

VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
February 08, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ricca called the February 8, 2021 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 Donley and Hoopingarner motioned for the approval of the January 11, 2021 Board minutes and communications.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibacch, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.
Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Donley and Hoopingarner motioned for the approval of the January 25, 2021 Board minutes and communications.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibacch, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.
Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Hoopingarner and Donley motioned for the approval of the expenditures and any supplementals. Trustee Leibach's questions on four expenditures were answered by Randy Sweeter, Village Administrator Joy Morris and Derek Roemer.

Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibacch, Carroll, Zachman, Hoopingarner, and Lawless.
Nays: None. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Superintendent Randy Sweeter presented his monthly report and stated that winter was back.

One employee currently has COVID but the department is doing alright and keeping busy by plowing, tree removal, cleaning up edges of entrance to Mendenhall, and digging up stumps to make it easier to mow in the spring. The department is working on mowers to also ready them for better weather.

Illinois American Water Company's main project in the Village (Correll and Sandron) will not interfere with this year's seal coating.

Seal coating bid opening is February 9, 2021.

Randy met with the IDOT regarding making the sidewalks on Adams ADA compliant. The department will be doing the sidewalks themselves to save the Village money.

Mayor Ricca stated that the roads have been looking great. Trustee Hoopingarner stated that it has been a job well done. Trustee Donley commented on seeing and hearing residents bragging about the streets in Bartonville versus other communities.

Police Chief Fred Kernn presented the department's monthly report and spoke of a stolen gun being recovered in Pekin and a stolen vehicle also being recovered.

A fight in a local nightclub was not reported to the Police.

Officer Steve Miller's FTO training is complete.

Lisa Shutt was sworn in by the Clerk on February 1, 2021 and will begin the FTO program.

Officer Jeff Miller is now uploading body camera footage versus putting on DVD which saves the Village money.

Chief Kern is still looking for one more officer.

Mayor Ricca thanked Chief Kern and stated that there was a fight at the Truth Nightclub and that the State of Illinois Liquor Commission is now involved.

Fire Chief Mike Cheatham presented the Fire Department's monthly report and was happy to announce that no officers currently have COVID-19 and that any employee that wanted the vaccine, except for one has received it.

Chief Cheatham estimated that the Peoria dispatchers would be at the Bartonville PSAP for another month.

Mayor Ricca thanked Chief Cheatham and the department for saving the Village \$66,902.50 for the month of January and year-to-date.

Mayor Ricca also stated that a great job had been done on the 911 building, that it sat everyone nicely and was quite a site.

Trustee Hoopingarner questioned if the Police Officers had been getting vaccines. Chief Kern stated that he was getting his and all officers have been given the opportunity.

Parks/Recs- Derek Roemer presented the monthly update and spoke of a tree donation to Morton Arboretum of 25 to 50 small trees for the Village of Bartonville. A community work day will be scheduled for planting the trees. Derek was unsure whom the donor was and speculated that it was a company. Mayor Ricca thanked the donor and Administrator Morris questioned if Hoerr Nursery would be used. Derek wasn't sure.

ATTORNEYS

Brittany Miller

MAYOR

Mayor Ricca made the February 8, 2021 Declaration of State of Emergency.

Mayor Ricca made the February 8, 2021 Executive Order regarding COVID-19 standby crew.

Mayor Ricca stated that at the next Board Meeting he would have Civil Service Commission appointments. Mayor thanked Trustees Donley and Carroll for their work in interviewing and list compilation.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Leibach questioned when we would have eligibility lists for the departments and was told by Mayor Ricca that it would be after the Civil Service Commission appointments were made.

Trustee Leibach requested updates on Allied Mills, COVID general ledger codes, storage units, and had information on how to alternatively contact Dave Koehler and Jehan Gordon Booth.

Allied Mills property matters are still in court and due to COVID shutdowns of that particular court, it was postponed.

COVID general ledger codes were being used to track COVID expenses.

Mayor Ricca will review the information regarding storage units as soon as possible.

Trustees Zachman and Hoopingarner motioned to approve moving forward with accepting the K9 dog donation.

Trustee Leibach stated that there are other agencies that have K9's that we can call on for assistance and expressed concern regarding overtime that would be accrued due to pick up and training. Trustee Leibach stated that we are over budget as it stands and he is worried about having to lay off officers. Mayor Ricca stated that the reason for going over budget has been due to employees having COVID and employees out with medical procedures.

Trustee Lawless had some of the same concerns as Trustee Leibach and stated that it had been a unique year in which he doesn't feel comfortable with additional expenses.

Trustee Carroll requested a discussion regarding the insurance for the K9 and stated that he had some of the same concerns as Fred. Administrator Morris stated that it was approximately \$750 a year and was guessing that there were choices regarding that coverage.

The matter of K9 insurance was moved to a Finance/Insurance Committee Meeting for February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Zachman and Hoopingarner both rescinded their original motions.

Trustees Zachman and Hoopingarner motioned to approve moving forward with accepting the K9 dog donation with the caveat that the Police department will wait to proceed once insurance for the dog is settled upon in committee.

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

Nays: Trustees Leibach and Lawless. Motion passed.

Trustees Zachman and Carroll motioned for the approval of a closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2 c 11.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustee Hoopingarner requested that we all keep the previous Mayor, Rhonda Wolfe in our thoughts due to the passing of brother and sister within one month of each other.

Trustee Lawless questioned the recently received court ordered restitution payment of \$400.00 from a former employee. It was noted that this was the first payment received in over a year. Trustee Lawless would not like to see this matter be dropped and have it fade into the sunset. He questioned if the Village should send a letter to the individual and requested input from the Board. Attorney Brittany Miller will confer with Attorneys Jump and Russo regarding the appropriate steps to take.

Being that there was no public comment, the meeting was moved to closed session at 6:39 p.m.

Meeting moved to regular session at 6:51 p.m. with roll call.

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

Absent: None.

Quorum present.

Also present: Mayor Ricca, Administrator Morris, Clerk Carr-Bruce, and Attorney Brittany Miller.

Trustee Lawless revisited the restitution discussion and stated that the individual is not paying like they should and would like to see a double header letter from the insurance company and the Village sent out if our attorneys agree. Mayor Ricca would like the insurance company contact name sent to our attorneys for follow through.

Trustee Zachman reminded everyone that there is a Finance/Insurance committee meeting now scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business being brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk