

**VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 25, 2022 6:00 p.m.**

*Leon Ricca, Village President of the Village of Bartonville, as head of the public body, as defined in subsection (e) of Section 2 of the Freedom of Information Act, has determined that an in-person meeting or a meeting conducted under the Illinois Open Meetings Act is not practical or prudent because of a disaster, as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, which has been declared by the Governor of the State of Illinois. The Village of Bartonville is covered by the disaster area declared by the Honorable Governor J.B. Pritzker.*

*Further, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, this meeting (including open and closed portions thereof) will be conducted by video conference (via Zoom). The Village President will be physically present at the meeting location, Village Hall, located at 5912 S. Adams Street, Bartonville, IL 61607. All other requirements of 5 ILCS 120/7(e) will be followed.*

Mayor Ricca called the April 25, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with roll call.  
Present: Trustees Helms, Leibach, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Bentley.  
Absent: None. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Donley and Bentley motioned for the approval of the April 11, 2022, Board Minutes and Communications.

Ayes: Trustees Helms, Leibach, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Bentley.  
Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned for the approval of the expenditures and any supplementals. Trustee Leibach had questions regarding the Bartonville Express invoice for \$1,477.69. Chief Segree explained that it was for an Impala squad car repair. An invoice for Police Department tough books was also explained and an invoice for Presley's was noted to be for a weapon reimbursement for Officer Howard.

Ayes: Trustees Helms, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Bentley.  
Nays: Trustee Leibach. Motion passed.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Ricca introduced Eric Miller, Director of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Miller spoke of the possibility of obtaining special funding for a Comprehensive Plan through the Department of Transportation with an already applied for grant. A Comprehensive Plan would cost approximately \$12,000.00 and if the grant with DOT is unobtainable, special study money that the commission has might be available.

A Comprehensive Plan is a needed document for the Village to understand where they are going, where they want to be, and assists with future grant awards and their applications. Mayor Ricca had requested a letter in support of demolishing a building on Route 29 and it was stated that there is a host of discretionary funds that are coming available at the State level. Projects such as this would be documented in a plan.

Mr. Miller spoke of a meeting on April 28, 2022 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral that goes over a strategic plan for the commission and invited all those that would like to attend. Mayor Ricca is on the Policy Board and former Secretary of Transportation Ray Lahood will be the keynote speaker.

Mr. Miller introduced Michael Bruner, a Planner with Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Bruner spoke of the first step of putting together a plan would be putting together a committee of around 10 – 15 people, typically made up of Village Board representatives, Village staff, local business owners and members of the public to be charge of the planning process. This committee would do an inventory of existing conditions within the Village, basically taking census data and understanding the demographics, the breakdown of what the community is, and existing land use. Constructing or updating a GIS map for current land use of the Village corporate limits, and then a mile and a half surrounding the Village, because the Village has the legal right to be able to dictate what happens within the mile and a half. Once an inventory of existing conditions is obtained, the TCRPC works with the committee, the Village Board, and local residents to come up with a vision.

Different types of public engagement activities were mentioned. Typically they have a survey and a public open house to gather input from the public. In the past, they have engaged juniors and seniors in the local high school to get an idea of what their thoughts are for the Village.

A Comprehensive Plan typically takes 8 – 10 months to complete.

Mayor Ricca thanked both Mr. Miller and Mr. Bruner.

Mayor Ricca made the April 25, 2022 Declaration of State of Emergency.

Mayor Ricca made the April 25, 2022 Executive Order regarding COVID-19 standby crew.

Trustees Carroll and Helms motioned to approve a closed session pursuant to 5ILCS 120 2(c)1.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Mayor Ricca read the letter from Mardell Rapp that spoke of the Femmes Unir Women’s Club financing the flags flying within the Village since 2006. The club has disbanded and because Mrs. Rapp enjoys the spirit of community and patriotism that the flags has fostered, she has offered to financially sponsor this project for years to come. Mayor Ricca and the entire Board expressed gratitude for Mrs. Rapp’s generous offer.

Visitor, Tom Rollins spoke of his work at Mendenhall with baskets, wetness restoration, and control structures and requested speaking with Heidi Rhea about Mendenhall. Trustee Rhea stated they will connect and commented about the amount of folks that come down to bird watch, noting that the White Pelicans draw crowds.

#### **VILLAGE CLERK**

Reminded all present of Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

**Trustee Helms** thanked Chief Cheatham and the Fire department for their quick action last night on a fire.

**Trustee Leibach** thanked the dispatchers for their time, dedication, and professionalism in celebration of Telecommunications week.

Trustee Leibach requested a budget report and an update on where we are in the hiring of a new Public Works Superintendent for when Randy Sweeter retires. Mayor Ricca advised that hiring discussion would be done in closed session.

Trustee Leibach asked where the Village was with the COVID masking policy and stated that as far as he knew, the Village masking policy was still in effect. It was stated that this was still something the Mayor was waiting to hear back from our bargaining units.

**Trustee Carroll** gave out a reminder of a Finance Committee meeting for Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**Trustee Donley** thanked the firemen for their swift action last night with a tragic fire and sent the notice to the owners. Luckily, no one was injured or hurt.

**Trustee Rhea** thanked the Peoria Garden Club for a \$350 donation for the flower gardens at Alpha Park.

Trustees Rhea and Leibach motioned to approve the entering into a merchant agreement with AllPaid for the purpose of accepting credit or debit card payments with all fees paid for by the consumer at transaction.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

With no public comment, the meeting was moved to executive session at 6:31 p.m.

Meeting moved to regular session at 6:46 p.m. with roll call.

Present: Trustees Helms, Leibach, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Bentley.

Absent: None. Quorum present.

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

With no other public comment, call for action, or business being brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.