

Village of Bartonville Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ricca called the September 14, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with roll call.

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

Absent: None.

Quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned for the approval of the August 24, 2020 Board Minutes and Communications.

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

Nays: none.

Motion passed.

Trustees Donley and Zachman motioned for the approval of the August 24, 2020 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 Expenditures and any Supplementals.

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

Nays: none.

Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works- Randy Sweeter presented his monthly Board report and spoke of the Adams work finishing up and his appreciation for everyone's patience. The repair of the sidewalks in front of Peacock's and the Shed was stated to be waiting on Illinois American Water due to foundation damage at Peacock's.

Ameren coming back for more hydro testing of gas lines and it was mentioned that the noise by the VFW would be loud.

Randy spoke of looking at bids for a big truck and that he would see what \$125,000.00 would buy.

Mayor Ricca requested that Randy look at the same location where the last truck was purchased.

The department will be looking at the storm pipes on Lawndale and the Mayor requested Franklin storm pipes also be reviewed.

A water way on private property down on Route 24 was mentioned and it was stated to be on private property and the State right-of-way.

Police Chief Fred Kern spoke of the department keeping busy as of late with a residential burglary, a man with a gun and shots fired near Meadows and Lafayette area.

Trustee Lawless questioned if there had been further issues at the Truth Nightclub and Chief Kern stated that it had been pretty quiet lately. It was also stated that the department is doing nightly checks to make sure they as well as other liquor establishments are closing on time.

It was stated that Chief Kernn has been making sure the fire lane at Kroger has been actively patrolled.

Fire Chief Mike Cheatham provided his monthly Board report and spoke of the department modifying its training to maintain social distancing.

Chief Cheatham spoke of the work being done on the 911 building and that the dispatchers had been relocated to the Peoria PCAP building this morning. This relocation will be until November or December.

Mayor Ricca thanked Chief Cheatham and the department for their hard work and the hours that the Chief and Kristy Watson had put in for the 911 building expansion.

Trustee Hoopingarner thanked Chief Cheatham and congratulated him on his 48 years on the Department.

There were 18 fire calls and 52 rescue calls for the month of August and Mayor Ricca thanked the department for saving the Village \$79,977.50 for the month and \$528,762.50 year-to-date.

Mayor Ricca spoke of Vistra Energy hosting a tree planting ceremony the morning of September 16th at Alpha Park and that Hoerr's will be planting the 13 trees donated by Vistra at Alpha Park. It was stated that the trees were very nice and were donated to the Village in thanks for opening up the Hall for meetings between Vistra and the local taxing bodies.

Mayor Ricca also spoke of the Holiday Tree sale being put on by the Park Committee. Each tree is \$50.00 and the number available was down to 50. Forms may be obtained on the Village website under the Parks tab.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Richard Russo/Chris Jump

MAYOR

Mayor Ricca made the September 14, 2020 Declaration of State of Emergency.

Mayor Ricca made the September 14, 2020 Executive Order regarding COVID-19 duty crew.

Trustees Lawless and Donley motioned to approve resignation of Officer Brett Williams with September 13, 2020 being the officer's last day.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned for the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Bartonville and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee regarding lateral transfer.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Bartonville and Dispatchers/Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee regarding shift differential.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Mayor Ricca and the Board thanked Trustee Lawless for his hard work with on both memorandums.

Trustees Hoopingarner and Donley motioned to approve the construction of bid specifications and the release of the bid specifications in order to obtain quotes to demolish 219 and 312 Buena Vista pending a Judge's court order. It was stated that each property would not be over \$25,000.00 to demolish and the Clerk may request assistance from the Village Engineer, Pat Meyer to construct the bid specifications and quotes.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Trustees Donley and Lawless motioned to approve the Haunted Trails application of Christina Morris (IWP). This motion would also include approval of application deadline not being met, fee waived, 5 weekends, and permission to have patrons park at the monument.

Trustee Hoopingarner stated that Haunted Houses have been around for a long time and he has no issues with the young ladies involved. Trustee Hoopingarner took issue with the group not submitting their application for the Haunted Trails 60 days prior to the event as required by Ordinance. Trustee Hoopingarner stated that if we overlook the Ordinance we are going in the wrong direction and he would not support it. Comments concerning the ability of social distancing and the belief that it would be unable to be maintained were made and Trustee Hoopingarner stated that he has no problem with the group applying next year and following the Ordinance.

Trustee Donley stated that she has received several phone calls and is concerned that the event will not be able to maintain social distancing. She would like to stick to the Ordinance.

Trustee Carroll stated that Ordinance aside, he believes the event to be a liability and we should be limiting events to 50 people or less. It was also stated that other areas are not allowing haunts.

Ayes: None.

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

Motion failed.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Joy spoke of need to review the plat fees and requested that the matter be placed on an any upcoming finance committee meeting agenda.

Trustees Donley and Hoopingarner motioned to approve moving the funds that are in the Save the Bowen account into the TIF account and close the Save the Bowen account.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Carr- Bruce reminded the Board of the upcoming Tax Levy filing due the last Tuesday in December. Finance Chairman Zachman stated that he would be scheduling a committee meeting and Trustee Lawless requested that the Clerk send out trigger dates as she does with the appropriations.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Leibach questioned if the Village had any plans regarding rules for Halloween. It was stated that the Village and residents should follow the Governor's proclamations and CDC guidelines.

Trustee Leibach mentioned a couple of complaints regarding a couple of local businesses and their lack of use of masks. Trustee Hoopingarner stated that masks were not a law, they were a mandate. Trustee Carroll stated that a business may refuse service to anyone not wearing a mask. Trustee Leibach clarified that it was actually the business's and its employees that weren't wearing the masks. Trustee Carroll stated that if a patron doesn't like the practice, they didn't have to patron the establishment. Trustee Donley stated that we can't do anything about that. Attorney Jump stated that the Village can enforce and that certain businesses fall under the Health Department jurisdiction. It was stated that the Mayor would speak with the hardware store regarding the issue.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve a closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 of the Open Meetings act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11, imminent and or probable litigation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Trustees Zachman and Donley motioned to hire a full-time Police Officer for the replacement of Officer Williams. Trustee Lawless requested advice from council regarding the memorandum of understanding (lateral transfers) being passed earlier in the meeting and if they would be in fact in effect for this hire. Attorney Jump stated that "he believed so." It was stated that there would be no retro pay in regards to the lateral pay MOU.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

New hire testing shall be done and results received prior to swearing of officer in. The lateral will bring their proof of years of service along with their new hire paperwork to Joy. Mayor Ricca stated that two previous lateral hires were not put through the same process due to his mistake.

Trustee Hoopingarner praised Joy for her work on the Dispatcher's back pay being done so well and that she made the process easy. Trustee Hoopingarner also thanked Trustee Lawless for all his work on the Dispatchers contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Foster, 208 Hopkins spoke of severe erosion on the property that he believes is due to storm drains being blocked. Mayor Ricca stated that the Village could have Randy and Pat Meyer look at the situation and see if the Village has any easements, right-of-way and check out the catch basins.

Laura Varichak , 2409 Apple Street, Pekin. Laura questioned why the update regarding the Bowen was being moved to closed session. Attorney Jump stated that it was due to pending litigation. She would like to know how and when citizens would be updated. Attorney Jump said more information would be made available when suit has been filed.

Kristy Watson informed the Board that a \$1,000 grant was again obtained from Walmart for "Shop with a Cop". Kristy explained that they normally reach out to Mike Adams with the Lions Club and Subway for assistance with a dinner for the families whose names are provided by the schools. It was stated that gift certificates would be provided for the suggested families if social distancing prevented the group event. The Mayor and the Trustees thanked Kristy for her work.

Meeting moved to executive session at 6:47 p.m.

Meeting moved to regular session at 8:55 p.m. with roll call.

Present: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, Lawless, Mayor Ricca, Clerk Carr-Bruce, Village Administrator Joy Morris, Attorney Jump, Police Chief Fred Kern.

Absent: Trustee Hoopingarner.

Quorum present.

Trustees Donley and Zachman motioned to approve the Dispatcher Coordinator appointment of Kristy Watson.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Passed.

Kristy was congratulated by the Mayor and those present on her appointment to the position.

Trustees Zachman and Donley motioned to approved the hiring of Jim Vanderhydt as a part-time Police Officer pending he passes all required testing.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Passed.

Mayor Ricca stated that Jim will need to make arrangements with Joy Morris on September 15, 2020 to have testing set up.

With no new business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.
Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk