

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
September 18, 2020**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Friday, September 18, 2020**

The Batavia Village Council met in special session on Friday, September 18, 2020, 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, Ms. Cole, Mr. Gipson. Mr. Vickers was absent.

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

Others Attending the Meeting:

JoAnn Martino, Mary Moore, Erick Emery, Lauri Zagar, Stephanie Scott, Mick Scott

Batavia Local School District – Barb Bruner, C. Scott Runck, Michael Enriquez

**Acceptance of the Kubicki Annexation as Approved by the Clermont County Commissioners
An Ordinance to accept the annexation from Charles J Kubicki LLC**

Ordinance 1462-20 2nd reading

Public Comment

Erich Emery – He is against development where the new residents don't pay for services and the cost of the services for the development are shifted to existing taxpayers.

Stephanie Scott – She is opposed to abating the cost for fire services and schools

Mary Moore – Financial considerations should not be grounds for waiving the three readings for legislation

Councilman Garrison - His wife is a teacher and he is concerned about the number of kids in a classroom. Depriving the schools of funding will result in a detriment to the school's ability to educate our children.

Administrator Nichols – Part of a school's funding comes from the State of Ohio based upon a formula that compensates for the amount of local funding per pupil.

Michael Enriquez, president of the Batavia Local School Board – He is against abating the school funding for the Kubicki annexation for 15 years. State of Ohio school funding increases with growth, but there caps on the amount that a school district can receive. The Batavia Local Schools are currently capped. Clermont County does make payments in lieu of taxes to the school for the six TIFs. The Batavia Schools currently have 2,400 students. The new school buildings

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being built are based upon the 1017 census. Additional students from an 800-unit development may require additional space. He is not opposed to development in the school district per se, as long as there is equitable funding.

JoAnn Martino – The current owner of the property is Chuck Kubicki. The land is zoned for commercial development, but Mr. Kubicki has determined that the land is not suitable for commercial development. The only choice is to allow a residential development.

This is the 2nd reading for Ordinance 1462-20.

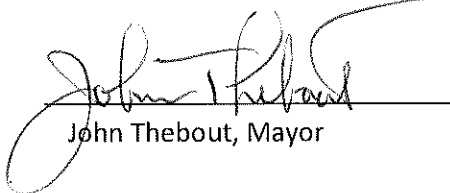
Adjournment:

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

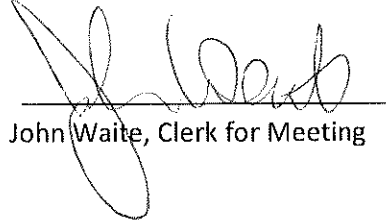
Vote by roll: Mr. Handra, yes, Ms. Cole, yes, Mr. Gipson, yes, Ms. Turner, yes, Mr. Garrison, Yes

Motion passed 4-0 Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting