

**VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 27, 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 June 27, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with roll call. Present: Trustees Leibach, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Bentley.  
Absent: Trustee Helms. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Resolution #696-** A Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation.

*Mayor Ricca presenting plaques to celebrate the retirement of Randy Sweeter and Scott Briney.*

Resolution was passed with all in favor.

**Resolution #697-** A Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation.

*Mayor Ricca presenting appreciation plaque to Rosie Guthrie.*

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Resolution #698-** A Resolution of Appreciation and of Acceptance of Donation.

*Mayor Ricca presenting appreciation plaque to Mardell Rapp.*

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Rhea and Donley motioned for the approval of the May 23, 2022 Board minutes and communications.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned for the approval of the May 31, 2022 Special Board meeting minutes.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Rhea and Donley motioned for the approval of the June 13, 2022 Board minutes and communications.

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

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 Bentley.  
Nays: None. Motion passed.

## DEPARTMENTS

**Public Works** - Spray patching in progress, curbs are being replaced in certain spots where spray patching is taking place. Public Works is catching up on mowing.

**Police Chief Segree** presented the monthly report and thanked the Auxiliary Offers for their assistance with the Block Party and Pool Days event.

Trustees Donley and Leibach motioned to accept the resignation of SRO Officer Donna Nicholson, effective June 13, 2022.

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

Mayor Ricca thanked Donna for her service.

Trustee Leibach thanked Donna for her service and wished her well for her retirement.

Chief Segree congratulated Randy Sweeter and Scott Briney on their retirement.

**Fire Chief Cheatham** presented the monthly report and spoke of the passing of Michael Helms on June 14, 2022.

Mr. Helms was the Superintendent of Public Works of the Village of Bartonville and served the community as a member of the Bartonville Volunteer Fire Department for 31 continuous years, 25 of those years as the Fire Chief.

A visitation was held on Sunday, June 26, from noon to 3 p.m. at Station 2 Firehouse. Mr. Helms will be sadly missed.

Chief Cheatham stated May was a busy month and there were 99 calls (9 fire, 90 rescue). Total calls for year-to-date are 386 (66 fire, 320 rescue).

Manhours for the Month of May were 2,316 and 13,596 year-to-date.

Fire Prevention programs and rookie classes were mentioned. Thanks was given to Limestone Township for allowing water rescue training in the pool.

Chief Cheatham congratulated Randy Sweeter, Scott Briney, and Rosie Guthrie on their retirement.

**Parks/Recs- Heidi Rhea** presented the Park upcoming events and monthly report.

Upcoming Events:

Coffee at Clubhouse for Seniors 1st Wednesday April – November 8am – 9:30am July speaker: Dave Koehler

Library Summer Reading Programs:

Disc Golf Class

Star Dancer

Final Party

Orienteering

\*NEW\* Ride for Kelly Finch, Sunday June 26 @ 10am.

Cub Scout Day Camp, June 27 - 30.

Kickapoo Creek Festival on Saturday July 30, 2022, sponsored by the Friends of Rocky Glen

Cross Country Meet Saturday, August 27, 2022 @ Alpha Park

Jeep Jam Saturday, Sept 24, 2022 @ Alpha Park

Concerts in Park:

- July 23 – Al & Diane
- August 20 – Park River Valley Big Band
- September 10 – Peoria Area Senior Citizen Band

**Report:**

Summer is a very busy time for parks. The two part-time employees use their 10 hours a week to empty the trash daily and maintain landscaping (weeding, mulching, watering). They are also working additional hours mowing for Public Works, and they donate even more time to the parks for additional landscaping and maintenance needs. The other volunteers do same, minus the mowing and the paychecks. If anyone would like to volunteer time, there are always weeds to pull and trash to pick up.

**Pickleball Court:** Problems with paint and it was decided this year to use black top sealant and just add the white lines. Hope to have it up and running by July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Grant**

Received notification that we were not awarded an AARP Senior Grant, which we had hoped to use for new benches and pavilion repair at the Lauterbach Park.

**Dog Park**

We have received several requests for a Dog Park in Bartonville. While we agree it would be a valuable asset to the community, the volunteer park committee is maxed out on time with the two parks. Other issues include the proper space for a dog park, the cost of the fencing, benches, supplies, etc., and the big factor is the time/money for an employee or volunteer to mow, weed eat, and keep the dog park clean.

**THANK YOU's**

Thank you to Kay Dye for donating plants for the Lauterbach Sign and to Connie Durham for planting and mulching.

Thank you to Mary Miller for the \$100 donation to the Parks!

Thank you to the Peoria Garden Club for the \$350 donation – we purchased three new trees for the entrance sign on Airport Road.

Thank you to Bartonville Fire Department for helping water new tree. The starter had went out in the water truck.

Thank you to Mike's Donuts for their donut donation, very tasty.

**Christmas Trees**

The next pre-sale for the Christmas Trees will be Saturday, July 9 from 9am to 1pm at the Alpha Park Clubhouse. \$75 per tree / \$100 for Businesses.

It was reported that 265 people attended the June 18<sup>th</sup> Concert in the Park.

Trustee Leibach thanked Heidi and the volunteers. He questioned the hours for the employees that are paid and asked if Public Works could be doing the mowing/weed eating, and trash container emptying. It was suggested that this should go to committee and Mayor Ricca reminded all that Public Works is short in its labor force.

It was stated that the big mower is broken and in process of repair.

Trustee Bentley thanked Heidi and the Parks and questioned the cost of benches. Heidi stated that it was approximately \$600 each and to have them imprinted was about \$200 more.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Ricca spoke of an issue on the Lawndale culvert. Stark called and the 30-inch pipe that was installed egg shaped. \$2,000.00 more was spent for concrete pipe instead of heavy plastic. Stark is paying for the labor to replace.

The total for project goes from \$160,000.00 to \$162,000.00.

Mayor Ricca made the June 17, 2022 Declaration of State of Emergency.

Mayor Ricca thanked Trustee Carroll for standing in as acting Mayor during his recent surgery.

**VILLAGE CLERK**

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned to approve issuing a Liquor License to the Friends of the Bartonville Volunteer Fire Department for the Bartonville Fish Fry to be held August 4<sup>th</sup>,5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to Midnight each night.

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

Nays: None.

Abstained: Trustee Leibach. Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve July 25, 2022 to set a public hearing date for fiscal year 2023 Appropriations Ordinance.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve legal notice to appear in Limestone Independent News.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Trustees Donley and Leibach motioned the approval to lower the \$150 Fiscal Year Food Truck license for Park sanctioned events to \$25.00.

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

Nays: None.

Abstained: Trustee Rhea. Motion passed.

## VISITORS

Connie Durham, Parks & Recs volunteer. Connie spoke of 17 trees being donated and that there were 148 different spots that people could volunteer to weed and water.

Connie was thanked for her tireless work and her call for volunteers is appreciated.

Kathie Brown, Peoria County. Kathie provided a map and information regarding Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning.

This new planning and capacity building program is designed to help Illinois communities leverage historic broadband infrastructure funding for community –driven broadband expansion and public-private partnerships.

Community input is needed to identify broadband gaps. A link to complete the survey may be found on the Village website or by visiting <https://go.illinois.edu/PeoriaCountyBroadbandInfrastructureSurvey>

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

**Trustee Leibach** spoke of the visitation for retired Fire Chief Helms and thanked all for the cleaning up of the fire house to hold the memorial. He stated that everyone looked nice in their uniforms.

Trustee Leibach questioned the vehicles at Public Works and Mayor Ricca responded that the items such as the dump truck and mower deck were destined for repair.

Trustee Leibach questioned if the Attorney had responded with any new information regarding the COVID standby crew. He reiterated that not having a standby crew means no service to the community. Mayor Ricca stated that no new information had been provided.

**Trustee Carroll** gave his condolences to retired Chief Helms and his family.

**Trustee Rhea** spoke of chatter on Facebook about the Village of Bartonville and the differences between a Park District versus a Park Board. The Village of Bartonville has a Park Board which equates to volunteers. Trustee Rhea has made a post to encourage people to volunteer. She included a short form for volunteers to fill out and will keep a data base of volunteers.

The form may be found at <https://bartonville.org/volunteer-database/>

The Bartonville Chamber of Commerce had its first ribbon cutting ceremony at Big Mike's Donuts. The Chamber of Commerce will have its first after hours event in July. Details are forthcoming.

Trustee Leibach thanked Clerk Carr-Bruce for putting together the food. Mayor Ricca thanked the Clerk for arranging everything.

With there being no public comment and no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.