

**Village of Bartonville Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2021 6:10 p.m.**

The oath of office was administered to re-elected Mayor Leon Ricca by Clerk Carr-Bruce.

The oaths of office were administered to newly elected Trustees- Teresa Donley, Drew Zachman and Scott Helms by Clerk Carr-Bruce.

**Seating of the 2021 Board of Trustees:**

To the Mayor's right: Trustee Helms, Trustee Leibach, Trustee Carroll, Trustee Donley, Trustee Hoopingarner, and Trustee Zachman.

Mayor Ricca called the May 10, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. with roll call.

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

Absent: None. Quorum present.

Also present: Clerk Carr-Bruce, Administrator Morris, and Attorney Chris Jump.

**Appointments by the Mayor**

Trustees Hoopingarner and Zachman motioned to approve Better Banks as the Village Financial Institution.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve Davis & Cambell as the Village Attorneys.

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

Nays: Trustee Hoopingarner. Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve Pat Meyer and Associates as the Village Engineer.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Appointment of 2021 Village Committees.**

**Finance/Insurance**

Chair-Zachman

Donley

Carroll

**Public Works**

Chair- Carroll

Hoopingarner

Donley

**Public Safety (Police/Fire/ESDA)**

Chair-

Donley

Hoopingarner

**Regulations (License/Ordinance/Building Codes)**

Chair- Carroll

Leibach

Helms

**Economic Development (Annexation/Residential & Commercial Development)**

Chair- Leibach

Zachman

Helms

Mayor Ricca stated that he would appoint a Chairperson for Public Safety and make any adjustments necessary at the May 24, 2021 meeting.

Mayor Ricca made the May 10, 2021 Declaration of State of Emergency.

Mayor Ricca made the May 10, 2021 Executive Order regarding COVID-19 standby crew.

Trustees Hoopingarner and Carroll motioned to approve Dizzy Dean's Bike Nights from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. for the following dates: May 21, June 18, July 23, August 20, and September 24, 2021. All alcohol will be served and consumed only within an approved designated area that is clearly marked and the events will abide by the parameters of the Village of Bartonville Noise Ordinance.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Public Works Supt. Randy Sweeter** presented the monthly report and congratulated those officials that were re-elected and welcomed Trustee Helms. Randy spoke of the department keeping busy with mowing and that Public Works is getting ready for sealcoating around Madison and Jefferson and temporary signs will be placed if necessary. Parameters were met with Lawndale funds and he is checking on MFT funds.

Randy requested direction regarding the old squad car. Motions will be requested at the next meeting. Randy spoke of Luke Kerley leaving the department for East Peoria on either May 13, 2021 or May 20, 2021 and the need of a list from Civil Service.

Trustee Carroll asked if Randy would check out the sizeable hole that is two inches deep and about a foot long located between 104 Sanderson and 109 Sanderson.

Trustee Hoopingarner reminded everyone that you may not blow grass in the street when you are mowing. It was requested that something be said to the Church on Airport and Pfeiffer for this violation. Mowing notices will be placed on Village website.

**Police Chief Fred Kern** presented the monthly department report and spoke of new officer Zak Rogy doing well and is training with Officer Mobeck.

Chief Kern spoke of K9 Officer Grym receiving his state certification in drug detection on May 5, 2021 and on May 6, 2021 K9 Officer Grym was able to get 21.3 grams of meth off the street. Chief Kern also spoke of 2 bad accidents that had occurred on Route 24.

An incident in the City of Peoria where 200 rounds of pepper balls were used to disperse crowds was mentioned and Chief Kern would like to purchase two pepper ball guns at \$500.00 each. Chief would also like to purchase the pepper ball ammunition that would have a three year shelf life. Total cost was stated to be approximately \$2,800.00. Mayor Ricca told Chief Kern to use the current purchase order process and he and Trustee Zachman would approve. It was stated that we do have bean bags but no officers are currently trained to use. Trustee Zachman inquired on the cost to certify officers to use. Chief Kern stated that an officer from Morton might be able to certify our officers and Chief estimated the costs to be between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Trustee Hoopingarner questioned if protective gear was available and Chief Kern stated that he is looking into it. Trustee Carroll requested that the figures be added in the budget and stated that Officer safety comes first.

Trustee Zachman stated that the department was still approved for one officer and Chief Kern stated he was hoping to get a lateral. Trustee Hoopingarner stated that no one wants to be an officer anymore and the Village need to be officer friendly and show them we care. Trustee Zachman agreed and stated that Peoria County hasn't been able to get anyone either.

**Fire Chief Mike Cheatham** presented the monthly report of 25 fire calls and 45 rescue calls for the month equaling 272 calls year-to-date. Residents were reminded that there is no burning in the street.

Chief Cheatham congratulated Don Thornton on 39 years of continuous service.

Chief Cheatham thanked the Village for allowing the Fire Department to destroy the Police car for training.

It was stated that Peoria dispatchers have gone back to the Peoria dispatch center and it was shown that our new 911 building could support both Bartonville and Peoria dispatchers. Chief Cheatham stated that they were able to be creative with the parking situation and was appreciated that the owner of 5905 S. Adams allowed use of the lot at no charge. Clerk Carr-Bruce suggested that the Village mow in front of this parcel one time as a thank you.

Mayor Ricca thanked Chief Cheatham and the department for saving the Village \$65,450 for the month and \$262,375.50 year-to-date minus their small stipend.

**Parks/Recs- Heidi Rhea** congratulated the re-elected and newly elected officials and presented the committee's monthly report.

Key Club is making progress on the Tulip Garden and their hard work is appreciated.

The Friends of Rocky Glen are hosting a tour of geological sites in August and would like to include Lauterbach.

The University of Illinois Prairie Research Institute will be using Lauterbach Park for mosquito sampling again this year.

The committee voted to hold a can food drive at all three concerts and the holiday party. It was stated that the donations would go to the local food pantries. A banner advertising the concerts has been ordered.

A thank you to Public Works for getting the trail cleared and their works on the drainage around the clubhouse to stop the leakage from the east wall.

The bench is being painted and should be placed soon and rocks are being painted and cement poured to create "HOPE" in letters.

The Committee approved a Jeep Jam fundraiser in Alpha Park including food and other vendors on September 18th. The Jeep Jam coordinators agreed to not use grass areas of wet weather. A request for a motion will be on the May 24, 2021 meeting agenda.

The Committee voted to move forward with a "Tiny Wheel Town" at the entrance of Lauterbach Park (a mini version of Peoria's Bike Safety Town). A request for a motion will be on the May 24, 2021 meeting agenda.

Mayor Ricca stated that it wasn't prudent to use the lights at Alpha Park ball diamonds at this time because the electrical contractor wouldn't sign off on the yearly inspection.

Restore Illinois Phase 4 ½ guidelines were reviewed with Attorney Jump. Trustee Donley suggested and Attorney Jump agreed that the pavilion rental agreements should now just have a link to the government website with the Governor's orders and a signature line that you agree to abide by those orders.

Mayor Ricca questioned if durapatching black top could be done at Lauterbach Park. Randy Sweeter suggested renting a crack sealer to fill the cracks.

#### **VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

Attorney Jump congratulated all those elected.

### **VILLAGE CLERK**

Trustees Donley and Zachman motioned to approve waiving the Secondhand Dealer License Fee for Ask and Ye Shall Receive. This location will continue to sell secondhand merchandise but as a not-for-profit corporation. This location has been approved by the Federal government to operate as a 501(c)(3). It was stated that the location will be putting proceeds back into their food bank program.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Clerk Carr-Bruce stated that because a Local State of Emergency had been declared, Mayor Ricca would need to appoint a backup to his role. Mayor Ricca appointed Trustee Zachman as his backup Chairman of the Board in the case of an emergency where he would not be able to attend to his duties.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Leibach congratulated the newly elected officials.

Trustee Donley updated the Board regarding inquiries for a crosswalk near the Park and Dairy Queen. She stated that it was found that it is not a valid or safe place to have one due to the amount of entrance and exits in the area. There are many regulations on putting a crosswalk in and it opens the liability on the Village if not done correctly. It was stated that if the Village were to put a crosswalk in, it could give a false sense of security and there would be a concern that a child would just hit the button and go.

The cutting of more trees in Mendenhall was brought up. It was stated that there are set backs on how far you can go. Trustee Zachman was concerned that some trees are holding up hillsides, so they couldn't be removed.

Heidi Rhea said that the Parks had no interest in some of the wood that needs to be picked up and it was stated that it wasn't even good for burning.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve a closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 2 (c) 1 – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustee Zachman congratulated Mayor Ricca, Trustees Donley and Helms, and Clerk Carr-Bruce on being elected and wished Luke Kerley good luck at his new job in East Peoria.

Trustee Zachman set a Finance committee meeting for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. for the appropriations.

Trustee Hoopingarner suggested a mechanic position be possible when replacing Luke. It was stated that the Village can look at how we want the position filled and having someone mechanically inclined and able to do small engine repair would be beneficial. Randy Sweeter stated that there is the possibility of 3 individuals that will need to be replaced in the future.

### **VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Becky (Righi) Vecchio, 4026 S. Airport Rd. Bartonville. Becky spoke of a lot located next to her property that her family has been using and taking care of for 33 years that she is requesting either an easement or for the Village to vacate the right-of-way to her. She stated she currently has no parking and would like resolution on the matter. This lot is at the end of Catherine Street and could be opened to have access to Airport Road. Mayor Ricca stated he will speak with the Engineer.

Clerk Carr-Bruce informed the Board of the Illinois Municipal League books that have been pre-ordered.

Mayor Ricca thanked the residents of Bartonville for re-electing him.

With no further public comment, meeting moved to executive session at 7:04 p.m.

Meeting resumed to regular session at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor Ricca calling for roll call.

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

Absent: Trustee Hoopingarner. Quorum present.

Also present: Mayor Ricca, Clerk Carr-Bruce, and Attorney Jump. `

With no further business being brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.  
Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.