

DATE: January 9, 2016  
TO: Aldermen  
FROM: Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor  
SUBJECT: Community Band added to Batavia Access Organizations

As you all know, the Batavia Community Band is an all volunteer organization in which no one involved is paid anything for their efforts. The City has previously supported this group by allowing them to utilize city facilities (city council chambers) for band practices when it is not being used for city business.

Over the years the Community Band has experienced some expenses, mainly from the need to purchase printed sheet music and paying for the rights to play copyrighted music. The cost of this expense has been paid by individual members out of their own pockets.

Recently, the Community Band has been informed that they have received a very generous unsolicited donation from the Furnas Foundation which will cover the costs of their operation. This donation presents the need for the band to have a useable bank account and a party to oversee the account. Peggy Colby tells me that this can easily be handled in the same manner which we assist the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Fund and the Access Christmas Toy program. Thus, we need to add the Community Band to our list of Access organizations approved by action of the City Council.

I want to stress that the Community Band is fully aware and understands that this action will in no way generate any funds for them from city government sources.

Should anyone have any questions relative to this matter please feel free to contact me.