

Village of Bartonville Council Meeting Minutes December 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ricca called the December 9, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting to Order at 6 p.m. with Roll Call.

Present: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Absent: None. Quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Hoopingarner and Donley motioned for the approval of the November 25, 2019 Board Minutes and Communications.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Hoopingarner and Carroll motioned for the approval of the November 25, 2019 Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Donley and Hoopingarner motioned for the approval of the October 28, 2019 Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Hoopingarner and Donley motioned for the approval of the November 6, 2019 Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Lawless and Zachman motioned for the approval of the Expenditures and any Supplementals.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Supt. Randy Sweeter presented the department's monthly report and spoke of getting the seal coating lined up and the \$90,000 in road funds from ILAWC. Sealcoating for Adams Street and GSB for McClure hill was discussed. The clearing of leaves in preparation for snow was also mentioned.

Special recognition and a plaque was presented to Randle Schwindenhammer for the 40 years of service with the Village of Bartonville Public Work's Department.

It was stated that he was the longest tenured employee for the Village and we will miss him and his abilities, especially the ability to fix the plows in the middle of the night.

Randy Schwindenhammer thanked the department, the Board and Mayor Ricca and stated that he had enjoyed working for the Village.

Police Chief Fred Kern presented his monthly report and spoke of the how busy his first two weeks as being the Chief had been. There were two weapon implied armed robberies to local gas stations that occurred during his first week. Chief Kern was happy to report that with the help of the street department employees, dispatchers and police officers they were able to apprehend three suspects on the same day as the second robbery. The suspects were questioned and transported to Peoria County Jail on aggravated robbery charges. Chief Kern thanked all of the departments and praised the group effort.

Chief Kern advises citizens to lock your vehicles.

It was stated that since the General Motors strike, a new Police Department Tahoe is going to take several months to arrive.

Trustee Leibach requested the ability to have an officer at the stop on Adams Street in front of the grade school. Mayor Ricca stated would like to keep the current stop sign at Adams and Garfield and not turn it back into a yield. The sign will remain now and the matter will be discussed in committee.

Trustee Donley questioned the legality of motorized bicycles. It was stated that riders can ride motorized bicycles on any surface that currently allows traditional bikes, including on any highway or street authorized for bicycle use, including bike paths. In addition, the law permits riding motorized bicycles on bike paths, except where local law prohibits. Trustee Carroll noted that the bikes are not well lit and he has observed them not to be following the rules of the road.

Chief Kern spoke of incident at LCHS that had been the subject of many social media posts and leading people to speculate. The Bartonville Police Department investigated the threat of a suspended student bringing a weapon to school. LCHS had went on a “soft” lockdown in response and it was found during the investigation that the student was not at school that day and would not have access to a thumbprint access weapons safe belonging to his parent.

Chief Kern also informed the Board of an individual caught dumping at Mendenhall which resulted in a \$750 fine for the individual violating the ordinance.

Trustees Corroll and Hoopingarner motioned to approve the hiring of SRO Officer Steve Fitzanko.
Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Fire Chief Mike Cheatham presented his monthly report to the Board and spoke of the recent train derailment in which two engines left the track. Fortunately, the coal stayed on the track and there was no fuel contamination into the waterway.

Mayor Ricca thanked Chief Cheatham and the department for saving the Village \$37,100 for the month of November and \$451,377.50 year to date. There were 9 fire calls and 38 rescue calls for November bringing the year-to-date total to 137 fire calls and 581 rescue calls.

Parks/Recs Heidi Rhea-

Derek Roemer appeared on behalf of the Parks/Recs committee and spoke of the profit of \$20 from the Holiday party and the wish to expand the number of trees for next year's event. There were 50 trees purchased and the committee had actually sold 53.

Trustee Donley stated that the park looked amazing with all the lit trees and Bookkeeper/Deputy Clerk Joy Morris stated that she had received lots of positive feedback.

Trustee Hoopingarner stated that the place looked amazing and thanked Derek, Heather and the Park committee for their good works.

Trustees Zachman and Hoopingarner motioned to approve the payment in the amount of \$2,360 to Hoerr Nursery for tree services in Alpha Park.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Mayor Ricca spoke of the Village recently offering the use of the Village hall to Vistra Energy for meetings regarding the Edwards coal-fire station. Mayor Ricca received an email from Brad Watson (Vistra Energy) wanting to contribute a \$5,000 donation for tree purchases for Alpha Park. It was stated that it was possible that ten or more trees could be purchased with that donation. Mayor Ricca also stated that Mr. Watson was also looking to make a donation to the library.

MAYOR

Mayor Ricca proclaimed December 10, 2019 to be Femmes Unir Day in the Village of Bartonville and encouraged all of our citizens to recognize and honor the contributions to our Village by the volunteer members of the Femmes Unirs.

It was explained that an eleventh-hour bid came in from Unland/Travelers \$178,816.00 which is \$11,069 less than ICRMT and \$4,900 less than last year's cost.

Trustees Lawless and Hoopingarner motioned to rescind the motion made on November 25, 2019 to approve the contract for Insurance for the Village of Bartonville from Kuhl Insurance, that was to become effective December 1, 2019. The total annual quoted premium was to be \$189,885.00.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Hoopingarner and Lawless motioned to approve the contract for Insurance for the Village of Bartonville from Unland/Travelers Insurance, effective December 1, 2019. The total annual premium is \$178,816.00.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Mayor Ricca made the following committee appointments:

Finance/Insurance

Drew Zachman, Chair

Teresa Donley

Timothy Carroll

Public Works/Streets/Grounds

Darryl Hoopingarner, Chair

Tim Carroll

Robert Lawless

Public Safety/Police/Fire/ESDA

Teresa Donley, Chair

Darryl Hoopingarner

Fred Leibach

Regulations/Ordinances/Licenses/Code

Tim Carroll, Chair

Fred Leibach

Drew Zachman

Annexation/Economic Development

Fred Leibach, Chair

Teresa Donley

Robert Lawless

VILLAGE CLERK

Trustees Hoopingarner and Leibach motioned to approve the 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Leibach hoped everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, spoke of the need for remembrance of Pearl Harbor and requested department heads and Trustees to assist with some constructing some goals for the Village.

Trustees Carroll and Zachman motioned for the approval to a Closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1), to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustee Zachman thanked the Park committee for such a great Holiday party.

Trustee Hoopingarner wished all a Merry Christmas and congratulated Trustee Leibach on the birth of their third child. Good Luck and congratulations was extended to Randy Schwindenhammer.

It was stated that there were ten applications to the Village of Bartonville for Police Department lateral transfers.

Meeting moved to closed session at 6:38 p.m.

Meeting moved to regular session at 7:12 p.m. with roll call.

Present: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Absent: None. Quorum present.

Trustees Zachmand and Hoopingarner motioned for the approval of **ORDINANCE NO. 1821** -AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BARTONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN REGULATIONS THERE TO (REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 1508).

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

With no new business being brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk