

Batavia Village Council
Agenda for Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026

Call to Order. 7:01 PM

Pledge

Roll Call of Members Present

Mr. Owens **H** Mrs. Zagar **H** Mr. Dorsey **H** Mr. Smith **H** Mr. Staton **H**

Village Officials Attending Meeting

Mayor Runck, Fiscal Officer Russell, Solicitor Moore, Administrator Stewart, Police Chief

Williams, Public Works Superintendent Smith

Others Attending Meeting

Chuck Gallagher

Bill DeHass

Bill Albright

Public Comments:

Note: Persons wishing to make comments will be limited to 3 minutes each.

There will be a limit of 30 total minutes for public comments.

Bill DeHass, Clermont Senior Services – Spoke

Chuck Gallagher – Spoke

Bill Albright Spoke

Executive Session 7:17 PM

Pursuant to ORC 121.22G8 To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:"

Motion to enter into Executive Session:

By: Mrs. Zagar Seconded by: Mr. Dorsey Vote on motion:

Vote: Mr. Owens **Y** Mrs. Zagar **Y** Mr. Dorsey **Y** Mr. Smith **Y** Mr. Staton **Y**

Motion **passed**/failed by a vote of: **5-0**

Motion to return to regular session: 8:12 PM

By: Mr. Owens Seconded by: Mr. Dorsey Vote on motion:

Vote: Mr. Owens **Y** Mrs. Zagar **Y** Mr. Dorsey **Y** Mr. Smith **Y** Mr. Staton **Y**

Motion **passed**/failed by a vote of: **5-0**

Fiscal Officer: F. Justin Russell

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes of March 9, 2026 Village of Batavia Council Meeting

By: **Mr. Dorsey** Seconded by: **Mr. Smith** Vote on motion:

Vote: Mr. Owens **Y** Mrs. Zagar **Y** Mr. Dorsey **Y** Mr. Smith **Y** Mr. Staton **Y**

Motion **passed/failed** by a vote of: **5-0**

Motion to approve Minutes of March 23, 2026 Village of Batavia Council Meeting

By: **Mr. Smith** Seconded by: **Mrs. Zagar** Vote on motion:

Vote: Mr. Owens **Y** Mrs. Zagar **Y** Mr. Dorsey **Y** Mr. Smith **Y** Mr. Staton **Y**

Motion **passed/failed** by a vote of: **5-0**

Financial Reports

February Bank Reconciliations complete.

Motion to approve February Bank Reconciliation

By: **Mr. Dorsey** Seconded by: **Mr. Owens** Vote on motion:

Vote: Mr. Owens **Y** Mrs. Zagar **Y** Mr. Dorsey **Y** Mr. Smith **Y** Mr. Staton **Y**

Motion **passed/failed** by a vote of: **5-0**

Ordinance 1565-26

1st Reading Declare an emergency and waive the three readings

Village of Batavia - Ordinance 1565-26 – by emergency

Adopt 2026 Full-Year Appropriations Amended

WHEREAS, the Village Council is required to make appropriations for current expenses and other, anticipated expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2026, and

Whereas, the Village Council wishes to adopt appropriations and set the legal level of control at the Fund Level.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Batavia, County of Clermont, State of Ohio, that to provide for the following current expenses and other, anticipated expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, the following sums be and are hereby set aside and appropriated as follows: The amended appropriations here are attached as Exhibit A

Motion to declare an emergency and waive the three readings: **Mr. Staton motion to call to question**

By: **Mr. Staton** Seconded by: **Mr. Smith** Vote on motion:
Vote: Mr. Owens **Y** Mrs. Zagar **Y** Mr. Dorsey **Y** Mr. Smith **Y** Mr. Staton **N**
Motion **passed**/failed by a vote of: **4-1**

Motion to adopt 1565-26 to reflect current revenue budget

By: **Mr. Staton** Seconded by: **Mr. Smith** Vote on motion:
Vote: Mr. Owens **Y** Mrs. Zagar **Y** Mr. Dorsey **Y** Mr. Smith **Y** Mr. Staton **N**
Motion **passed**/failed by a vote of: **4-1**

Village of Batavia - Ordinance 1566-26 First Reading

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER
TO ALLOCATE OR REALLOCATE FUNDS WITH VILLAGE FUND ACCOUNTS
COVERED BY A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Batavia, Ohio, understands that it may authorize that money held within a Fund previously adopted by the Village Council may be reallocated within the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Batavia, Ohio, has determined that it is an appropriate fiscal policy that the Fiscal Officer should be provided the authority to allocate or reallocate funds with Village Fund Accounts covered by a previously adopted appropriation, subject to notification by the Fiscal Officer to the Village Council, and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Batavia, Ohio, has previously given authority to the Fiscal Officer to allocate or reallocate funds with Village Fund Accounts covered by a previously adopted appropriation by adopting Ordinance 1210-11, and the Council of the Village of Batavia, Ohio, now wants to reaffirm that authority,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that Ordinance 1210-11 is hereby reaffirmed as follows:

SECTION 1. That commencing with the 2026 appropriations, the Fiscal Officer for the Village of Batavia, Ohio, shall hereinafter be authorized to allocate or reallocate funds within Village Fund Accounts covered by a previously adopted appropriation. The Fiscal Officer shall provide Village Council with a report of any money moved within a fund at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Village Council.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ADOPTED: _____

Attest: _____

C. Scott Runck, Mayor

F. Justin Russell, Fiscal Officer

I, F. Justin Russell, Clerk of Council of the Village of Batavia, Clermont County, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was published in the Clermont Sun once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning on April__ 2026.

Clerk of Council Batavia, Ohio

Village of Batavia - Resolution 355-26 First Reading

Adopt 2027 Tax Budget

Whereas, O.R.C. §5705.30 requires the Tax Budget to be adopted by on or before July 15th, and two copies must be submitted to the County Auditor on or before July 20th; and

Whereas, the Council of the Village of Batavia has reviewed the Tax Budget for 2026.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the Village of Batavia hereby adopts the Tax Budget for 2027; and

SECTION 2. That the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Batavia is authorized and directed to submit the Tax Budget to the Clermont County Auditor.

SECTION 3. And Be It Further Resolved, That the Village Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full-compliance with all applicable legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Police Department: Chief Williams

Report on March Police Activity:

229 calls for service

91 traffic stops

40 citations issued

10 Arrests

68 written warnings

13 crash reports

15 offense reports

41 incident reports

28 Public Records

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Personnel Issues

Nuisance and Zoning Issues
Development Issues
Other Issues, Considerations and Concerns to the Village

Executive Session 8:45 pm time in

Motion Mr. Dorsey Second Mr. Staton

Vote: Mr. Owens Y Mrs. Zagar Y Mr. Dorsey Y Mr. Smith Y Mr. Staton Y

Time out Executive Session 9:08 PM back to regular session

Motion Mr. Staton Second Mrs. Zager

Vote: Mr. Owens Y Mrs. Zagar Y Mr. Dorsey Y Mr. Smith Y Mr. Staton Y

Village Administrator:

River Pointe Apartments:

Have seen additional truckloads of dirt being trucked in. Site work should begin this month.

Harvest Meadows Apartments:

Applied for the monument sign permit. Occupancy to start in May

Streamside Rental Properties:

Hal Homes still awaiting bids for construction. Looking like a starting time frame of this summer. 300 multi-family units in a townhome format.

Batavia Schools:

I met with Superintendent Keith Millard at the schools Broadway property regarding a community Park. The school is open to an agreement with the village to create a park on the site. The village will maintain the park. A draft IGA/Lease agreement has been sent to Mr. Millard for review. Will need motion from council for administrator to enter into IGA/Lease agreement with school for the Batavia school park.

The village will begin paying 100% for the two school SRO's starting in July. Chris Moore is working on a new contract. Will need motion from council for administrator to enter into new agreement with school for new SRO contract.

Motion 0001-26 to enter into agreement with the Batavia Local School District for an IGA/Lease for a Park.

Motion By: Mr. Dorsey Seconded by: Mrs. Zagar Vote on motion:

Vote: Mr. Owens Y Mrs. Zagar Y Mr. Dorsey Y Mr. Smith Y Mr. Staton Y

Motion passed/failed by a vote of: 5-0

Motion 0002-26 to enter into agreement with the Batavia Local School District for a new agreement for providing SRO services.

Motion By: Mr. Dorsey Seconded by: Mr. Staton Vote on motion

Vote: Mr. Owens Y Mrs. Zagar Y Mr. Dorsey Y Mr. Smith Y Mr. Staton Y

Motion **passed**/failed by a vote of: **5-0**

UC Clermont:

I met with Dean Bauer for lunch to discuss an upgrade to the sign at College Dr and W Main St. The college and the Mayor had discussions previously regarding an electronic sign. We also discussed additional cooperation between the college and the village. The meeting was well received by the Dean. UC will start looking at new sign options. The College also stated they would like to participate in the America 250 as well as the Funfair. I received some names of professors that will reach to students regarding part-time work with the meeting hall AV system.

Caseys:

Caseys is planning to start the project April 20, 2026.

Sidewalk Grant:

I have reached out to Clermont County for a status on the grant. Should be awarded soon.

Herold Rd Interchange:

We are still awaiting the construction timelines from ODOT.

America 250:

The event will be Thursday July second. Had to change from the 3rd to accommodate fireworks. Working on final site location for fireworks. Have had numerous food vendors inquiring about participating. Finalizing pricing for pricing on ancillary items. Have started to receive sponsorship donations. \$12000.00 as of this date.

Village/Rubel Sign:

Norton has submitted the permit to ODOT.

Public Works:

Storm water culvert on Kilgore was cleared and videoed. Waiting on next storm to clear the remainder of silt from the culvert. Numerous large tree branches caused a backup deep inside causing the culvert to backup. The bottom of the galvanized system is pretty much gone. We are looking into lining the 48 in system. 1st brush pickup occurred. 3 mulched truckloads were gathered. Pressure washing of the wall at the railroad trussell for the America 250 Mural was completed. Will be starting to clean the main street traffic islands for the spring and summer seasons will be occurring this month. The last roadwork before paving is in the works for the last phase of the Streamside subdivision. New truck cab and chassis will be in by end of June / beginning of July. Then will go to company in Indiana to complete.

Maddox Industrial Transformers:

Maddox is looking to move into the new office space in old fire department building in this month. The winter weather put them behind on the remodel and renewal of the parking lot.

Community Reinvestment Area:

The CRA report was submitted to the State.

CRA Housing Council-

Council needs to appoint two council members to the CRA Housing Council – Will need motion.

Motion **0003-26** to appoint two council members to the CRA Housing Council.

Motion By: **Mr. Owens** Seconded by: **Mr. Smith** Vote on motion:

Vote: Mr. Owens **Y** Mrs. Zagar **Y** Mr. Dorsey **Y** Mr. Smith **Y** Mr. Staton **Y**

Motion **passed/failed** by a vote of: **5-0**

Armory AV System:

The meeting hall sound has been totally revamped. Looking to hire an AV specialist to assist with the council meetings in operating the system.

IT:

The off-site backup will be completed this week. I am working on getting an audit done for the computer network to confirm compliance with the state.

Zoning Commissioner: Chip Stewart

Zoning Permits:

Total – 36 total 2026

Streamside

To date: 12

Harvest Meadows

To date: 14

Zoning Violations:

There are currently 9 working violations in progress. 4 are in court process.

Zoning Cases:

Looking like Bunnel Hill Final Development Plan Public hearing for April or May Planning and Zoning Meeting.

Motion **0004-26** Motion to appoint Mr. Staton as Vice Mayor

Mr. Staton Accepts Motion By: **Mrs. Zagar** Seconded by: **Mr. Smith**

Vote: Mr. Owens **Y** Mrs. Zagar **Y** Mr. Dorsey **Y** Mr. Smith **Y** Mr. Staton **Y**

Motion **passed/failed** by a vote of: **5-0**

Motion **0005-26** Motion for plaque Kathy McCoy Leone and to hang pictures in Armory

Motion By: **Mr. Owens** Seconded by: **Mr. Smith**

All-in-favor

Motion **0006-26** Mr. Owens accepts to join the fireboard

All-in-favor

Motion 0007-26 Motion for Finance Committee
Mrs. Zagar accepts Motion Mr. Smith Second Mr. Staton
All-in-favor

Mayor: Charles Scott Runck

Other Issues, Considerations and Concerns to the Village

Kathy Turner memory discussion

Kathy McCoy Leone gift

-Mr. Owens discussed cemetery meeting is on May 11 630 PM

Mrs. Zagar discussed key boxes for older residents

Golf cart discussion with Chief and council

Motion 0008-26 Process Park Rename for Kathy Turner and Signage

Motion By: Mr. Dorsey Seconded by: Mrs. Zagar

All-in-favor

Committee Meetings / Reports

Monday, May 11 @7:00 PM

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 19 @7:00 PM

Zoning & Planning Committee

Thursday, May 21 @4:30 PM

Finance/Budget Meeting

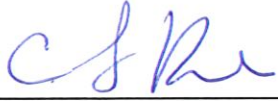
Questions and Comments from Council

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: by Dorsey, seconded by:Zagar

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM

ATTEST:



C. Scott Runck, Mayor



F. Justin Russell, Fiscal Officer