

Village of Bartonville Council Meeting

May 26, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ricca called the May 26, 2020 Board of Trustees Electronic Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with roll call:

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

Absent: None. Quorum present.

Trustees Hoopingarner and Carroll motioned to approve the May 11, 2020 Board minutes and communications.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Donley and Hoopingarner motioned to approve the expenditures and any supplementals.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

MAYOR

Mayor Ricca chose not to reinstate the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency at this time and it was mentioned that it could be reinstated if needed in the future. Trustee Hoopingarner thanked Mayor Ricca for taking on the roll.

Trustees Donley and Leibach motioned to accept the resignation of SRO Fitzanko effective May 28, 2020.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve advertising for a replacement SRO Officer.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned to approve the resignation of Part-Time Police Officer Ray Vogel.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Zachman and Hoopingarner motioned to approve hiring Brett Williams as the 4th part-time Police Officer.

Trustee Hoopingarner stated that he had spoken with Chief Kerrn and that the department will soon be short 3 full time officers.

Trustee Hoopingarner questioned if the Board should consider Williams as a full-time officer.

Mayor Ricca suggested hiring part-time and then if needed moving him to full-time, he also mentioned not wanting seniority issues.

Trustee Zachman reminded the Board of budget crisis due to the pandemic and agrees with the part-time hire.

Trustee Lawless clarified contract discussion regarding the number of officers on duty at all time. The Village endeavors to have 2 officers on duty at all time.

Trustee Leibach stated that Chief Kerrn did his due diligence when presenting his department budget cuts and the committee agreed to add a Deputy Chief and he doesn't feel the Village can economically support both.

Trustee Carroll stated that he was being cautious at this time, but would support the hiring as a part-time officer.

Chief Kern stated that the officer would be an asset and would like to take the chance. Chief Kern went on to state that Officer Lutz could retire at any moment and Officer Howard currently has an offer at another department. Mayor Ricca questioned if Williams would be happy as a part-time officer at this time. Chief Kern responded that he would.

Detective hours issues were discussed.

Trustee Zachman stated that he was all for having the PD fully staffed but with finance issues, we may not being able to keep funding a "Cadillac" department.

Chief Kern reiterated that officers working double shifts and excessive overtime is a huge safety issue.

Trustee Doley agreed with Chief Kern and stated that the Board has always wished not to micro-manage but during a pandemic, running with that many officers short puts officers in peril.

Trustee Zachman stated that he is a union supporter and hopes that the Union will work with the Village. Full-time officers can pick up overtime and not allow part timers any shifts under the current contract or file grievances if they wish to have the Deputy Chief patrol as an officer.

Trustee Carroll questioned if the overtime and safety issues are self-induced if the part-time officers are not being allowed to pick up shifts. Chief Kern stated that the current part-time officers have been limited on second and third shifts and Mayor Ricca stated that the part-time officers hadn't been available due to their own schedules.

Trustee Carroll stated that we need the Unions to work with us and discussion regarding the Mayor contacting the Union representative and issues was had.

Trustee Lawless quoted the Union contract and acknowledged that part-time officers are not a means to replace full-time officers.

Trustee Leibach agreed that all parties must work together.

For the motion of hiring Brett Williams as a part-time police officer:

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

Nays: Trustee Hoopingarner. Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll, Donley and Leibach requested to table a request for a motion to approve the employment contract and appointment of Tony Segree to the position of Deputy Chief of Police until the contract could be reviewed. A Special Board of Trustees meeting was called for May 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. to review and vote on the matter.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Joy Morris wished to extend her condolences to Amy Jackson, wife of the late Jerry Jackson, long time Alpha Park Softball Director.

VILLAGE CLERK

Michelle Carr-Bruce extended her condolences to the family of Jerry Jackson and praised the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments for their combined efforts during and after the storm on May 25, 2020.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Leibach expressed condolences to the Jackson family, praised all departments in their efforts related to Monday night's storm, gave kudos to the PD for their grass ordinance handling, requested a follow up on a previously made couch in yard complaint, and requested an update regarding the Bowen.

Trustee Carroll stated that he would like to meet with Chief Cheatham so he may schedule an Ordinance committee meeting and questioned Mayor Ricca regarding his lack of follow up by email to the committee members on the local gym being open against State mandates. It was stated that the community doesn't even go into phase 3 until Friday and this business has been operating in violation of the Governors order. Trustee Donley reminded the Mayor that he was to have contact the Village Attorney regarding the matter and send correspondence to the committee, Mayor Ricca stated that he would make the call this evening.

Trustee Zachman reminded the Board of an electronic Finance Committee meeting that is scheduled for 5/28/2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting will have the same agenda as the cancelled 5/14/2020 meeting.

Trustees Zachman and Carroll motioned to hire Jim Vanderheydt as the Part-Time Ordinance Officer for the Village of Bartonville.

Village Administrator Morris questioned if the position was hourly or salary and if the individual had been vetted. It was stated that the Mr. Vanderheydt is certified and had been vetted previously at his last agency. Chief Kernn stated that he was a part-time officer for Glasford for years.

The position is to be a salary position at \$25,000.00 per year working 20-24 hours a week. This position will fall under the Administration portion of the appropriations budget per Mayor Ricca.

Clerk Carr-Bruce questioned if calling the position a part-time officer would bring grievances. Mayor Ricca stated that the position had no benefits and a set position. Trustee Carroll stated that we can't keep hiring before we have contracts as this is a bad business practice and rescinded his second to the motion to hire.

Motion died for lack of a second.

It was directed to put the item on the May 28, 2020 Special Board of Trustees Meeting.

Trustee Lawless expressed condolences to Clerk Carr-Bruce on the passing of her grandmother and condolences to the family of Jerry Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tomas Sims, owner of Stone Country spoke to the Board about his wishes to modify his business and get rid of his liquor license. He wishes to have an 18+ establishment with no liquor on premises with extended hours. Mr. Sims will submit a business plan to the Clerk for review at an upcoming committee meeting.

Discussion regarding Village meetings being conducted once again in public spaces was had. Reaching out to the local schools and fire bay set up was suggested. Mayor Ricca stated he would reach out to Dr. Gresham.

Trustee Zachman stated that contract Union contract negotiations would be resuming this next week.

With no further business being brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.

