Minutes of

October 6, 2022 – SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met for the Special Meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 6, 2022, at the Batavia Township Community Center.

CALL TO ORDER

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Karen Swartz, gave the roll call for the Board of Trustees. Present were: Mr. Perry, Mr. Sauls and Mr. Parsons. Also present was Jeff Uckotter, Township Administrator.

APPOINTMENT OF FISCAL OFFICER PRO TEM

Mr. Parsons motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees to appoint Karen Swartz as the Fiscal Officer Pro Tem for the meeting. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Parsons yes Mr. Sauls yes

Mr. Perry Motion carried yes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Sauls motioned the Batavia Township Board of Trustees to approve the presented October 6, 2022 agenda. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Sauls yes Mr. Parsons yes

Mr. Perry yes Motion carried

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK SESSION

Jeff Uckotter, Township Administrator, opened a discussion on economic development options for Batavia Township. Mr. Uckotter introduced Patrick Woodside of Frost, Brown and Todd.

Mr. Woodside provided the Board with an overview of the economic programs such as 10-year 75% Tax Incremental Financing (TIF)s and Joint Economic Development Districts (JEDD). Mr. Woodside provided detailed information on how each could be enacted, how funds could be used, and how the taxes would be distributed.

A related issued of a County Pre-1994 (located over the Ford Plant) has surfaced with the County of the past couple of weeks. Discussion was had on the pre-1994 CRA and the benefits of utilizing the CRA. Mr. Uckotter advised that eliminating the pre-1994 CRA is eliminating an option that the Township currently can use. Mr. Woodside agreed. The Board requested that Mr. Uckotter will write a letter to the County Economic Development Department expressing the Board's desire to maintain the CRA as an economic development option.

Mr. Kevin Riley, Central Joint Fire District (CJFD) Fire Chief, discussed how these economic development options affect CJFD. He noted that they serve a lot of tax exempted buildings within the District. He expressed concerns about any reduction of taxes that would normally be allocated to CJFD. Mr. Riley discussed future plans for CJFD and the need for additional locations within the township to serve the area and how those will be funded.

A discussion was had on the financial struggles for CJFD and their staffing needs with the growth in the area. Mr. Woodside noted that he would look into options that could be utilized to provide CJFD funding and/or lost funding in the event enacted legislation were enacted by the Board.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Parsons motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Randy/Perry Chairman Karen Swartz, Fiscal Officer