

VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 9, 2023 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 January 9, 2023 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, Attorney Jump, and Clerk Carr-Bruce.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned for the approval of the December 12, 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 December 22, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

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

Trustee Leibach questioned the All-Purpose Poly charges and Clerk Carr-Bruce explained that the charges were for previous Civil Service matters.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

DEPARTMENTS

Public Works- Terry Beckman thanked the Board for the meat and cheese trays that were brought in for employees and then spoke of renting the lift again for taking all the Christmas decorations down. Terry estimated that that they would use it for two weeks to a month so they can work on a few more trees.

A storm sewer box on Wanda caved in and Public Works is in the process of repairing it.

Police Chief- Tony Segree presented the monthly Board report and noted that as the year ended, the Village went up in certain categories and down in others making for a good balance statistically.

Chief Segree sent well wishes for a speedy recovery to Fire Chief Cheatham.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve donation in the amount of \$300.00 to Peoria Park District for Rifle Range access. It was explained that the range is used for officers to train and earn their qualifications. The amount is based on donation and is the same amount as last year.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Fire Chief- Assistant Fire Chief, Drew Zachman presented the monthly report. 15 fire calls and 77 rescue calls for the month of December. There were 142 fire calls and 759 rescue calls for a total of 901 calls in 2022.

December 23 to January 1 there were 3 calls; D.J. Tire and Auto fire (MABIS box activated) and the fire on Eaton that occurred the same night warranted MABIS activation due to inclement weather. The Eaton house fire was contained to the oven and the MABIS activation was cancelled. On December 30 there was a dryer fire at the laundromat on Garfield that was extinguished quickly.

Assistant Chief Zachman commended the volunteers for getting the calls quickly. He noted that he was proud of the response times and that they were aggressive in getting the fires out.

January 3, 2023 was the yearly CPR refresher at LCHS. Dr. Gresham and the LCHS Board were thanked for allowing use of the cafeteria.

The new smoke detector law that started January 1, 2023 was explained as all in home smoke detectors need to have long term 10-year sealed batteries. The department is going to be working with local area fire departments for enforcement guidance and information how we can obtain units at a decreased cost. Currently, the Village offers free smoke detectors to any resident in the Village that cannot afford one. It was stated that landlords should be reminded that it is their responsibility to provide these new smoke detectors for their tenants.

The new fire engine was to be delivered in February, but it's been pushed to April. Drew guessed there would be another push back in April.

Mayor Ricca thanked Drew and the department for saving the Village \$32,025 for the month of December and \$472,342.50, minus the small stipends in 2022.

Parks/Recs- Heidi Rhea announced that the Parks are moving forward with the Lauterbach trail and they have been working with PAMBA (Peoria Area Mountain Bike Association), whom have mapped out a one-mile route. They are going to walk the route on Saturday to make sure it is okay and then start work on it this winter to take down the fallen trees in pathways. The Park Committee is actively seeking volunteers to help with this project and thanked PAMBA for doing so much and being amazing to work with. It was explained that PAMBA is non-motorized mountain bikes.

Heidi warned of orange flags on the new trails and noted that they are trail markings and should be left alone.

Sled Gate is currently locked because it is not known if and when it will snow. Thanks were given to the Police Department for their assistance.

Christmas tree cleanup day in the park was Saturday, thanks were given to all that came out. Trustee Leibach, Trustee Donley, Trustee Bentley, the Key Club, Chief Segree, Assistant Fire Chief Zachman were all thanked for their attendance. Heidi also gave a big thank you to the Park committee and their families for their time and support. Chief Cheatham was missed and all hope that he takes care of himself so he recovers quickly.

If anyone wants Christmas tree to put in their ponds or lakes, they're there, first come, first serve. Most of the 300 trees are gone.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Richard Russo/Chris Jump

MAYOR

Mayor Ricca made the January 9, 2023 Declaration of State of Emergency.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve the 2023 Janitor contract with The Cleaning Source. Trustee Leibach questioned if we had went out for bids and Mayor Ricca explained that we did when we first hired the local company and they were so much cheaper than other companies.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve a Class A liquor license for Goldie's Slots, 913 W. Garfield Ave. This would be a change from the current class D liquor license held by this establishment.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Mayor Ricca thanked the Park committee and all the volunteers whom helped the park have an absolutely tremendous holiday season.

VILLAGE CLERK

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve **Resolution #706** - A resolution allocating \$375,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the 2022 Street Improvements.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Clerk Carr-Bruce wished Chief Cheatham a quick recovery and hopes to see him soon.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Leibach hoped all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanked the Park and its volunteers for Saturday. He apologized for having to leave quickly for a call.

Trustee Leibach spoke of reaching out to businesses to locate within the Village. One business hasn't responded to him and the other one is interested, but not quite ready yet. It was stated that he would like to look at annexation and requested the availability of the other Annexation committee members, Donley and Carroll. Mayor Ricca questioned what properties and Trustee Leibach said he had a few in mind. Trustee Leibach asked for approval for the attorney to be at the committee meeting as he wanted to make sure it would be done the correct way because he isn't sure the right direction and the lines on how to do it. Mayor Ricca told Fred to get a meeting and discuss it first and if we need the attorney's input, we can get it.

Trustee Leibach would like to add economic development for the bottom of the hill, spoke of the Chamber of Commerce raising funds and the ideas on how money would be spent, asked for an update on the Comprehensive Plan.

It was stated that a few people have volunteered for the 10 person committee and those interested should email the Mayor at mayor@bartonville.org

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission has started our new comprehensive plan, the last one was done in 2006.

Mayor Ricca was asked if we have a new Ordinance officer and the Mayor stated that he had someone in the works and was getting together a contract.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve payment in the amount of \$330,366.97 from MFT funds to RA Cullinan (UCM) for Invoice # 122404.1 (Sealcoating, Fog coat, and traffic control)

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Trustee Carroll sent well wishes to Chief Cheatham and hopes he recovers as soon as he can.

Trustee Carroll would like to schedule a finance committee meeting for Tuesday or Thursday at 5:00 p.m. next week. He will wait to hear back from Kyle from Enterprise before setting the actual date with the Clerk.

Trustee Donley wanted to wish Chief Cheatham "Get well soon wishes."

Trustee Rhea also wished Chief Cheatham get well soon wishes.

Trustee Rhea spoke of the "Business before Hours" Limestone Chamber of Commerce event to be held at The Neighborhood House (sole provider of Meals on Wheels for Limestone Township) on January 18, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and it having Vistra Edwards Energy Storage facility as its prize sponsor. It was stated that if you have a business or an organization, this might be a good opportunity to talk with them and just to come and network with other people.

Bartonville IBEW Local 34 is having a blood drive on Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at IBEW Local 34 Main Room, 4322 Ricketts Ave. Bartonville.

Trustee Bentley sent some get well wishes to Chief Cheatham.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dustin Temple, the union steward of the Public Works read the following statement:

"My name is Dustin Temple, I'm the union steward of the Public Works and I'm here as an employee of the village of Bartonville Public works. I'm here to speak on behalf of the Public Works pertaining to a request of a \$7,000 bonus just like the full time and part time police, part time police officers of the Village of Bartonville. I and others believed that the \$7,000 was a bonus and should have been supplied to everyone, to every employee across the board mainly because how are you going to justify giving a part-time employee the bonus is okay but not a full-time employee. We also believe that we should get it because who does everyone call in the Village if they need something done, like taking care of the park. If someone needs some picked up for pickup days, or even when it snows in the streets, and it's cleared in the Village so the police can do their job as well. They call public works. And that's just a few instances pertaining to what we do for the village. I and others within the workforce believe that you making this kind of deal not paying across the board will cause friction and division throughout the workforce. Because we feel that the support of the Village employees isn't across the board, either. All of us want it. All of us want this to get this looked into, and actions be taken. And if any, if anyone in this meeting or in the public thinks we don't do just as much work, needs to take a clearer look at things. Thank you. Appreciate your time."

Mayor Ricca stated that we don't negotiate in public and that he has been speaking with the Public Works union representative.

With no other public comments and no new business being brought to the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.