

# VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 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 December 12, 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, Attorney Jump, and Clerk Carr-Bruce.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Carroll and Helms motioned for the approval of the November 14, 2022 Board minutes and communications.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

## DEPARTMENTS

**Public Works-** Terry Beckman presented the monthly report and stated that they are still cutting low hanging trees, so the department won't be hitting them with the plow trucks and still have the lift that they rented when they put up the Village Christmas decoration.

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned to approve placing 1992 Chevrolet Versalift Model V032 Basket Truck (S-9) for sale. Purplewave is the online format that will be used for this vehicle. Terry and Mayor Ricca noted that the truck was donated by Ameren many years ago and now currently has a broken subframe.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Trustee Leibach asked if decals and equipment such as radios and lights would be removed. It was stated that it would be handled as they have all prior vehicles.

**Police Chief Tony Segree** presented the monthly report and thanked the Auxiliary for helping out with the Park in November and that everyone had done a great job.

Chief Segree spoke of two stolen vehicles in November in which the license plate readers from another agency helped the Village and we were able to recoup those vehicles. One was Peoria the other was recouped by the State Police. Chief stated that these LPR's are a big asset for all of us.

Enterprise is supposed to be contacting Chief this week after having some problems with one of the bigger car dealers getting good pricing and he will update the Board with the findings.

**Fire Chief Mike Cheatham** presented the monthly report and stated the November calls brought the year to date to 809 calls and that puts us on track to match last year's 888 calls.

Chief Cheatham wished everybody a Merry Christmas and stated that it would be a great time for everybody to check their smoke detectors. There are new laws that are going to require smart smoke detectors that will protect the battery of the device. People will not be able to take the batteries out of the smoke detector as they will be sealed. Chief stated that it will take a while to get that implemented. Clerk Carr-Bruce questioned how it will affect low-income residents that request smoke detectors from the Village. Chief stated that they are working on trying to come up with some kind of option with agencies such as the Red Cross.

There were 12 fire calls and 65 rescue calls for the month of November. Mayor Ricca thanked Chief and the volunteers for saving the Village \$33,600 for the month and \$440,317.50 year to date minus their small stipends.

**Parks/Recs-** Heidi Rhea thanked the Police and Fire departments for their help with the two-mile run walk.

Heidi stated that the Limestone Chamber of Commerce had 32 homes and businesses registered for the LCC Holiday Decorating Contents and that the list and map was available on the Village website, the Township website and Facebook. Trustee Donley was thanked for judging this year and for spearheading the project in 2021.

Limestone Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Before hours" event at the Neighborhood house on January 18, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Getting the word out about the Neighborhood house in the goal.

A big thank you to Davy Jones and Mike Durham, they put up the Christmas tree that is down at Route 24 and Adams Street. Davy Jones has been a big help throughout all the Christmas stuff that we've done. So big shout out to him for helping us with the village stuff as well

Christmas in the Park had pets with Santa last Wednesday, Santa made a special trip down here had a ball with all the pets, we want to thank everybody for coming out with their pets have some great pictures on our Facebook page if you want to see them.

Park is continuing with free popcorn and hot chocolate on Friday nights at the North Pole from five to seven. It's not the clubhouse. It's the actual North Pole.

Thank you to an anonymous donor who gave about \$600 to the Park committee for all the hard work that had been done. Heidi wanted the donor to know that they used the funds to have a Christmas party where they took those on the committee to diner to celebrate.

Derek gave a recap of the 2022 Christmas in the Park.

- Collaboration with all 5 Village departments.
- Monthly planning meetings year-round.
- 5 Christmas committee members.
- 15 Park Board Members.
- 160+ community volunteers for tree set-up day.
- 304 trees setup, lit, and signed in six hours.
- 303 cars participated in drive-thru on 11/25/22.
- 1,500+ in attendance at Walkabout on 11/26/22.
- 1,500+ cups of cocoa consumed.
- 7 Free stations for children at the Walkabout.
- 75,000+ Christmas lights throughout the Park.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Pet Pics w/Santa (2 cats and 32 dogs).
- Began Friday night treats (Thanksgiving – Christmas).

- Tree Take-Down is January 7, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Connie Durham noted that the committee has already had their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for 2023.

Mayor Ricca and the entire Board of Trustees thanked the Park Committee, Christmas Committee and all the volunteers for the spectacular job and that the transformation of the Park was amazing.

**Village Engineer-** Pat Meyer reminded those present of the grant the Village received to overlay and put a new blacktop surface on Adams Street from Route 24, around the bend, past LaGondola to Franklin Street. This has been worked on for quite some time and are expected to be completed at the end of summer 2023. One of the requirements when an overlay a project it to make sure that it has ADA standard for crosswalks and ramps. There was a project done in 2008 (prior to Pat being with Village) that was approved by IDOT both in the design and the construction but now IDOT says that some of those same ramps have to be redone (right across from Bartonville Grade School). Our resolution is do to one of the ramps that Pat believes absolutely needs to be done and bypass the others by going straight through rather than going back on the intersections of each of the side streets.

The bid from Miller and Sons is \$10,000 to replace the ramp. This is a wintertime construction price, and it is necessary so it will be redone so the Village won't be too far behind in our overlay for this next summer. It was stated that the reason for bypassing and going straight through is to save the Village money as each of those intersections would cost about \$10,000.00 per ramp. It is was said that fighting with IDOT and spending the money on engineering to try and fight it would be expensive and to bypass would keep us on schedule for our 2023 overlay.

Clerk Carr-Bruce clarified that the ramps in question were ADA approved in 2008.

Trustee Carroll questioned if there would be a downside to bypassing the intersections. Pat Meyer stated it would be nice to do and that he really wanted to go up Garfield around 500 or 600 feet but there is a ramp that IDOT isn't happy with there either. Pat believes that in 2024 that the Village will have RBI funds, which are extra payments of MFT that we can use those funds on.

Trustee Rhea questioned if the ramps in question are still operational and safe. Pat stated that they were done by another professional engineer and ADA approved in 2008 and yes, they are safe and to change a ramp that was just done in 2008, in his opinion is not practical, but we are using IDOT money for this grant. So, we have to play their game.

Trustee Carroll questioned if ARPA funds could be used for all of the intersections. Pat Meyer would love to but pointed out that costs have skyrocketed and that the original cost of \$750,000.00 for this project six years ago would now be over \$850,000.00.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
*Richard Russo/Chris Jump*

**MAYOR**

Mayor Ricca made the December 12, 2022 Declaration of State of Emergency.

Trustees Carroll and Rhea motioned to approve **ORDINANCE #1869** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF AN ITEM OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE. (2002 International 4900 Dump Truck)

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Trustees Rhea and Donley motioned to approve a closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).  
Ayes: Trustees Helms, Leibach, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Bentley.  
Nays: None. Motion passed.

Mayor Ricca thanked Davy Jones and Mike Durham for the Christmas tree on Route 24 on such short notice.

### VILLAGE CLERK

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned to approve the publication of the Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar for 2023.  
Ayes: Trustees Helms, Leibach, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Bentley.  
Nays: None. Motion passed.

### TRUSTEE REPORTS

**Trustee Leibach** expressed condolences to the Duke Family and the loss of their loved one, thanked our Veterans, and wished everyone a belated Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Leibach questioned the UTV's being on Garfield, it was stated that the Ordinance allowed it.

Trustee Leibach questioned the Clerk if there was going to be a second meeting in the month of December and the Clerk responded that it was up to the Mayor.

Trustee Leibach also questioned if that executive orders from the Governor were current because as he stated, "The pandemic is basically over for most of us". Trustee Leibach stated that he was okay with Zoom meeting participation for the people that can't make it because of childcare or illness but thinks that we need to start coming back to in person meeting as they are a little bit easier for us. Trustee Leibach stated that it's what we're voted to do for the citizens, our job and then announced that he has wrote a check, as he does every year, back to the Village, donating his Village paycheck.

**Trustee Carroll** thanked the Park Board for all the work they have done and stated that he wished to be present but is once again battling COVID and felt that it was best to not be there. Trustee Carroll also thanked the Christmas committee and said our Village looks tremendous and the Chamber of Commerce for the work they've done and how it really looks nice to pull into town and see the holiday spirit.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve new firetruck small equipment purchases in the amount \$10,142.75 from lowest bidder AIR ONE EQUIPMENT, INC. Freight charges to be added.  
Ayes: Trustees Helms, Leibach, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Bentley.  
Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Trustee Donley** wished everyone a very happy, safe holiday season. Trustee Donley thanked everyone for all the countless hours, time and energy that's been put into the Village and thought it looked fantastic. She is proud to invite people to her town to see our magnificent displays and the sense of community here. Trustee Donley stated that we have a good group of people, and she is proud to serve on this Board.

**Trustee Rhea** wished everyone happy holidays and a big thank you to everyone who has helped. The collaboration between the all the departments, people and organizations has been wonderful and was needed to get it all done.

**Trustee Bentley** thanked the Park Board for all the things that they have done to make our community so amazing and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mayor Ricca called for public comment, hearing none the meeting was moved to closed session at 6:52 p.m.

Meeting moved to open session at 7:23 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.

Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Cheatham was thanked for his assistance with the Christmas tree set up.

With no action being taken from matters discussed in closed session, no public comment, and no further business being brought before the Board, meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk