

**VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 24, 2022 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Ricca called the January 24, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6 p.m. with roll call.

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

Absent: Trustee Helms. Quorum present.

Also present: Mayor Ricca, Attorney Jump, Chief Segree, Fire Chief Cheatham, Randy Sweeter, Derek Roemer, and Clerk Carr-Bruce.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Carroll and Rhea motioned for the approval of the January 10, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned for the approval of the expenditures and any supplementals.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Ricca made the January 24, 2022 Declaration of State of Emergency.

Mayor Ricca made the January 24, 2022 Executive Order regarding COVID-19 standby crew.

Mayor Ricca read the following statement regarding the passing of longtime Village Trustee and Village Clerk, Cynthia Stafford.

“As all of you obviously know by now that a week ago yesterday our former Village Trustee and Village Clerk Cindy Stafford passed away in Florida while vacationing with her husband Jerry.

I can't begin to tell you how much Cindy meant to this Village and the entire Bartonville Community. Cindy was a good friend of mine for many of these years and her work ethic and service to the community were unbelievable. She served as Village Trustee from 1991-2001 for a total of 10 years, then she served 12 years as Village Clerk. Instead of retiring she then went on to work as clerk for Limestone Township from 2008-2019 for 11 years.

Cindy was instrumental in getting the Limestone Pool built as she served on the committee for several years with many other like-minded volunteers. She was one of the founding members on the committee to start the Splash fundraiser to finance the pool. But, especially important to me was that Cindy was a true friend, whom I had the privilege to serve with for many years on this board. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the Stafford family on this great loss to them, and to the Bartonville/Limestone Community as a whole, where she will truly be missed.”

## VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Carr-Bruce expressed her condolences on the passing of the former Village Clerk, Cynthia Stafford.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve payment in the amount of \$5,917.02 to the Police Pension fund from the 12/8/21 Peoria County Tax Settlement distribution.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned to approve payment in the amount of \$3,548.70 to Peoria County Animal Control for October-December 2021 service.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

**Trustee Leibach** expressed his condolences on the passing of Cynthia Stafford.

**Trustee Donley** expressed her condolences on the passing of Cindi Stafford.

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned for payment in the amount of \$668,682.00 (\$150k taken from 01-402-013 and \$518,816.00 to be borrowed from Better Banks) to Macqueen Equipment, LLC, for the purchase of a fire truck.

Attorney Jump questioned if a competitive bidding process had been followed. Chief Mike Cheatham stated that it had been, and bidding had been done by a bidding group.

Ayes: Trustees Leibach, Carroll, Donley, and Rhea.

Abstained: Trustee Zachman.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Trustee Rhea** gave condolences to the family of Cynthia Stafford.

Trustee Rhea thanked all of the volunteers that came out on a cold and snowy Saturday to help clear the trees from the Holidays. It was stated that posts are still in the ground because they are frozen, but will be removed when possible.

Trustee Rhea spoke of getting Concerts in the Park scheduled for June, July, and September and Senior Coffee being hosted by Limestone Township Supervisor, Derek Roemer. The Senior Coffee days will be the first Wednesday of April to November in the Alpha Park Clubhouse.

Trustee Rhea stated that there will be a Chamber of Commerce informational and networking meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Alpha Park Library.

**Trustee Zachman** gave condolences to the family of Cindi Stafford and stated that she worked hard for the Village and the Township.

## VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Yocum, Limestone Girls Softball Association. Chris requested an update on the lights at the softball diamonds. Mayor Ricca stated that he believed the Laser Electric analysis stated structural issues and he would check into it. Mayor Ricca wasn't sure if COVID funds could be used to fix.

Trustee Rhea questioned if LGSA had any funds to contribute and Chris stated that they have minimal as they are only working with a \$20,000.00 a year budget.

Chris Yocum stated that lights are needed from mid to late April to the first of July for their regular and travel teams. The HOI tournament is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> and it is a year-end tournament of 30 teams. Mayor Ricca suggested contacting LCHS as a backup in case the lights are not fixed.

With no other visitors or public comment and no further business being brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.