishing a position as Assistant Administrator. That person would handle routine matters like zoning so that Mr. Geis can concentrate on new development and annexations.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
June 13, 2022**

Street Department / Road Projects – Updates

S.R. 132 & 222 Road Improvements – Burgess & Niple is working on the roundabout at Riverside Dr and S.R. 132

The Village of Batavia is responsible for mowing the grass on S.R. 32 within the Village, which now extends to Batavia Road. We have been contracting that work to a farmer since we annexed that part of S.R. 32, but the farmer informed us that he will no longer do the mowing. Therefore, the Village needs to buy a large tractor and flex wing rotary mower so that street department employees can mow the grass.

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to approve the purchase of John Deere 5090 Cab Utility Tractor for \$58,340.50 under State of Ohio purchase contract and a John Deere E15 AG Flex Wing Mach Mower for \$13,835.25 under State of Ohio purchase contract; seconded by Ms. Cole.

Vote by Roll: Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes.

Motion passed 4-0

Main Street Riverside Drive Haskell Lane Intersection improvements project – waiting on poles

Public Utilities – Updates – We submitted a quit claim deed to transfer water and sewer properties to Clermont County.

Sewer Utility - Fishbeck is engineering the force main under the river.

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Mr. Moore worked on the sale of the Street Department Buildings on S. Riverside

Unpaid Garbage Bills

There are 3 residents who have failed to pay their garbage bills. Mr. Moore has filed legal action against them.

Water and Sewer Utility

Mr. Moore prepared a quit claim deed to transfer water and sewer properties to Clermont County.

CRT Nuisance Suit

There continues to be more cars on the property than the Judgement allows. There are two cars parked on the grass.

Mayor, John Thebout

The Mayor attended the Mayors Association of Ohio conference. He was elected chairman of the Association.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
June 13, 2022**

The federal government and the State of Ohio adopted a new holiday, "Juneteenth". The Mayor asked Council to pass a Motion that the Village observe all federal holidays.

Mr. Garrison made a **Motion** that the Village of Batavia observes all federal holidays; seconded by Mr. Runck.

Vote by Roll: Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes.

Motion passed 4-0

Resolution authorizing adoption of an alternative method of apportionment of the undivided Local Government Fund (LGF) for calendar year 2023 that the Ohio Revised Code Section 5747.53 excludes the otherwise required approval of the legislative authority of the city wholly or partially in the county, with the greatest population.

Resolution 325-22 1st reading

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

The Fiscal Officer submitted his report for May activity.

Resolution adopting the 2023 Tax Budget

Resolution 322-22 2nd reading

Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the taxing authority of each subdivision to adopt a tax budget for the next succeeding fiscal year on or before the 15th day of July each year, and Section 5705.30 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that this tax budget be submitted to the County Auditor on or before the 20th day of July each year.

Appropriations Amendment

Ordinance 1497-22 1st reading

An ordinance to increase the appropriations for street department uniforms.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission Next Meeting Tuesday, June 21 @ 7:00pm

Finance Committee Next Meeting Thursday, June 23 @ 6:00pm

New Business Items

None

Public Participation

Jeff Bach, owner of CRT Electronics spoke to Council. He wanted to know why the Village was picking on him. He claimed that the Court's judgement against him was based upon incorrect information.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
June 13, 2022**

The Village's zoning code requires a minimum number of parking spaces per car repair bay, not a maximum number of spaces.

Jim Craver and Gina Crowley introduced themselves to Council. They have purchased to property at 242 E Main Street. They have had the water line repaired and are renovating the building. They will be opening a store to sell exotic plants.

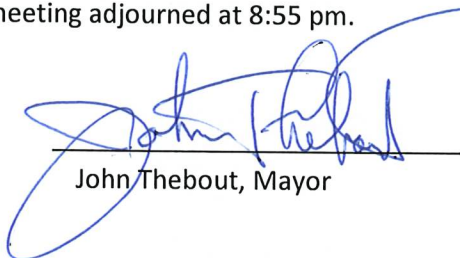
Adjournment:

Mr. Pryor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Runck.


Motion passed 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
June 27, 2022**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, June 27, 2022**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Mayor Thebout presiding. Mayor Thebout called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Runck, and Ms. Turner. Mr. Garrison was absent.

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, and Chief Young

Others Attending the Meeting: Michael Kinner, Jamie Kinner, Mary Moore, Koren Moore Runck

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Runck made a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pryor. The motion passed 5-0.

Legislation that was discussed but not adopted at the June 13 Council Meeting

Council was presented several pieces of legislation for readings that has previously been read at the June 13th Council Meeting

Ordinance accepting the streets in Streamside Subdivision Phase 1.

Ordinance 1496-22 2nd reading

The developer has completed the required paving of the streets in Phase 1.

Appropriations Amendment

Ordinance 1497-22 2nd reading Declare an emergency and waive the third reading

Increase the appropriations for street department uniforms

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the third reading; seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1497-22**; seconded by: Mr. Gipson.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
June 27, 2022**

Resolution establishing Police Officer extra duty payroll procedures

Resolution 324-22 2nd reading Declare and emergency and waive the third reading

This resolution requires employers to hire police officers through the Village rather than hiring them directly for extra duty activities. The legislation is necessary because of potential liability. This is an emergency because Batavia police officers are currently working extra duty road projects.

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the third reading; seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 324-22**; seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Resolution authorizing adoption of an alternative method of apportionment of the undivided Local Government Fund (LGF) for calendar year 2023 that the Ohio Revised Code Section 5747.53 excludes the otherwise required approval of the legislative authority of the city wholly or partially in the county, with the greatest population.

Resolution 325-22 2nd reading Declare and emergency and waive the third reading

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the third reading; seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 325-22**; seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Other Business – Council was asked to approve wage adjustments effective July, 2022 instead of waiting until January, 2023 to provide relief from the current high inflation. The street department has been unable to fill a vacancy after two months of trying because our wages are not competitive. The police department and the street department have been trying to fend off attempts by other villages and townships in Clermont County from poaching our employees to fill their vacancies.

The Mayor is proposing a mid-year 2022 wage adjustment of 15% using funds that had been appropriated for Mr. Nichols 2022 wages.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
June 27, 2022**

Adjust Wages for Fiscal Officer

Ordinance 1498-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the three readings

To increase wages approximately 15% effective pay period beginning July 10, 2022.

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the three readings; seconded by: Mr. Pryor.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1498-22**; seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Adjust Wages for Police Chief

Ordinance 1499-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the three readings

To increase wages approximately 13.8% effective pay period beginning July 10, 2022.

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the three readings; seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1499-22**; seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Adjust Street Department Wage Schedule

Resolution 326-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the three readings

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the three readings; seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 326-22**; seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Adjust Wages for Police Officers

Resolution 327-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the three readings

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
June 27, 2022**

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the three readings; seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 327-22**; seconded by: Mr. Gipson.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Adjust Wages for Administrative Staff

Resolution 328-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the three readings

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the three readings; seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 328-22**; seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Adjust Contract for Village Administrator

Resolution 329-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the three readings

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the three readings; seconded by: Mr. Pryor.

Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 329-22**; seconded by: Mr. Runck.

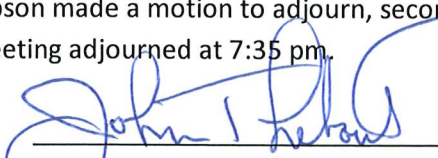
Vote by Role: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment:

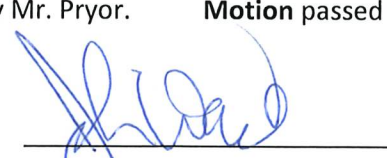
Mr. Gipson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pryor. **Motion** passed 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
July 11, 2022**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting, as amended
Monday, July 11, 2022**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 7:15 pm with Mayor Thebout presiding. Mayor Thebout called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Turner. Ms. Cole and Mr. Runck were absent.

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Chief Young

Others Attending the Meeting: Jo Ann Martino, Ed Bunn

Approval of Financial Reports:

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to approve the June Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Mr. Garrison. The **Motion** passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Pryor made a motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. Turner. The motion passed 4-0.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council.

The Chief has been meeting with the Batavia School Board regarding school safety. The Chief is required to submit a "Threat Assessment Report" by the end of 2022. The school is making some changes for the building being constructed. They have not yet requested additional school resource officers.

Officers Whitaker and Lunsford attended training in June.

Officer Stewart was assaulted while making an arrest at UDF. He was assaulted again by the person when they were at the hospital. Officer Stewart incurred a minor injury to a finger.

Officer Whitaker was assaulted by a woman who tried to back her car into him. He didn't incur any injuries.

Police activity in June was normal. There were 11 arrests, 10 involved the K-9. There were 29 tickets issued, 11 where on S.R. 32. We continue to see more crashes in 2022 than in previous years.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
July 11, 2022**

Village Administrator:

Electric Vehicle Charging Station – The grant applications will be decided in August

Harvest Meadows – The County is trying to resolve the sanitary sewer easement issue

Ordinance accepting the streets in Streamside Subdivision Phase 1.

Ordinance 1496-22 3rd reading

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1496-22**; seconded by Mr. Gipson.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.

Motion passed 4-0 **Ordinance 1496-22 adopted**

Paul Staggs development – Mr. Staggs is still working with Horton Homes to determine if they are going to go forward.

New Development on S.R. 132 across from Sycamore Park – The work clearing trees is to allow the owners to survey the property.

S.R. 132 & 222 Road Improvements – The mast arms have been delivered and are being painted. We hope to be able to complete the project by the end of the month.

Full Gospel Tabernacle Church at 539 E Main Street – The church is no longer active and they have donated the building at 539 E Main Street to the Village. We have obtained a deed for the property. The church also donated \$23,500 to the Village. The property is in good condition. We are evaluating the best use of the property.

Resolution 323-22 3rd reading

A Resolution approving the application by Ed Bunn Rentals for a real property tax exemption under CRA #1 provisions for property located at 220 E Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103 for a period of fifteen (15) years at fifty percent (50%) of the value of new construction

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss economic development pursuant to O.R.C. §121.22 G (8); seconded by Mr. Gipson

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 4-0 Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to return from Executive Session; seconded by Ms. Turner

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes
Motion passed 4-0 Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10

The Mayor asked for a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 323-22** **Not Adopted**

No Council Member offered to adopt Resolution 323-22. Mr. Pryor stated that he didn't believe adopting a CRA for 220 E Main Street would be in the best economic interests of the Village.

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Mr. Bunn asked what that meant for his development of the property. He was told that he is free to go ahead and develop the property with his own resources, but that he would not receive a real estate tax abatement on 50% of the assessed value of the new construction. If the CRA was granted, he would be subject to an annual fee of \$500. The estimated value of the abated real estate tax on a \$100,000 improvement is only \$700 to \$800.

Water Utility – The remaining issue is title insurance for the Village water reservoir above the Ridge Club where we originally obtained ownership by means of an easement.

Sewer Utility - Fishbeck is has completed 50% of the engineering plans for the force line.

Mayor, John Thebout

Assistant Administrator – We are working on establishing a position as Assistant Administrator for zoning and I.T. matters so that Mr. Geis can concentrate on new development and annexations.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

The Fiscal Officer submitted his report for June activity.

Resolution adopting the 2023 Tax Budget

Resolution 322-22 3rd reading

Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the taxing authority of each subdivision to adopt a tax budget for the next succeeding fiscal year on or before the 15th day of July each year, and Section 5705.30 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that this tax budget be submitted to the County Auditor on or before the 20th day of July each year.

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 322-22**; seconded by Mr. Pryor.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.

Motion passed 4-0 **Resolution 322-22 adopted**

Approval of payroll EFT direct deposit for employees

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to authorize payroll direct deposit; seconded by Mr. Garrison.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.

Motion passed 4-0

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission	Next Meeting Tuesday, July 19 @ 7:00pm - Cancelled
Finance Committee	Next Meeting Thursday, July 28 @ 6:00pm
2 nd Council Meeting	Next Meeting (if needed) Monday, July 25 @ 7:00pm - Cancelled

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New Business Items

None

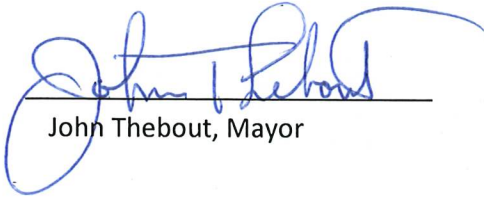
Public Participation

None

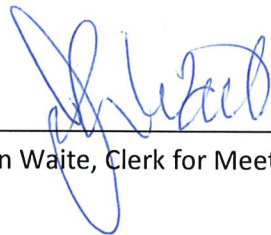
Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pryor. **Motion** passed 4-0
The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

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**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Vice-Mayor Gipson presiding. Mayor Thebout was absent. Vice-Mayor Gipson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Runck, Ms. Turner

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Chief Young

Others Attending the Meeting: Jo Ann Martino, Lana Fritsch, Judy Raub, Ryshel Bowling, Calvin Bowling, Robert Raub, Jeff Bach

Approval of Financial Reports:

Mr. Garrison made a **Motion** to approve the July Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Ms. Cole. The **Motion** passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pryor. The motion passed 6-0.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council.

The Chief has been meeting with the Batavia School Board regarding school safety. The Chief is required to submit a "Threat Assessment Report" by the end of 2022. The school is making some changes for the building being constructed. They have not yet requested additional school resource officers.

Officer Ashcraft has completed his school resource officer training and is now certified by the State of Ohio as a S.R.O. officer.

Officers Whitaker attended 16 hours of K-9 training in July.

Part-time Officer Noonan resigned. We now have one part-time officer and seven full-time officers.

Police activity was down in June because several officers were on vacation. There were 3 arrests. There were 15 tickets issued.

Village Administrator:

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Full Gospel Tabernacle Church at 539 E Main Street – The deed for the transfer of the property to the Village has been executed. The deed will be recorded as soon as we get an updated survey. The church also donated \$23,500 to the Village. The property is in good condition. We are evaluating the best use of the property.

Keep the property

Demolish the building and keep the land as green space or sell the land

Lease the site to a residential or commercial user

Sell the property to a developer as is

Electric Vehicle Charging Station – The grant applications will be decided in August

Harvest Meadows – The County is trying to resolve the sanitary sewer easement issue

Paul Staggs development – Mr. Staggs is still working with Horton Homes to determine if they are going to go forward.

New Development on S.R. 132 across from Sycamore Park – The work clearing trees is to allow the owners to survey the property.

Demolition Grant

We were awarded a \$40,000 grant for the demolition of the Batavia Water Treatment Plant located at 61 Lou Darbro Place. We are getting estimates for the cost of demolition.

S.R. 132 & 222 Road Improvements – The mast arms have been delivered and are being painted. We hope to be able to complete the project by the end of the month.

New Street Department Employee

The Village Street Department has hired Christopher Owens.

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to approve hiring Christopher Owens as of August 1 at a salary of \$19.00 per hour during a 6-month probation period as a street department operator with a salary of \$21.00 at the end of his probation, seconded by Mr. Pryor. The **Motion** passed 6-0.

Water Utility – Mr. Moore is preparing deeds for the transfer. We are working with the County to get this transferred.

Sewer Utility – We are preparing bids for the force main sewer line under the river.

Solicitor Christopher Moore

Mr. asked that Council adjourn to Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss legal issues.

Full Gospel Tabernacle Church at 539 E Main Street

We are working with a title agency to get a survey for the property

The Sedacca family tried to donate property to the Village last year. The transfer was never completed. Mr. Moore is now working on it.

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Mr. Moore is working with the County to try to get the water utility transferred to the County.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

The Fiscal Officer submitted his report for July activity.

Appropriations Amendment

Ordinance 1500-22 1st reading pass as an emergency and waive the 3 reading
Appropriation adjustments necessary for payment of expenses

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to declare an emergency to waive the 3rd reading, seconded by: Mr. Gipson.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1500-22**, seconded by: Mr. Garrison.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0 **Ordinance 1500-22** adopted

**Resolution approving participation in the Region 14 Governance Structure under the
OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding for Opioid Settlement**

Resolution 330-22 1st reading pass as an emergency and waive the 3 readings

The Village received the first payment of \$412.68 on July 15. Payments will be made
over 20 years. Clermont Commissioner David Painter has asked us to pass this
Resolution as an emergency.

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to declare an emergency to waive the 3rd reading, seconded by: Mr. Gipson.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 330-22**, seconded by: Mr. Pryor.

Vote by roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. The **Motion** passed 6-0 **Resolution 330-22** adopted

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission	Next Meeting Tuesday, August 16 @ 7:00pm - Cancelled
Finance Committee	Next Meeting Thursday, August 25 @ 6:00pm
2 nd Council Meeting	Next Meeting (if needed) Monday, August 28 @ 7:00pm - Cancelled

New Business Items

Mr Runck asked the Mayor if there has been any news on the sale of Sun Building.
The Mayor didn't have any information.

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Public Participation

None

Solicitor Moore asked for Council to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal issues per O.R.C.

§121.226(3)

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a legal issue pursuant to O.R.C. §121.226(3), seconded by Mr. Garrison.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to return from Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Cole.

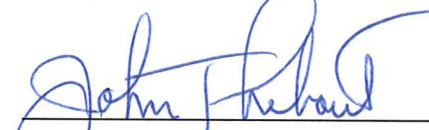
Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment:

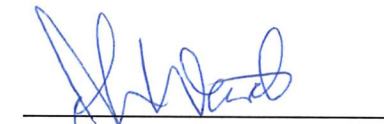
Mr. Gipson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pryor. **Motion** passed 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
September 12, 2022**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Mayor Thebout presiding. Mayor Thebout called the meeting to order at 7:45 and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Runck, Ms. Turner Mr. Garrison was absent

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Chip Stewart, Chief Jim Young, and Officer Lunsford.

Others Attending the Meeting: Jo Ann Martino, Lana Fritsch

Approval of Financial Reports:

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to approve the August Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Mr. Gipson. The **Motion** passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

The July 11, 2022 Minutes were amended to include a Motion approving the use of electronic funds payroll. The Motion had inadvertently been omitted when Council approved the July 11, 2022 Minutes at the August 8, 2022 Council Meeting.

Mr. Runck made a motion to approve the amended minutes of July 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pryor. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gipson. The motion passed 5-0.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council. There were 49 traffic stops and 16 citations issued.

Officers Lunsford attended training for death investigations.

On Saturday, September 17, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm there will be a Pro-Choice group coming to town to express their displeasure with the Supreme Court decision on abortion by writing messages in chalk on the sidewalks in front of the 101 Building and the Court House. The group claims that is a free-speech right to be able to write in chalk because the chalk is not permanent and it will not deface the sidewalks. The group cited a court case that had ruled it was a free speech right.

The Mayor read a letter from the Goshen Police Department thanking the Batavia Police Department for providing help after the July 6 tornado.

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Village Administrator:

Business Continuation

The owner of the Vape Shop agreed to remove the Hookahs from the window

There will be a ribbon cutting on October 7 at 3:30pm for Vision Agency, Farmer Insurance's new office at 233 E Main Street.

Community and Economic Development

Bean & Brew Expansion

Bean & Brew has an opportunity to expand by purchasing the building immediately to the south at 25 S Riverside Dr. Bean & Brew has requested a loan from the Village of Batavia Clermont County CIC, Inc. that would be secured by a mortgage on Bean & Brew's property plus a personal guarantee from Mr. Ecker.

Full Tabernacle Church building at 539 E. Main Street

We are obtaining a survey, then we will be able to record the deed.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station on Herold Road

The Ohio EPA awarded the Village of Batavia a \$348,395 grant for two electric charging station at 222 Winemiller Lane.

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to approve authorizing the Administrator to execute documents related to Ohio EPA grant for the electric charging stations, seconded by Ms. Cole.

The **Motion** passed 5-0.

Harvest Meadows

We are waiting on a record plat to be signed eliminating a Right of Way description through the property so that Henry Fischer can close on purchasing the property.

Streamside

We are updating information in anticipation of collecting Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT Payments) in January.

Paul Staggs development – the owner has listed the property with a realtor for sale.

New Development on Property Across from Sycamore Park – nothing new

Batavia Electric Utility – nothing new

Ohio Department of Transportation responded that they are going to begin patching S.R. 132 from Sycamore Park to Main Street, and they will begin paving S.R. 132 when we have completed the Main Street and Riverside Improvement Project.

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Property Tax Exemptions

The Clermont County Auditor has been assessing real estate tax on property owned in the name the Village of Batavia Clermont County CIC, Inc. We have filed DTE23 Forms for property tax exemptions on all property owned by the CIC and the Village of Batavia.

Water and Sewer Utilities

Water Utility

Lyle Bloom reported that the Clermont County Prosecutor now wants all easements identified.

Sewer Utility

The bid documents for the force main sewer line under the river are almost ready.

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Water Utility transfer to County

His recent conversations with the County was that the Village is ready to sign whatever documents the County wants in order to accomplish the transfer. The County has a bad experience when they accepted Bethel's water system, so they are being very careful now.

Issues regarding delinquent garbage and trash fees

We are waiting on the court to rule on the complaint.

Full Tabernacle Church building donated to Village

We were required to get a survey in order to record the title.

CRT Electronics – currently in compliance

Mayor, John Thebout

Assistant Administrator

We are working on establishing a position as Assistant Administrator for zoning and I.T. matters so that Mr. Geis can concentrate on new development and annexations. Council was given a job description. Mr. Geis is currently a contract employee and as much as we hope he will be with us forever, we believe that it is prudent to hire and train a backup.

Chip Steward is currently a part-time police officer. He worked with Ken Geis for 10 years as the Union Township IT person. The Mayor recommends hiring Chip Steward to be the Assistant Village Administrator effective October 2 at a salary of \$70,000 per year with full benefits.

Mr. Runck asked Mr. Geis if he is recommending Mr. Stewart.

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Mr. Geis told Council that over the years he has had the opportunity to mentor several people. He has a good relationship with Mr. Stewart and believe that he is fully capable of learning how to become a Village Administrator. He recommends passing Ordinance 1502-22.

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss an employment matter pursuant to O.R.C. §121.226(1), seconded by Ms. Cole.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to return from Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Pryor.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
Motion passed 5-0

An Ordinance appointing Chip Stewart as Assistant Village Administrator

Ordinance 1502-22 1st reading declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to waive the three readings and declare an emergency to hire, train, and provide backup for the Village Administrator, seconded by Mr. Runck.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
Motion passed 5-0

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to adopt Ordinance 1502-22, which approves hiring Chip Stewart as the Assistant Village Administrator on October 2, 2022 at an annual salary of \$70,000 with full benefits, seconded by Mr. Gipson.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
Motion passed 5-0 **Ordinance 1502-22 adopted**

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

The Fiscal Officer submitted his report for August activity.

Appropriations Amendment

Ordinance 1501-22 1st reading pass as an emergency and waive the 3 reading
Appropriation adjustments necessary for payment of expenses

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to declare an emergency to waive the 3rd reading, seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1501-22**, seconded by: Ms. Cole.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.
Motion passed 5-0 **Ordinance 1501-22 adopted**

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Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Clermont County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor

Resolution 331-22 1st reading declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to declare an emergency to waive the 3rd reading, seconded by: Mr. Gipson.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, no, Ms. Turner, yes.

Motion passed 4-1, but failed to get the votes necessary to waive the 3 readings

Resolution 322-22 1st reading

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission	Next Meeting Tuesday, September 20 @ 7:00pm
Finance Committee	Next Meeting Thursday, September 22 @ 6:00pm
2 nd Council Meeting	Next Meeting (if needed) Monday, September 26 @ 7:00pm\
Safety Committee	Monday, September 19 @ 6:00pm
Special Council Meeting	Monday, September 19 @ 7:00pm

The October Council Meeting is scheduled for October 10, which is the Columbus Day Holiday.

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to move the October Council Meeting from October 10 to October 3, seconded by: Ms. Turner.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes.

Motion passed 5-0

New Business Items

None

Public Participation

None

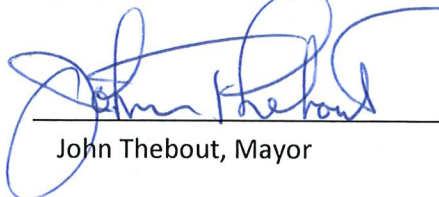
Adjournment:

Ms. Cole made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gipson.

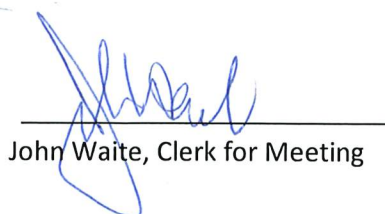
Motion passed 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

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**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
October 11, 2022**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, October 11, 2022**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Mayor Thebout presiding. Mayor Thebout called the meeting to order at 7:00 and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Turner Mr. Runck arrived late

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Chip Stewart, Chief Jim Young.

Others Attending the Meeting: Jo Ann Martino, Judy Miller, Lana Fritsch, Rich Perry, Ron Rogers, Shanna Bockelman and Mary Moore

Approval of Financial Reports:

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to approve the September Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Mr. Gipson. The **Motion** passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. Cole. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Rich Perry, Candidate for Ohio House District 63

Mr. Perry introduced himself to Council. He is running as a democrat for the Ohio House District 63 in the November election.

Mayor John Thebout

The Mayor presented Judy Miller and JoAnn Martino with Proclamations recognizing their work in coordinating the Batavia Fun Fair this year. Judy expressed her thanks to Matt Eckert and all of the people who contributed funds and people who helped work the event.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council. There were 86 traffic stops and 38 citations issued. We had 16 mutual aid requests. Our K-9 Officer made 23 stops and there were 29 arrests.

There were no problems at Fun Fair, the Car Show or the High School Homecoming Parade.

The Chief is seeking help for the homeless woman who is hanging out at Haglage Park.

Councilman Garrison asked the chief to slow traffic in the Village during Halloween.

Mr. Runck arrived. And jointed the meeting.

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
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Village Administrator: Ken Geis

Business Continuation

The Ribbon Cutting for new business, Vision Agency, Farmer Insurance, at 233 E Main Street has been postponed

Community and Economic Development

Bean & Brew Expansion

The promissory note was executed and the first mortgage on the property at 97 E Main was recorded The Village of Batavia CIC released a check to Bean & Brew for \$200,000.

Zeal Collective, LLC at 179 E Main Street

We are received notice of a request for a new liquor permit for Zeal. The Police Department has no objection to the request. The State of Ohio asked is Council has any objection or if we are requesting a hearing.

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to approve Zeal Collective, LLC's application for a new 9900916 liquor permit for 179 E Main street without a hearing, and authorize the Administrator to sign and return the permit application to the Ohio Department of Commerce, seconded by: Mr. Runck.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, abstain, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 5-0-1

Full Gospel Tabernacle Church building at 539 E. Main Street

The survey and consolidation plat are being completed. Once finalized we will record all documents.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station on Herold Road

The grant application for the charging station has been signed. We are working with ODOT on the right of way for the proposed site.

Harvest Meadows

We are waiting on a record plat to be signed eliminating a Right of Way description through the property so that Henry Fischer can close on purchasing the property.

Streamside

We are updating information in anticipation of collecting Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT Payments) in January.

Paul Staggs development – nothing new.

New Development on Property Across from Sycamore Park – nothing new

Batavia Electric Utility – nothing new

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
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Rumpke Waste Collection Contract

The current contract runs through the end of 2022. We will be receiving an updated fee schedule from Rumpke.

Hike Bike Trail

The administrator attended a Bike Trail Seminar on September 30. Clermont County will be applying for an Appellation Highway Grant.

Mr. Runck said that he wasn't aware of the seminar and he would like to be informed of any future hike-bike meetings since he is chairman of the committee.

Road Improvements

State Route 132 & 222 Roundabout

The grant for the roundabout is progressing. The State is sending out environmental notices for the project.

Main Street and Riverside Road Improvements

The paving is complete and the new signals are up and activated.

Employment Matters

Assistant Administrator, It Director and Zoning Inspector

Chip Stewart started employment October 1. We will begin a complete review of the Zoning Code. Chip will work on zoning compliance for 220 E. Main and 211 W. Glen.

Water and Sewer Utilities

Water Utility

Mr. Moore is preparing deeds for transfer. We are working with the County for the transfer.

Sewer Utility

The work on the force main is continuing. The project is ready to go out for bid with a bid opening scheduled for October 24, 2022.

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Bean & Brew Loan from the Village of Batavia Clermont County CIC, Inc.

Mr. Moore worked on the documents for the loan to Bean & Brew. He recorded the mortgage on 97 E Main.

Water Utility transfer to County

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Clermont County wants a list of all water easements in the Village. His recent conversations with the County was that the Village is ready to sign whatever documents the County wants in order to accomplish the transfer.

Electric Charging Station on Bauer Road at Winemiller Lane.

He worked to resolve issues regarding the State's right of way easement.

Full Tabernacle Church building donated to Village

We were required to get a survey in order to record the title.

CRT Electronics – currently in compliance

Mr. Moore asked Council to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to O.R.C. §121.22(G)(1).

Mr. Garrison made a **Motion** to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss an employment matter pursuant to O.R.C. §121.22(G)(1), seconded by Mr. Pryor.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. Motion passed 6-0

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to return from Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Turner.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. Motion passed 6-0

Mayor, John Thebout

The Mayor and the Assistant Administrator will be attending the Ohio Municipal League Conference in Columbus October 12-14. The estimated conference fee is \$569.25, the estimated motel cost is \$784.92, and \$100 estimated for food, fuel and miscellaneous items.

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to approve the Mayor and Assistant Administrator attending the OML Conference and to pay for the related costs and expenses including meals and fuel, seconded by Ms. Cole.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. Motion passed 6-0

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

The Fiscal Officer submitted his report for September activity.

Adopting Temporary Appropriations for 2023

Ordinance 1503-22 1st reading

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Appropriations Amendment

Ordinance 1504-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings
Interest payment due on C-G-E Sewer Bond is \$200 higher than amount appropriated.

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings, seconded by:
Mr. Pryor.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. Motion passed 6-0

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1504-22**, seconded by Ms. Turner.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0 **Ordinance 1504-22** adopted

Amending Water and Sewer Rates

Ordinance 1505-22 1st reading

Clermont County has been charging the Village more than double its normal monthly rate for the last few months and Clermont County hasn't been able to explain the reason for the increase. We expect to resolve the issue and don't expect this Ordinance to be adopted, but we are presenting this as a first reading only in case Clermont County's water rates increase in excess of the rate the Village charges.

A Resolution appointing Initial Region Representative and Alternate Representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board.

Resolution 332-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings
This relates to the Opioid Settlement Agreement and the allocation of Settlement Fund. The Clermont County Commissioners have requested the approval of this Resolution as an emergency since the first settlement payment has already been made.

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings: seconded by
Ms. Turner.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. Motion passed 6-0

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 332-22**, seconded by Ms. Turner.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes, Mr. Runck, yes,
Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0 **Resolution 332-22** adopted

Other Issues, Considerations and Concern to the Village

The Batavia Local Schools will be using Auxier Hall for school testing on October 12

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission Next Meeting Tuesday, October 18 @ 7:00pm

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Finance Committee	Next Meeting Thursday, October 27 @ 6:00pm
2 nd Council Meeting	cancelled
Hike Bike Committee	To be determined

New Business Items

Someone from the audience asked when the Village would become a city. The Mayor responded that to become a city there must be 5,000 residents. We may become a city after the 2030 census.

Mary Moore thanked the police department for their help during the car show.

Public Participation

Ron Rogers, 550 Kilgore Street complained about a vicious dog in his neighborhood that attacked Mr. Rogers' dog. There was a discussion about vicious dogs.

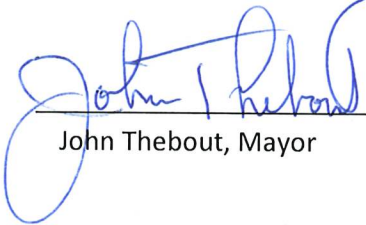
Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Runck.

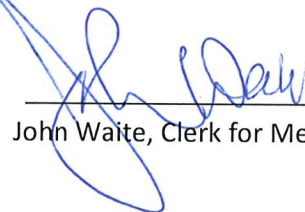
Motion passed 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

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**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2022**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm with Mayor Thebout presiding. Mayor Thebout called the meeting to order at 7:00 and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Runck, Ms. Turner

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Asst. Administrator Chip Stewart, Chief Jim Young, Street Superintendent Wayne Smith, Officer Chris Warner

Others Attending the Meeting: Michael Kinner

Approval of Financial Reports:

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to approve the October Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Ms. Cole. The **Motion** passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Pryor made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. Turner. The motion passed 6-0.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council. There were 71 traffic stops and 33 citations issued. We had 9 mutual aid requests. Our K-9 Officer made 16 arrests.

Officer Whitaker had 16 hours of canine specific drug interdiction training. Officer Kuhl had 40 hours of patrol rifle instructor training.

The Chief demonstrated new safety vests that light up at night.

The Chief introduced our new S.R.O., Christopher Warner, who has 25 years of police experience and who we hired away from New Richmond.

Village Administrator: Ken Geis

Community and Economic Development

Bean & Brew Expansion

The owner closed on the purchase of 25 S Riverside Dr.

539 E Main Street – Full Gospel Tabernacle Church building

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The owner signed the Deed transferring ownership to the Village of Batavia and we recorded the Deed. The survey and consolidated plat were completed. We will file a DTE23 form for tax exemption on the property.

The Administrator recommended seeking a value for the 539 E Main Street property and transferring ownership from the Village to the CIC. The CIC can determine what to do with the property. The CIC can hire a realtor to list and sell the property.

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to transfer ownership of the 539 E Main Street property from the Village of Batavia to the Village of Batavia Clermont County CIC, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Gipson.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

570 E Main Street – a nuisance property to be demolished

The owner donated the property to the Village instead of paying to have the building demolished. We estimate the cost of demolition to be \$12,000.

The Administrator recommended transferring ownership of the 570 E Main Street property from the Village to the CIC and having the CIC either sell the property or see if Habitat for Humanity would accept the property and build a house there.

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to transfer ownership of the 570 E Main Street property from the Village of Batavia to the Village of Batavia Clermont County CIC, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Pryor.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Electric Charging Station on Bauer Road

We are working with ODOT on the Right of Way at the proposed site.

Harvest Meadows

The Administrator had a meeting on October 31 with the Developer and Lawyers regarding the project. The issues relative to the Right of Way designation through the property are nearing a resolution. Hopefully, we will see a Plat soon on the property

Streamside Development

We are updating all information so that we can begin collections in January 2023 regarding the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). Lots continue to be sold.

Paul Staggs

Nothing new

New Development across from Sycamore Park

Nothing new

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Electric Utility

Nothing new

Rumpke Waste Contract

Our current contract with Rumpke expires December 31, 2022. We received a 2-year contract extension that increases their fees by 20%. We are currently charging residents \$16.00 per month for trash. We will have to adjust the rate that the Village charges residents to cover the increased cost.

	2022 Fee	2023 Fee	2024 Fee
Garbage & Trash Fee per Unit	\$11.45	\$12.94	\$13.85
Recycle Fee per Unit	<u>\$4.50</u>	<u>\$5.50</u>	<u>\$6.50</u>
Total Rumpke Fee per Unit	\$15.95	\$18.44	\$19.85

A Resolution approving the contract between the Village of Batavia and Rumpke for Garbage and Trash Pickup, and Authorizing the Administrator to Execute the Contract on behalf of the Village.

Resolution 333-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings

Mr. Garrison made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and to waive the three readings.; seconded by Mr. Pryor.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 333-22.**; seconded by Mr. Garrison.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Resolution 333-22 adopted

A Resolution Authorizing a Rate Increase for Garbage & Trash Collection.

Resolution 334-22 1st reading

New Zoning Fee Schedule

Chip is working on updating our Fee Schedule for Zoning. When complete we will present this to Council for consideration.

Zoning Compliance

Chip has inspected numerous zoning violations and has issued Zoning Violation Letters. We have seen some specific compliance to these matters.

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Road Improvements

State Route 132 & 222 Improvements

The Grant for the Roundabout construction is progressing. The State is continuing the process of sending out Environmental Notices for the project.

Main Street Improvements

The crosswalks are complete. The final left turn arrow from northbound Riverside Dr. will be installed as soon as it arrives. We are working on a project closeout.

Water and Sewer Utilities

Water Utility

We are working on reconciling the discrepancy that Clermont County reported regarding our water bills. We discovered that Clermont County overcharged the Village and we have credit of \$50,000+. Therefore, there will be no need to consider any additional readings on **Ordinance 1505-22** for a rate adjustment.

We also uncovered a discrepancy in the capacity charges relative to the transfer Agreement for the Water and Sewer Utility of more than \$59,000. Therefore, we will realize this credit as well.

Mr. Moore is preparing deeds for the transfer of the Water Utility. We are working with the County to get this transferred.

Amending Water and Sewer Rates

Ordinance 1505-22 Do Not Pass Table the Legislation

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to table **Ordinance 1505-22**.; seconded by Mr. Garrison.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Ordinance 1505-22 tabled and Not Adopted

Sewer Utility

The work on the Force Sewer Main under the river is continuing. We received three bids for the work ranging from \$538,037.50 to \$622,190.25. Our engineer has recommended that the Village accept the low bid of \$538,037.50 from Majors Enterprises, Inc.

A Resolution approving the \$538,037.50 bid from Majors Enterprises, Inc. for the Force Sewer Main Project, and Authorizing the Administrator to Execute the Contract on behalf of the Village.

Resolution 335-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and to waive the three readings.; seconded by Mr. Gipson.

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Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 335-22.**; seconded by Mr. Gipson.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Resolution 335-22 adopted

Lead Pipe Identification

We were successful in receiving a \$50,000 grant for lead pipe identification from the State of Ohio (We were the only community in Clermont County to receive this grant). We will begin the process to get a vendor under contract to complete this EPA mandate.

Batavia Farmers' Market

Mr. Gipson informed Council that Matt Butler, the new owner of 465 E Main (the Clermont Sun property) has offered to let his parking lot be used as a site for the Farmers' Market. Mr. Gipson asked who is in charge of the Farmers' Market. Ms. Turner told him it is Sandy Bradford.

Mr. Pryor thanked Mr. Stewart for his work on enforcing zoning violations. He also thanked Mr. Smith and the Street Department for the leaf pickup and keeping the Village appearance nice.

Christmas in the Village

Christmas in the Village **Light Up the Christmas Tree** will be **Friday, December 2, 2022.**

The event should run from about 6:15pm to 8:30pm.

Mr. Runck offered to be Santa again this year. He will sit by the tree and hand out snack bags to the children from 6:30 to 8:30 and let their parents take their picture with Santa.

Nicole Henderson, pastor Batavia Faith Methodist Church (180 N Fifth Street (513) 732-2027) has offered to prepare 200 snack bags for Santa to hand out.

Steve Smith from Shaw Farms (1737 S.R. 131, Milford, OH (513) 520-2150) will be providing free horse-drawn carriage rides from 5:30 to 8:30. The cost to the Village is \$600.

Beau Dailey State Farm Insurance (2235 Bauer Road, Batavia, OH (513) 201-5069) will be providing free hot chocolate.

Nicole Henderson, pastor Batavia Faith Methodist Church (180 N Fifth Street (513) 732-2027) has offered to organize a group from the Fellowship of Churches to sing Christmas carols.

6:30-7:00pm – outside -The Batavia H.S. Brass Band Group will play traditional Christmas carols.

7:30-8:00pm – inside Armory - The Batavia H.S. Girls' Choir (about 20 girls) will sing a concert

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7:30-8:00pm – outside -The Batavia H.S. Brass Band Group will play traditional Christmas carols.

8:00 pm - The tree lighting ceremony

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Water Utility transfer to County

Clermont County wants a deed that lists all water easements in the Village by book, page and parcel number. He told Council that he is preparing the deed and it will be ready before Thanksgiving. The County rejected a deed that merely gave a summary listing of the easements.

He worked on recording the deed for 539 E Main (the Full Tabernacle Church building) and the deed for 570 E. Main.

Mr. Runck asked the Solicitor if the removal of dirt from Clough Pike by the Jurgensen Company could be construed to be strip-mining, and whether or not they had the proper permits for that? The Solicitor replied that it was a good question and he would have to look at the law and the permits that had been issued. The Administrator responded that Clermont County had issued the permits and he didn't believe the strip-mining accusation would apply. The Administrator also said that Jurgensen had been putting up retention fences to prevent soil slippage down into the Village.

Mayor, John Thebout

The Mayor told Council that the American Legion has requested a contribution from the Village for the Clermont County Council of American Legion Needy Kids Christmas Program. The Village has donated \$100 each of the last few years.

Mr. Runck made a **Motion** to approve donating \$100 to the Clermont County Council of American Legion Needy Kids Christmas Program, seconded by Ms. Cole.

The Vote was 6-0. **Motion** passed.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

The Fiscal Officer submitted his report for October activity.

Adopting Temporary Appropriations for 2023

Ordinance 1503-22 2nd reading

Appropriations Amendment

Ordinance 1506-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings
Year-end adjustment to appropriations.

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and to waive the three readings.;
seconded by Ms. Cole.

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Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1506-22**; seconded by Ms. Turner.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Ordinance 1506-22 adopted

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission	Next Meeting Tuesday, November 15 @ 7:00pm
Finance Committee	Next Meeting November 24 is Thanksgiving – Meeting Cancelled
2 nd Council Meeting	Cancelled
Hike Bike Committee	Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 30 @ 7:00pm

New Business / Public Participation Items

Mr. Kinner asked how many units are getting trash pickup. The Administrator told him about 800.
Mr. Kinner asked how many units use recycling. The administrator told his about 300 and Rumpke only charges us for that amount.

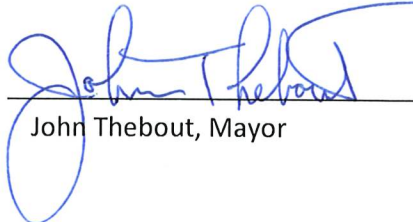
Mr. Runck informed Council that at the Hike Bike Committee Meeting he wants to discuss H.B. 377 which is providing \$500 million in grants for the 32-County Appalachian Region. He also wants to discuss options for funding a bridge from the Red Barn property across the river.

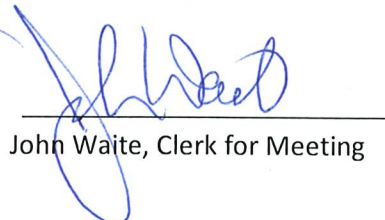
Mr. Runck informed Council that there is a huge flagpole available for sale for \$300. The flagpole is near the corner of S.R. 32 and Bach Buxton Road and is scheduled to be disposed of. He would like the Village to purchase the flagpole to replace a flagpole in the Village.

Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pryor. **Motion** passed 6-0
The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

ATTEST:


John Thebout, Mayor


John Waite, Clerk for Meeting

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
December 12, 2022**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2022**

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Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Gipson, Ms. Cole, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Runck, Ms. Turner

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, Asst. Administrator Chip Stewart, Chief Jim Young, Street Superintendent Wayne Smith

Others Attending the Meeting: Jo Ann Martino, Michael Kinner, Jamie Kinner, Charles Gipson

Approval of Financial Reports:

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to approve the November Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Mr. Gipson. The **Motion** passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gipson. The motion passed 6-0.

Proclamation by Mayor Thebout

In 2022 the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church ceased operations. Pastor Charles Gipson donated the church property and the final bank account to the Village of Batavia. Mayor Thebout presented Pastor Gipson with a Proclamation thanking him for the donation and recognizing the contributions and good work the church has performed over the years.

Police Department, Chief Young

Chief Young submitted his monthly report to Council. There were 56 traffic stops and 28 citations issued. We had 15 mutual aid requests. Our K-9 was deployed 26 times.

The Chief is updating the department policies on use of force. The department is implementing new policies under the Safe Haven Law that accepts and protects new born babies.

The Chief has ordered body cameras.

Mr. Runck asked the Chief if the cause of the Nursing Home fire had been determined. The Chief responded that no perpetrator has been determined, that the case has been closed, and the debris has been removed.

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Mr. Runck asked the Chief if the new School Resource Officer is working out. The Chief responded that he is doing a good job and the school is happy with him.

Village Administrator: Ken Geis

Community and Economic Development

Electric Vehicle Charging Station at the corner of Bauer Rd and Winemiller Lane

We are working with ODOT on the Right of Way at the proposed site. The grant calls for completion of the site by the end of 2024. We expect completion in 2023. We will have the only public charging station in Clermont County.

Harvest Meadows

The issues relative to the Right of Way designation through the property are nearing a resolution. The action is on the Clermont Commissioner's Meeting agenda.

Rumpke Waste Contract

We received an updated fee schedule from Rumpke. The new contract runs through 12/21/2024.

New Zoning Fee Schedule

Chip is working on updating our Fee Schedule for Zoning. When complete we will present this to Council for consideration.

Zoning Compliance

Chip has inspected numerous zoning violations and has issued Zoning Violation Letters. We have seen some specific compliance to these matters.

Road Improvements

State Route 132 & 122 Improvements

The Grant for the Roundabout construction is progressing. The State is continuing the process of sending out Environmental Notices for the project.

Main Street Improvements

The final left turn arrow from northbound Riverside Dr. will be installed as soon as it arrives. We are working on a project closeout.

Water and Sewer Utilities

Water Utility

Mr. Moore is preparing deeds for the transfer of the Water Utility. We are working with the County to get this transferred.

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Sewer Utility

The Village accepted the low bid of \$538,037.50 from Majors Enterprises, Inc. Work should begin in January.

Christmas in the Village

The tree lighting event “Christmas in the Village” was held Friday, December 2. The tree ordered and erected by the Service Department looked great. Participation by the Batavia High School Brass Band Ensemble and the Batavia High School Girls’ Choir helped make the event a huge success, even in the rain.

Village of Batavia Website

Chip continues to make some improvements to the website. We are going to make a new version of the site soon with enhanced graphics and easier usability.

Resolution 336-22 – Authorize purchase and financing of dump truck for Street Department with an estimated cost of approximately \$210,000.

1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings

The truck will be purchased under State of Ohio bid and it now takes almost a year to get delivery. The truck being replaced was purchased in 1999. The bed rusted out and had to be replaced once. We expect to get 25 years of service from the new truck.

Ms. Turner made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and to waive the three readings.; seconded by Mr. Pryor.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Ms. Turner made a **Motion** to adopt **Resolution 336-22.**; seconded by Mr. Gipson.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Resolution 336-22 adopted

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

He reviewed the proposed Police Department Policy regarding the Safe Haven Law and the Chief’s proposed policy is in compliance with State law.

Water Utility transfer to County

He will be meeting with the County Prosecutor on Wednesday to resolve issues.

Zoning violations at 675 Old Boston Road

The property is partially in the Village and partially in the Township. The owner is ignoring the zoning violation notifications from both entities. We will be filing a lawsuit.

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Mayor, John Thebout

The Mayor told Council that he is working on committee appointments and Council Members should let him know if they have any interest in serving on particular committees.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

The Fiscal Officer submitted his report for November activity.

Authorizing a rate increase for Garbage & Trash collections

Resolution 334-22 2nd reading

Adopting Temporary Appropriations for 2023

Ordinance 1503-22 3rd reading

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1503-22**; seconded by Ms. Cole.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Ordinance 1503-22 adopted

Appropriations Amendment

Ordinance 1507-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings
Year-end adjustment to appropriations to not exceed Certificate of Available Resources

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and to waive the three readings;
seconded by Mr. Garrison.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1507-22**; seconded by Mr. Garrison.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Ordinance 1507-22 adopted

Amend Ordinance 1457-20, the Village's Credit Card Policy

Ordinance 1508-22 1st reading Declare an emergency and waive the 3 readings
Add the Zoning Administrator and Assistant Village Administrator as authorized users.

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to declare an emergency and to waive the three readings;
seconded by Mr. Garrison.

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Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Ms. Cole made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1507-22**; seconded by Mr. Garrison.

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

Ordinance 1507-22 adopted

Amend Village Personnel Policy Manual that was adopted January 13, 2020 regarding Vacation time

Currently new employees begin accruing **1.54** hours of vacation time each bi-weekly payroll, so at the end of their first year they would have accrued **1 week** of vacation time. From 1 to 8 years of employment, they accrue **3.07** hours of vacation time each bi-weekly payroll, which is **2 weeks** per year.

Due to the difficulty in hiring employees since COVID, we are proposing to offer 3.07 hours to all employees with less than

Ms. Cole made a **Motion**, seconded by Ms. Turner, to amend **Section 6.02.01 of the Batavia Personnel Policy Manual**, and to make the change effective **retroactively to January 1, 2021**, as follows:

"All full-time employees are entitled to paid vacation time off according to the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vacation Time to be Earned</u>	<u>Hours to be Accrued per 26 Bi-Weekly Payrolls</u>
<i>Less than 8 years</i>	<i>2 Weeks</i>	<i>3.07 hrs. = 80 hrs. / 26 pays</i>
<i>Completed 8 years</i>	<i>3 Weeks</i>	<i>4.62 hrs. = 120 hrs. / 26 pays</i>
<i>Completed 15 years</i>	<i>4 Weeks</i>	<i>6.15 hrs. = 160 hrs. / 26 pays</i>

For each week of vacation earned, an employee is entitled to the lesser of 40 hours of vacation time or the number of hours scheduled weekly. The years of service begin with the first date of work upon hiring as a full-time employee and change at the beginning of the pay period that includes each annual service anniversary.

The earned vacation time shall be pro-rated and credited per pay period."

Vote by Roll: Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Pryor, yes,
Mr. Runck, yes, Ms. Turner, yes. **Motion** passed 6-0

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
December 12, 2022**

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission	Next Meeting Tuesday, December 20 @ 7:00pm
Finance Committee	Next Meeting Thursday, December 22 @ 6:00pm
2 nd Council Meeting	Cancelled
Village of Batavia CIC Meeting	Next Meeting, Monday January 9 @ 7:00pm

New Business / Public Participation Items

Jo Ann Martino asked the Administrator to periodically issue Village Newsletters to be included in the water bills notifying residents of Village events.

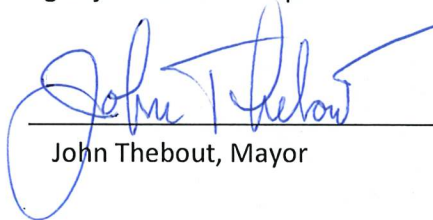
Mr. Kinner reminded Council and the Fiscal Officer that the PEP insurance policy needs to be reviewed for renewal in May.

Mr. Garrison asked the Administrator to see if the Village can get ODOT to post signs on S.R. 32 notifying drivers of businesses in the Village.

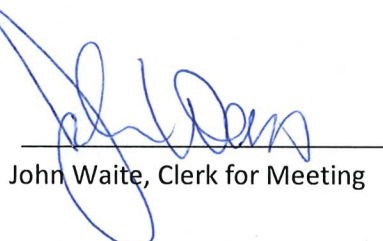
Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cole. **Motion** passed 6-0
The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting