

Village of Bartonville Council Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ricca called the June 10, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6 p.m. with roll call.

Present: Mayor Ricca, Trustees Leibach, Hoopingarner and Lawless.

Absent: Trustees Donley, Carroll, and Zachman. Quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ricca requested a moment of silence in honor of Tammy Hoopingarner. Mayor Ricca expressed thoughts and prayers to Darryl on behalf of the Board.

Moment of Silence was observed.

Deputy Clerk Morris swore in Darryl Hoopingarner as an elected Trustee. Darryl had not been able to be sworn in with the other newly elected Trustees due to his wife's illness and passing.

Trustee Hoopingarner was congratulated by the Board.

Trustees Lawless and Leibach motioned for the approval of the May 28, 2019 Board Minutes and Communications.

Ayes: Trustees Leibach, Hoopingarner, Lawless and Mayor Ricca.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Hoopingarner and Lawless motioned for the approval of the expenditures and any supplementals.

Ayes: Trustees Leibach, Hoopingarner, Lawless and Mayor Ricca.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

VISITORS

Joey and Lisa Wright, 5819 Pfeiffer Rd. Lisa explained that they had received a violation notice from the Village stating that their cars were illegally parked in their front yard and had 24 hours to remediate. The Wright's have a one stall rock driveway and chose to put more rock on it to expand the driveway and accommodate their cars. Five days later they received a violation from the Village citing the dustless surface Ordinance. The family produced 39 different pictures of homes all violating the same ordinance and stressed that they were just trying to improve their property. They were told by the Ordinance officer previously that they couldn't put rock on the already rock portion of the driveway. Mayor Ricca stated that you could cover a rock surface with rock but you could not add on to the size of the driveway. The Mayor said his own interpretation is that you may re-rock the single driveway. Lisa stated the officer told her she could only fill holes.

Trustee Hoopingarner thought that the original intent of the dustless surface Ordinance was to prevent new construction from having rock driveways. Trustee Hoopingarner explained that violation are complaint driven and that the 39 properties might not have had any complaints. Lisa felt that it was the officer and he possibly lives nearby. Randy Sweeter stated that the Ordinance was updated in 2014 and in that Ordinance it says if you enlarge the area, it must all be dustless.

Mayor Ricca told the Wright's that he would contact the Ordinance attorney and have him hold off on any fines until an Ordinance meeting could be set, which might be a few weeks.

Christopher Warren, 5410 S. Airport Road is holding a 60th Birthday surprise party for his wife and would like permission from the Village to have a small 5 minute firework show on his 15 acre property that is located at the edge of the Village boundaries. Fire Chief Cheatham is going to review the site and upon approval the Mayor will provide a letter of approval. It was stated that the firework company producing the show is licensed in the state of Illinois.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works/Randy Sweeter extended his condolences to Darryl. Randy spoke of the department trying to catch up on mowing. There were 300 hours of mowing this last month. Public Works are getting roads ready for sealcoating. Asphaltting is pretty much done. They have put no parking signs up in Lincoln Village and as they finish, they will take them down. There is no parking during the day until after 3:00 p.m. After 3:00 p.m. and weekends parking is allowed.

The gas line project on Garfield was mentioned and how the barricades can be confusing.

Randy would like to have a Public Works committee meeting to discuss the Bartonville Grade school crosswalk and to see if the school like how and where the temporary set up is. The new crosswalk signs will be solar powered. There will still be a crossing guard but the sign will be push button activated.

It was decided that the Public Works meeting and the Ordinance meeting will be combined and a date forthcoming.

Trustee Lawless asked if Randy had the crosswalk cost numbers as he was trying to finish up the Appropriations budget. Randy will get those as soon as they come in.

Trustee Hoopingartner complimented the department on the roads and Mayor Ricca stated that the grass looks good at the park.

Police Chief Brian Fengel was not available for tonight's meeting.

Fire Chief Mike Cheatham expressed condolences to Darryl Hoopingartner on behalf of the Fire Department.

The Fire Department Boat training has been postponed due to river water levels.

Trustee Lawless asked if the old tower on Firehouse 1 could come down. Chief Cheatham stated that it could because it hadn't been used in over 25 years. It was attempted previously but the Village did not have enough people. It was suggested that a tower crew be hired or contact Schindler for removal. Trustee Lawless also stated that he backside of the Village Hall and the Firehouse #1 doors needed painted. Mayor Ricca stated that the Firehouse front doors needed replaced. All Firehouse #1 doors are originals from 1950's.

Mayor Ricca thanked the Chief for his report and the department for the 2,120 manhours donated, saving the Village \$37,100 for the month of May and \$184,624 year-to-date.

VILLAGE ATTORNEYS

On behalf of Attorney Russa and the rest of the Davis & Campbell Law firm, Attorney Yuhasz offered condolences on the passing of Tammy Hoopingarner to Trustee Hoopingarner.

MAYOR

Trustees Hoopingarner and Lawless motioned to approve issuing a Liquor License to the Friends of the Bartonville Volunteer Fire Department for the Bartonville Fish Fry to be held August 1, 2, & 3, 2019.

Ayes: Trustees Leibach, Hoopingarner, Lawless and Mayor Ricca.

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Leibach offered condolences to Trustee Hoopingarner and wanted to extend condolences to Georgia Mason on the passing of her husband.

Trustee Hoopingarner thanked everyone for reaching out and stated that it had been a rough year and a half. Trustee Hoopingarner hopes to uphold expectations of himself as a Trustee and again thanked the Board and the community for their support.

Trustee Lawless offered condolences to Trustee Hoopingarner and apologized for the grief and hardship that his family has had to endure with Tammy's illness and passing.

Trustee Lawless stated that he has met with all the departments, Joy and Michelle and have gone through the first pass through for the appropriations. He reminded those present that this Appropriation Ordinance would be the high watermark for monies budgeted and they will need to go back and massage the numbers for the budget. Trustee Leibach questioned if the Trustees would be involved in those meetings. Mayor Ricca and Trustee Lawless both confirmed that there would be numerous meetings.

With no further business being brought before the Board, meeting adjourned 6:29 p.m.
Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.