

**Village of Bartonville Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Ricca called the May 10, 2021 Board of Trustees Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with roll call.

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

Absent: None. Quorum present.

Also present: Clerk Carr-Bruce and Administrator Morris.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Carroll and Hoopingarner motioned to approve the April 26, 2021 Board minutes and communications.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Lawless and Carroll motioned for the approval of the expenditures and any supplementals. Ayes: Trustees Donley, Leibach, Carroll, Zachman, and Lawless.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

MAYOR

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

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

Mayor Ricca administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Village Clerk, Michelle Carr-Bruce.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Hoopingarner congratulated the newly elected and thanked Bob for his service to the Village. Darryl wished him a fun retirement.

Trustee Lawless thanked the citizens of Bartonville for the opportunity to serve the Village during his last term and thanked the Mayor and Joy for putting up with him.

Mayor Ricca read the following statement in regards to Trustee Lawless's retirement:

"Robert, I really can't put into words in the short time that I have here this evening to tell you or to say how much this past four years have meant to me having you on the Board. You, from the start took a leadership role and never let up. You helped make sense of a budget that was in disarray, while at the same time simplified it to a lot of the members who did not really grasp the way a municipal budget works. You were relentless in your zeal to understand how convoluted the State makes it to prepare a budget for municipalities, and you have conquered that. And here we are four years later and things have smoothed out and ran fairly good in our budgets since then. You have made it a simpler process just by the way you educated the rest of the Board.

Then you jumped right in to negotiations with all three of our employee bargaining units and tackled that. Although you came from the labor side of the spectrum you sat on the other side of the table in these negotiations and worked with our employees in a professional manner and I

believe everyone was pleased with the end result. Personally, I can't thank you enough as you were always there when I needed to talk to someone when things weren't always going well from my office. Your experience and knowledge, and maybe a little bit of it was our ae, and life experiences, you were personally an amazing support for me.

The Village of Bartonville is in much better shape now as you leave the Board and I hope that all of our citizens realize what they will be losing.

I pray you and Nancy have health and happiness in your retirement, and hope you get to use your motor home plenty in the years to come.

Again Robert, thank you for your service.”

Patricia Ricca thanked Trustee Lawless for coming out of his own retirement to serve the community the last four years and expressed her gratitude for his work.

Clerk Carr-Bruce expressed gratitude to Trustee Lawless for all the hard work and effort that he put in everything that he tackled for the Village and stated that he will be missed tremendously.

With no new business and no public comment, the special meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.