

Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, April 15, 2024

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 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 Jackson Lovins.

Roll Call of Members Present:

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

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor C. Scott Runck, Administrator Ken Geis, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Police Chief Jim Young, Sgt. Shane Olson, Office Kuhl, Officer Manning

Others Attending the Meeting: Lana Fritsch, Jim Craver, Brian Kimberly, Matthew Ecker, Tom Miller.
Mary Moore

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.

Approval of Financial Reports:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Gipson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2024 Special Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pryor. The **Motion** passed 4-0.

Police Department: Chief Young

Police Staffing

Mayor Runck swore in Officer Jay Manning as a Batavia Police Officer.

Officer Jay Manning started work on March 31st and is progressing well. I expect him to be released in early May for solo patrol duties.

Report on March activity

480 Calls, 56 Traffic Stops, 35 Citations Issued, 21 Written Warnings, 16 Mutual Aid Calls

Officer Training

Training for March included 16 hours of training for Officer Whitaker and Canine Drees. Officer TenBrink attended 8 hours of active shooter training.

Facilities Upgrades to the police department included painting, moving the locker room, adding shelving to the supply closet and general clean up.

We have started to change over to E-citation. Some equipment has been added to police cars already and the program should be completely up and running sometime in May.

The Village purchased a table for the Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet on May 22 at 5:00pm. There are seats available if any Council Members would like to attend.

The Chief informed Council that attorney Todd Stoffel has been prosecuting civil cases for the Village but he is retiring and the Village will have to find someone else. He said that he would discuss the issue with the Safety Committee.

Mr. Pryor asked the Chief if we can do anything about pedestrians walking up the hill on Old S.R. 32 toward Bauer Road. The Chief acknowledged that it is dangerous but that part of the road is in Batavia Township.

Village Administrator: Ken Geis

Mayor's Court

The Administrator urged the Village to consider hiring a Magistrate or bringing back the Mayor's Court. It has been difficult to get court resolutions for zoning violations. There are costs to having a Mayor's Court and if we were to have one the assessed fees must be great enough to cover the costs. The Safety Committee should consider the alternatives.

Community and Economic Development

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

We continue to work on this project and site access. The Administrator met with ODOT's Chief Legal Counsel and members of ODOT's real estate division.

Streamside

The Village has sent out the PILOT Payment invoices to the homeowners and we have received payments.

Library

The Library Board's Building Committee made a recommendation to the full Library Board that the Library purchase a site at River Pointe for a new building

River Pointe

The owner closed on the Property. We will collaborate with the Developer on the CRA and a Sales tax exemption for the taxable items during construction through the Clermont County Port Authority. I expect that we will bring the CRA to Council for a 75% CRA for 15 years or less with a 25% Pilot Assessment. This arrangement will allow for the Fire Department and the Schools to realize immediate revenue from the Development.

The Developer during the Spring will finish site due diligence and begin the staking process. If all things go well the first phase of the project will start in late Summer.

Annexation

Mr. Minniear filed the petition for a Type 2 Expedited Annexation on the property that the Commissioners previously denied and delivered the Ordinances that Council passed.

At the April 2 Board of Commissioners Meeting, the Commissioners were advised by their legal counsel that the annexation process was followed correctly and since Batavia Township did not file an objection, the action should be passed. However, the motion never reached the floor because it (motion) was never introduced.

The Commissioners approved the annexation at the April 9 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Mr. Minniear will prepare a Resolution for the Village to pass to approve the annexation.

Road Improvements

S.R. 222

The State is continuing the final design and environmental work for the project. During the project, the contractors will close the road and the ODOT will create a detour.

Water and Sewer Utilities

Water Utility

We continue to work on this transfer.

Hike Bike

TEC is completing the first draft of the feasibility study report. The Administrator can provide the Clermont County Park Board with a copy of the report.

General

We received quotes on the sign. We continue to work with UC on the project.

We purchased a Jeep Compass from Mt. Orab Ford off of the State Bid list.

Zoning Administrator: Chip Stewart was absent so Ken Geis presented his report

Report on 2024 zoning applications for new residential units

76 total zoning permits this year

Streamside - 12 new home permits in 2024

Harvest Meadows - 58 new home permits in 2024

Zoning Violations and Enforcement

There are currently 38 violations in progress. 5 in court process. 19 violations remediated in 2023.

Crosswalks

The Crosswalk signs have been received. The 1st one has been installed at the crosswalk by Grammas Pizza. The Street Department has had to use different support poles because of the pipes and wires below the sidewalk.

Verizon Cell Towers

Three of the four cell towers are now working.

Zoning Change

There are two zoning changes on tomorrow's Planning Commission agenda.

1. Harvest Meadows Phase 2 final PUD Plan
2. Streamside Development Plan for the last phase

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

If the Village decides that they want to hire a Magistrate to handle civil cases or wants to hire an attorney to prosecute cases for them before the Municipal Court, Mr. Moore's law firm has people who can fulfill those roles.

The Solicitor worked on the Hayes annexation and the Commissioner's failure to initially act.

He worked on the Streamside past due PILOT payments.

There was a court hearing on March 25 regarding the Wilson property. He also worked on the Flores zoning violations and their failure to comply with last year's court approved consent agreement.

The owners of 490 Shelley Drive who have been running a day care out of the house in excess of the 6-children limit have brought their house into compliance.

The Sedacca family wants to donate 2 parcels of land located on W Main street to the Village. The property is parcel 060218.029 (0.46 acres) and parcel 060218.030 (0.45 acres). The land is next to the Animal Hospital on the hillside abutting the Jurgensen property and is undevelopable. The property is coming from an Estate and the Probate Court is requiring a full probate account. The Solicitor approved a Resolution accepting the property into the Village.

Mayor: C. Scott Runck

The National Day of Prayer is May 2 and there will be a ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on the Court House steps

Matthew Eckert

Matt expressed his concern about the speed of vehicles driving past Bean & Brew on S. Riverside Drive and the associated vehicle noise. He asked if one of the flashing crosswalk signs could be put at the S. Riverside crossing at Spring Street. He also asked for one of the "Your Speed IS" signs.

He indicated that a lot of his clients are coming from out of the Village.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

The Fiscal Officer presented his report on March financial activity to Council.

Appropriations Amendment to increase the appropriations to the Batavia Union Cemetery by \$25,000 to pay for a road paving project

Ordinance 1526-24 – 2nd Reading

Mid-Year 2024 Payroll Adjustment for Police Chief effective July 7, 2024

Ordinance 1527-24 – 2nd Reading

Mid-Year 2024 Payroll Adjustment for Fiscal Officer effective July 7, 2024

Ordinance 1528-24 – 2nd Reading

Mid-Year 2024 Payroll Adjustment for Police Officers Wage Schedule effective July 7, 2024

Resolution 355-24 – 2nd Reading

Mid-Year 2024 Payroll Adjustment for Street Department Wage Schedule effective July 7, 2024

Resolution 356-24 – 2nd Reading

Mid-Year 2024 Payroll Adjustment for Administrative Staff effective July 7, 2024

Resolution 357-24 – 2nd Reading

Mid-Year 2024 Payroll Adjustment for Geis Consulting Group, LLC effective July 7, 2024

Resolution 358-24 – 2nd Reading

Accept Property Transfer from the Sedacca Estate to the Village

Resolution 359-24 – 1st Reading

Approve the Retirement and then Immediate Rehire for Officer Warner

Resolution 360-24 – 1st Reading

1st Reading

Adopt 2025 Tax Budget

Resolution 361-24 – 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 Meetings / Reports

This Month's 2nd Council Meeting (if needed) Monday, April 22 @ 7:00 pm

Next Month's Regular Council Meeting Monday, May 13 @ 7:00 pm

Next Planning Commission Tuesday, April 16 @ 7:00 pm

Next Finance Committee Meeting (if needed) Thursday, April 25 @ 6:00 pm
Next Safety Committee Meeting Friday, May 3 @ 6:00 pm
Hike Bike Committee May Meeting to be determined
Next Month's 2nd Council Meeting Tuesday, May 28 @ 7:00 pm
Moved from Monday (Holiday)

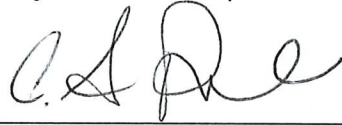
New Business / Public Participation Items

None

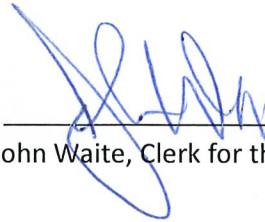
Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a **Motion** to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Meyer **Motion** passed 4-0
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST:



C. Scott Runck, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for the Meeting