

**Village of Batavia – MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING,
January 13, 2020**

**Batavia Village Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020**

The Batavia Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 7:00 pm with Mayor 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, Ms. Cole, and Mr. Gipson.

Village Officials Attending the Meeting: Administrator Dennis Nichols, Fiscal Officer John Waite, Solicitor Christopher Moore, and Chief Young.

Others Attending the Meeting: JoAnn Martino, Jerry Cole, Wayne Smith. John Conners, Kelly Conners Vaughn, and Todd Cooper

Approval of Financial Reports:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Gipson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. Turner. The motion passed 5-0-1 Ms. Cole abstained

Wayne Smith – Candidate for appointment to Central Joint Fire & EMS board

Mr. Smith informed Council that there is an opening for the at-large position on the 5-member fireboard. That position will be elected by a vote of the combined Village Council and Township Trustees. Mr. Smith informed Council that he is entering his name for consideration.

Village Administrator: Dennis Nichols

OPWC project to line the sewers on Old Boston Road, Edith Ave., Charles Street, Gregory Drive and Shelley Drive

Insituform is installing manholes. When all of the manholes have been installed, they will flush the sewer lines and install the liners.

Bean and Brew

They are open and seem to be doing quite well.

Regional Income Tax Agency – Taxpayer Assistance Event

RITA will have staff here on March 4th to help taxpayers with filing their municipal tax forms.

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Bonds and Financing Capital Improvements

Mr. Nichols told Council that we are proposing to refinance some existing debt and to issue some additional debt for capital expenditures that otherwise would have to be paid from operating income. He asked John Conners, of Conners & Company, to explain the plan.

Mr. Conners informed Council that we have an outstanding 2013 Main Street bond that could be refinanced at a lower interest rate and extending the maturity another 7 years, which would reduce the annual interest and principal payments. He estimated that the Village would save \$140,000 in interest payments over the 20-year life of the bonds by issuing new debt at 3.25% interest.

We also have a \$300,000 1-year note that could be included in a refinancing.

If we issue a new bond for \$4,300,000, it would give us \$1,280,000 for capital improvements. We will need to make an investment of approximately \$500,000 in 2020 to get our Electric Utility started. The annual interest and principal payments on a \$4.3 million bond would be approximately \$300,000.

Mr. Conners and bond attorney Todd Cooper informed Council that the new bond would not be sold until April, but there is a lot of work that needs to be done before a bond can be issued, so they recommended that Council waive the third reading and pass the ordinances.

Council decided to not waive the third reading since the bond can't be sold until April.

Ordinance 1445-19 2nd reading

The bond will let us refinance the 2013 E Main Street Bond

Ordinance 1446-19 2nd reading

The bond will let us refinance the 1-year \$300,000 armory renovation note.

Ordinance 1447-19 2nd reading

The bond will provide us with funds to make various capital improvements: purchase transformers for the electric utility, demolish 196 E Main Street, various street repairs and improvements, and trailhead park.

Ordinance 1448-19 2nd reading

This ordinance allows us to combine the bonds authorized in Ordinances 1445-19, 1446-19 and 1447-19 into a single bond offering, thus minimizing the issuance costs

Police Department, Chief Young

The December activity remained steady. There was nothing unusual to report.

The chief wants to promote a second officer to sergeant to formalize the chain of command for the second shift.

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Ad Hoc Beautification Committee

Kathy Turner (Chair), Jason Garrison, Diana Cole

The Mayor informed Council that it is time for Council to elect a Vice-Mayor for 2020. He asked for nominations. Ms. Turner nominated Mr. Handra. Mr. Garrison nominated Mr. Gipson. There were no more nominations. The Mayor asked for a rollcall vote on Mr. Handra as Vice-Mayor.

Vote by roll: Mr. Handra, yes, Ms. Turner, yes, Mr. Garrison, no, Mr. Vickers, yes, Ms. Cole, abstain, Mr. Gipson, abstain **Vote in favor was 3-1-2**

Mr. Handra was declared the Vice-Mayor for 2020.

Village Solicitor, Christopher Moore

Vacating the Village's ownership rights for a possible extension of 8th Street

The Village owns the right of way for an extension of 8th Street from Wood Street to E Main Street. There are no plans to adopt the extension.

Mr. Moore stated that the way to vacate the Village's ownership interest is to pass a Resolution that the right of way has no value to the Village, and wishes to abandon its ownership. Mr. Moore agreed to prepare a Resolution for a 1st reading at the February meeting.

Duke Energy Lawsuit

Duke has informed our attorneys that they see no reason to negotiate with the Village at this time.

CRT Auto Electronics Nuisance Suit

Jeff Bach, owner of CRT was arrested on five counts of drug trafficking. The criminal hearing has been postponed until January 30. The zoning hearing for CRT has been postponed until after the criminal trial and we are not able to begin removing cars, since it is now considered to be a crime scene.

Fiscal Officer: John Waite

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:	Bob Handra	Next Meeting, Thursday, January 23 @ 6:00 pm.
Planning Commission	Bob Handra	Next Meeting, Tuesday, January 21 @ 7:00 pm.

New Business / Public Comment

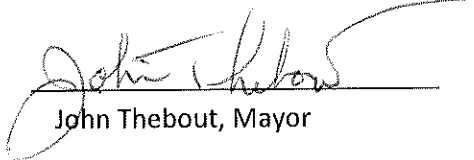
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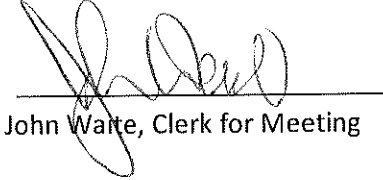
Adjournment:

Mr. Gipson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Vickers. Motion passed 6-0
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

ATTEST:



John Thebout, Mayor



John Waite, Clerk for Meeting