

Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm with Mayor Runck presiding. Mayor Runck called the meeting to order at 7:00.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scouts Ella Henderson-Johns and Joe Henderson-Johns.

Roll Call of Members Present

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

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor C. Scott Runck, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Zoning Administrator Chip Stewart, Police Chief Jim Young and Street Superintendent Wayne Smith

Others Attending the Meeting: Jo Ann Martino, Lana Fritsch, Judy Miller, Michael Gardner and Mary Moore, Kelly Wright, Chris Henderson-Johns, Nichole Henderson-Johns, Mark Ewing, Michelle Ewing, Riley, Kyle Meyer, Lauri Zagar, Victor Billingsley, William Craver, Jamie Kinner, Michael Kinner, Claire Kinner, Tom Porter, Lori Boswell, Gina Crowley, Brian Kimberly, Jim Craver, Sandra Sanders, Michael Hart, Kelly Watson, John Thebout

Reminder to Audience Regarding Questions or Comments:

The Mayor asked the audience to mute their cell phones and reminded the audience that there will be a chance for comments or questions during Public Participation at the end of the meeting.

Vacant Seat on Council

Mayor Runck announced that Council needs to select someone to fill the vacant seat on Council. The procedure to be followed is as follows:

1. Each candidate will be given up to 5 minutes to introduce themselves, to give their background and to tell why they are interested in being on Council.
2. Council will then make nominations for candidates to be voted on for selection
3. Council will then adjourn to Executive Session to interview the nominated candidates
4. After returning from Executive Session Council will vote by role to select the Council Member.

There were 10 Letters of Interest submitted to Council for the vacant seat.

Victor Billingsley	Michael Gardner
Lori Boswell	Michael Kinner
Adam Craver	Kyle Meyer
Randy Dorsey	John Thebout
Mark Ewing	Laura Zagar

Each of the 10 candidates was then given their opportunity to opportunity to introduce themselves to Council and to state their case for being selected to fill the vacant seat. John Thebout and Laura Zagar withdrew their names from consideration.

After the presentations were completed Mayor Runck asked Council for nominations of persons to fill the vacant seat on Council. Council Members were allowed to make multiple nominations.

Mr. Garrison nominated Victor Billingsley, but the nomination failed to receive a second.

Mr. Gipson nominated Kyle Meyer, seconded by Ms. Cole

Mr. Garrison nominated Randy Dorsey, seconded by Mr. Pryor

Mr. Garrison nominated Mark Ewing, but the nomination failed to receive a second

Mr. Gipson nominated Adam Craver, seconded by Mr. Pryor

Mr. Garrison nominated Lori Boswell, seconded by Mr. Gipson

Ms. Turner nominated Michael Gardner, but the nomination failed to receive a second.

There not being any further nominations Mayor Runck closed the nomination process.

Mr. Pryor made a **Motion** to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for filling the vacant seat on Council pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1); seconded by Mr. Gipson.

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

The four nominated candidates were brought to the Executive Session one at a time to be interviewed.

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

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

The Mayor asked the audience if they had any questions about why we went into Executive Session. There were no questions.

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to select Kyle Meyer to fill the vacant seat on Council; seconded by Ms. Cole.

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

Kyle Meyer is the new member of Village Council.

Mayor Runck had Kyle Meyer recite the Oath of Office and after pictures were taken Kyle Meyer took his seat at the Council Table.

Approval of Financial Reports:

Mr. Garrison made a **Motion** to approve the December Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded by Mr. Pryor. The **Motion** passed 5-0-1 with Mr. Meyer abstaining.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Pryor made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gipson. The **Motion** passed 5-0-1 with Mr. Meyer abstaining.

Police Department: Chief Young

Report on December activity

375 Calls, 29 Traffic Stops, 11 Citations Issued, 18 Written Warnings, 11 Mutual Aid Calls
There were 240 more tickets issued in 2023 than in 2022.

There were no incidents to report at the Christmas in the Village event.

The School Resource Officers completed programs in association with Batavia Schools for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Council will be briefed more in depth at the February meeting.

Multiple police employees have been off work due to contracting covid.

Village Administrator: Ken Geis

Community and Economic Development

Electric Vehicle Charging Station at corner of Bauer Road and Winemiller Lane

We continue to work on this project and site access.

Harvest Meadows

The Developer started working on the first Phase of the Project. We have information that Fischer Homes is going to start building at least 30 new homes.

New Zoning Case

We have provided notice that a Zoning Meeting for January will include a proposal to change the Zoning for a portion of the "Red Barn" property. The Developer is proposing more than 500 new Multi-Family units with amenities such as a Club House, Pool, Walking Trails, a River Access Point, and Roof-Top Patios.

Road Improvements

S.R. 222

The State is continuing the final design and environmental work for the project.

Salt Storage

The Salt Storage Facility is complete. The Public Works Department did a great job in the construction of this facility saving the Village thousands of dollars.

Water and Sewer Utilities

Water Utility

We continue to work on this transfer. We completed the last easement documents, and we will record the documents.

Hike/Bike Trail

The Village is officially under contract for the Hike Bike feasibility study. TEC is the Engineering Firm completing the work..

Zoning Administrator: Chip Stewart

Zoning Permits

2023 totals for all zoning permits was 92

There were 35 Streamside permits in 2023.

Harvest Meadows Phase 1 plot has been files with the County. Street addresses have been assigned and filed with the County. The developer has stated that there are 28-30 homes ready to be permitted.

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on January 16 regarding a zoning change from I/O to PUD for 255 Haskell Lane

Zoning Violations and Enforcement

There are currently 36 violations in progress.

There are 4 violations currently in court.

19 violations were remediated in 2023

Crosswalks

The Crosswalk signs have been ordered by ODOT. We have not been provided a delivery time.

The Verizon cell Towers

The Verizon cell tower on Main Street at Clough Pike is operational. The 3 other cell towers, at Diana, at Spring and on Main Street at the bridge, are waiting for fiber connections to become active. We have not been provided with a completion date.

We have submitted a grant application to replace the old halogen lights of S.R. 32 to LED lights.

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Water Utility

All of the deeds for the transfer of the water utility have been filed.

Nuisance update

There are 4 nuisance cases pending. Hearings are set for February.

The Solicitor has reviewed the Harvest Meadows zoning plans for the multifamily units that are going to be presented at a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 16.

Mayor: C. Scott Runck

The Mayor will be assigning Committee appointments this month. Any Council Member who wishes to serve on specific Committees, or who no longer wants to serve on specific Committees should convey that to the Mayor. Appointments will be announced at the January 22 Council Meeting.

The 2024 Vice Mayor will be selected by Council at the January 22 Council Meeting.

The 2024 Village Fun Fair will be held on September 14.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

Fiscal Officer's report for December activity was presented to Council.

2023 municipal income tax receipts exceeded 2022 receipts by \$296,402.

The 2023 General Fund year-end carry over is \$1,289,087.

Resolution 353-23 – Authorize Expenditure for Hike Bike Trail Feasibility Study

2nd reading

Ordinance 1522-24 – Adopt Full-Year 2024 Appropriations

1st reading

Committee Reports:

Village Council Meetings	Next Meeting	Monday, January 22 @ 7:00pm Monday, February 12 @ 7:00pm
Planning Commission	Next Meeting	Tuesday, January 16 @ 7:00pm
Finance Committee	Next Meeting	Thursday, January 25 @ 6:00pm

New Business / Public Participation Items

None


Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Meyer.

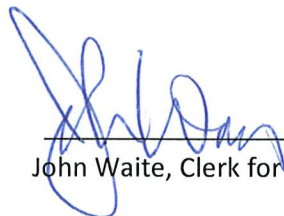
Motion passed 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

ATTEST:



C. Scott Runck, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for the Meeting