

Village of Bartonville Council Meeting
April 27, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ricca called the April 27, 2020 Electronic Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6 p.m. with roll call.

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

Absent: Trustee Lawless.

Quorum present.

Trustees Donley and Hoopingarner motioned for the approval of the April 13, 2020 Board Minutes and Communications.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

MAYOR

Trustees Hoopingarner and Leibach motioned to approve Mayor Ricca's Declaration of State of Emergency.

Trustee Carroll asked Mayor Ricca if he had thoughts regarding the judge's recent decision affirming Rep.

Bailey's lawsuit regarding Governor Pritzker's executive orders. Mayor Ricca stated that all local Mayors had put together a letter to Governor Pritzker and hopefully some action will come out of it in the next few days.

Mayor Ricca went on to read portions of a letter regarding Governor Pritzker supporting the direction of federal aid to smaller towns and noted that it was a good thing and that Durbin, Duckworth and Lahood have all stated that they would only support federal aid packages that included smaller municipalities.

Clerk Carr-Bruce stated that with regards to Rep. Bailey, that it is important to note that this order applies only to Rep. Bailey as the sole plaintiff in this case, it does not void or terminate the Governor's order otherwise and does not apply to any other person at this time. She noted that municipal officials and all individuals have been recommended to continue to comply with the executive orders that have been issued. Trustee Hoopingarner stated that Mayor Ricca's powers during the Declaration only last as long as Governor Pritzker's order lasts. Mayor Ricca agreed.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned to approve 2020-2024 animal control (PCAP) contract.

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

Nays: Hoopingarner.

Motion passed.

Mayor Ricca read a proclamation declaring May 2020 Motorcycle awareness month.

Mayor Ricca stated that he had spoken with Jerod McMorris regarding the supplier rates for municipalities and it was noted that for some reason with gas prices plummeting that the rates for electricity had gone up. Mayor Ricca would like to get the approval now for a 12-month agreement and possibly wait on signing an agreement to seek out a better proposal.

Trustees Hoopingarner and Carroll motioned to approve a 12-month contract with Homefield through Good Energy for a municipal (municipal buildings and street lights) energy supplier.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Leibach wished Clerk Carr-Bruce a Happy Birthday and requested an update from Mayor Ricca in regards to the Bowen building. Mayor Ricca stated he had met with the party involved twice this last weekend and will let the Board know if and when offers had been extended.

Trustee Leibach stated that he hopes all the citizens are being safe during this quarantine and reminded all to try and wear their masks as directed beginning May 1, 2020.

Trustee Carroll wished to give a public safety announcement regarding traveling by motorcycle, and stated that with 74 being closed down and all the west bound 74 traffic when it enters 474 that there is a couple of patches there that are pretty rough and urged those coming home to Bartonville from Morton to use caution.

Trustee Carroll urged citizens to be safe and use caution regarding the stay in place order and requested that citizens keep informed and not go by hearsay.

Mayor Ricca stated that he had a conversation with Village Engineer Pat Meyer this week regarding the overlay IDOT was supposed to have performed already on the ramps to 74. Bridge work and bad weather had delayed this and IDOT correspondence indicated that another inspection will be happening so patching and possible overlay is forthcoming if the inspection warrants. Mayor Ricca agreed with Trustee Carroll that there are some atrocious holes

Trustee Zachman wished to let the citizens of Bartonville know that as we fight through this worldwide pandemic here with COVID-19, the economy around us and right here is being hurt badly. He elaborated that the Village departments will be forced to make some budget cuts and wanted to assure the citizens of Bartonville that we will be meeting with all the department heads and will be trying to make the best decisions that we can to make sure they are still provided good services. Trustees Zachman reminded those present that we have a Finance committee meeting with Public Works tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. and then a meeting with the Police department on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

With no public comments and no further actions by the Board, meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.