

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
August 12, 2019**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2019**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2019, at 7:00 pm with Mayor John Thebout presiding. Mayor Thebout called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Handra, Ms. Turner, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Vickers, Mr. Gipson, and Mr. Ellis.

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Mayor John Thebout, Administrator Dennis Nichols, Fiscal Officer John Waite, and Chief James Young

Others Attending the Meeting: JoAnn Martino, J Kim Laffleur, Lloyd Scott, Sheree Scott, E. Lindsey, Sandi Richard, Glen Saylor, Maher David

Approval of Financial Reports:

Mr. Ellis made motion to approve the July Bank Statements and Cash Journal, seconded Mr. Handra.
The motion passed 6-0

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. Turner. The motion passed 5-0-1, Mr. Vickers abstained.

Village Administrator: Dennis Nichols

Zoning Change for parcels on W. Main Street

Public Hearing regarding Zoning Change for 10 Parcels on West Main Street

Mr. Nichols conducted a public hearing explaining the zoning changes for parcels on W. Main Street. There were no questions or comments from the audience.

An Ordinance amending the Batavia Zoning Ordinance to assign 10 parcels on West Main Street to the B-2 General Business District

Ordinance 1430-19 2nd reading

Electric Utility – Interconnection agreement with Duke and rate determination

The Village of Batavia has created an Electric Utility with the intention of providing electric service to AAG Glass on Kent Road. The electric utility will need an electric sub-station, which consists of 3 transformers, and an interconnection agreement with Duke Energy. The Village has joined American Municipal Power (AMP) as a member. AMP has an existing electrical interconnection agreement with Duke Energy. The Village is utilizing AMP's existing interconnection agreement as a way of getting Duke Energy's cooperation for our electric service to AAG Glass.

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Ordinance 1434-19 1st reading Waive the requirement for 3 readings
An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Master Services Agreement with American Municipal Power (AMP).

Mr. Ellis made a **Motion** to waive the three readings, seconded by: Mr. Garrison

Vote by roll: Mr. Handra, Ms. Turner, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Vickers, yes, Mr. Gipson,
yes, Mr. Ellis, yes **Motion passed 6-0**

Mr. Handra made a **Motion** to adopt **Ordinance 1434-19**, seconded by: Mr. Ellis

Vote by roll: Mr. Handra, Ms. Turner, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Vickers, yes, Mr. Gipson,
yes, Mr. Ellis, yes **Motion passed 6-0 Ordinance 1434-19 Adopted**

Mr. Vickers asked Mr. Nichols if the Village has determined what the electric rates to the Village will be and whether the Village has determined what rate the Village will be charging AAG Glass for electricity. Mr. Nichols responded that we can't make those determinations until we get the interconnection agreement with Duke and they tell us what rate they will be charging us.

Mr. Vickers asked Mr. Nichols what the cost of the electric sub-station will be. Mr. Nichols told his that the cost will be \$150,000.

Streamside Residential Development

The Clermont County Commissioners have a meeting on Wednesday. They have indicated that they will rescind the TIF on the Streamside property at that meeting. That is the last roadblock to the project moving forward.

Memorandum of Understanding regarding interchange at S.R. 32 and Herold Road.

The TIF that the Clermont County Commissioners was envisioned to provide funding for road improvements at the intersection of S.R. 32 at Herold Road. The Village of Batavia has annexed that part of S.R. 32 and is now responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the road. The Commissions have asked the Village to provide them with a written statement of understanding that the Village will be responsible for the improvement of that interchange.

Mr. Vickers made a **Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding** between the Village of Batavia and the Board of Commissioners of Clermont County regarding the maintenance and improvement of the highway interchange at S.R. 32 and Herold Rd and to authorize the Village Administrator and/or the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Village of Batavia; seconded by: Mr. Ellis.

Vote by roll: Mr. Handra, Ms. Turner, yes, Mr. Garrison, yes, Mr. Vickers, yes, Mr. Gipson,
yes, Mr. Ellis, yes **Motion passed 6-0**

Village of Batavia Community Reinvestment Area (CRA). The Ohio Development Services Agency has approved the Village of Batavia's amendment to our CRA Area No. 1. This enables Streamside's tax abatement and corresponding payments to the Village of Batavia.

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OPWC Project to Line the Sewers on Old Boston Road, Edith Ave., Charles Street, Gregory Drive and Shelley Drive. We are now accepting bids for the project and we should start the project this year. We will need to assess property owners for part of the cost once the cost of the project is determined.

196 E Main Street. The tenant has vacated the building. We will arrange for a tour of the building, but we do not yet have keys to the building. We hope to be able to have the tour next Monday.

Condemnation of various nuisance buildings

Mrs. Meeker obtained bids for the demolition of the Batavia Nursing Home. The cost was \$50,000. She says that she doesn't have the \$50,000 and she is now delaying doing anything.

The Concert by the Clermont Pops Orchestra on Saturday, August 10th was a great success. It was well attended and the residents expressed their appreciation for the concerts.

Police Department, Chief Young

There were 7 traffic accidents last month. The police department has been patrolling S.R. 32 trying to slow traffic down. They have also been patrolling Wood Street to keep people from running through the stop signs. There were 13 drug arrests last month.

The Safety Fair was a great success. They raised \$1,924 for charity, and wrote a check in that amount to C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children).

The chief is concerned about the age and number of miles on our police cruisers. He is purchasing a used 2017 cruiser with 18,000 miles on it. He wants to assign specific cars to specific officers.

The police department received 16 doses of Narcan from the Clermont County Health Department. The police run into drugs almost daily. The Narcan is a nasal spray. We are going to carry some in each cruiser, primarily to protect our officers if they come in contact with phentanyl; but also to prevent drug deaths of users.

Officer McMillan is at a K-9 training Conference in Chicago this week. The Chief will be attending a mandatory New Police Chief Training Conference next week in London, Ohio.

Mayor, John Thebout

The November ballot for the November election for Mayor and Council was finalized last week.

There is only one person running for Mayor. There are 3 people running for 2 Council seats.

Fall Village-Wide Yard Sale

The fall yard sale is September 14-15.

There will be a Special Council Meeting next Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00pm in order to have the 3rd readings of Ordinance 1428-19 (Levy Special Assessments) and Ordinance 1429-19 (Authorize Issuance of Bond). We will ask that those readings be declared to be an emergency.

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Village Solicitor, Christopher Moore

Mr. Moore spent most of his time working with the Administrator and Hal Homes to get Clermont County to rescind the existing TIF on the Streamside property. Batavia Township had objected to the TIF's removal. The issue has now been resolved and the Commissioners have agreed to remove the TIF at their August 14th meeting.

Judge Brock has set a hearing for a preliminary injunction for the CRT Electronics nuisance violation for September 30.

There was a misunderstanding regarding the status of the obtaining easements for waterlines. There were several properties where the property owner signed an easement, but it turned out that the properties consisted of several parcels, and there needed to be a separate easement for each parcel. The easements for all of the parcels are being addressed and we should soon be able to transfer the ownership of the Village's Water Utility to Clermont County.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

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

The Police Department and Street Department have been told to have their 2020 Budgets finalized by the end of August. We will end 2019 with spending exceeding revenue. One of the problems is that when we transferred our income tax collections and administration to the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA) in July, we lost a month's worth of revenue for 2019 because RITA collects the income tax revenue one month and then disburses it to us the following month.

New Business / Public Comment None

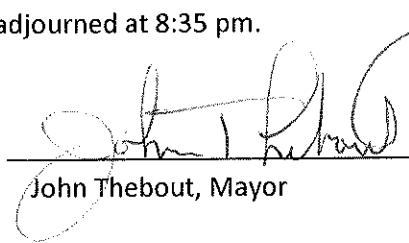
Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:	Bob Handra	Next Meeting, Wednesday, August 22 @ 6:00 pm.
Planning Commission	Bob Handra	Next Meeting, Tuesday, July. 16 @ 7:00pm
Farmers Market	Kathy Turner	The market had over 200 cars last Saturday
Cemetery Committee	Kathy Turner	Next meeting, September 7 @ 6:00 pm

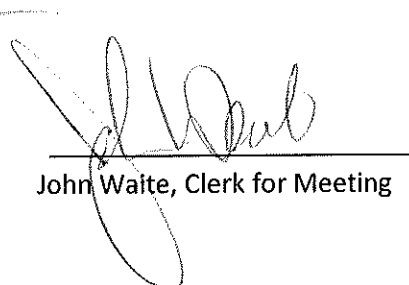
Adjournment:

Mr. Handra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Vickers. Motion passed 6-0
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting