

VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 22, 2022 5:00 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 videoconference (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 22, 2022 Board of Trustees Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with roll call.

Present: Trustees Leibach, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Bently.
Absent: Trustee Helms. Quorum present.
Also present: Mayor Ricca, Clerk Carr-Bruce, and Engineer Pat Meyer.

Trustee Leibach apologized for attending by Zoom because he didn't have childcare after the meeting had been rescheduled from December 20, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR

Mayor Ricca made the December 22, 2022 Declaration of State of Emergency.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Village Engineer, Pat Meyer recapped on the potential to move forward with the Adams Street project. It was stated that considering the meeting with IDOT, the Village has elected to pave only the main line of Adams Street, thus reducing the amount of burden we have for ADA ramps.

Trustee Helms enters meeting via Zoom at 5:07 p.m. and confirmed presence upon Clerk's request.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve contracting Miller and Son Construction for one ADA ramp going across Garfield (from old funeral home) on to Adams Street at a cost of \$10,000 to Miller and Son Construction. It was stated that the ADA ramp closest to Bartonville Grade School is ADA compliant.

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

Meeting moved to closed session at 5:09 p.m.

Meeting moved to regular session at 5:55 p.m. with roll call.

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

Also present: Mayor Ricca and Clerk Carr-Bruce.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve the VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE and POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT LABOR COMMITTEE, INC. POLICE OFFICER COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT for May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025.

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

Nays: Trustee Leibach. Motion passed.

Trustee Carroll thanked Matt Shumm, President of the Police Benevolent Local 120 for all of his time working with the Village to get this contract.

Trustee Donley thanked everyone that was involved in the negotiations, because she knows how it can be taxing and time consuming.

Mayor Ricca called for Public Comment.

Trustee Leibach questioned the purpose of having this meeting if we cancel next week's meeting. Mayor Ricca stated it was so that we could hopefully get them their checks by December 31st and a lot of people don't really want to have a meeting the day after Christmas.

Trustee Leibach stated "Right? I understand. So, it was about the employees again." Mayor Ricca questioned Trustee Leibach on what he meant with that statement. Trustee Leibach stated "We have had plenty of time to do this. Or it could have waited, it's waited seven months, it could have waited another couple of weeks to get done."

Trustee Carroll noted that our engineer had asked for a meeting as well to get the approval for the ADA ramp in time to complete the currently scheduled overlay.

Trustee Leibach stated "Okay, I understand that. Thank you for clearing that up. A couple of months, years ago, most of the board was saying that we weren't doing our due diligence into getting a quote from the county. Did we ever get that because I got a FOIA request two weeks ago, and I had no idea, and I haven't seen a quote."

Mayor Ricca stated that he never had gotten a quote from the county and never had a formal talk with the county.

Trustee Leibach stated "Well, at this meeting, one of the trustees were saying that we wouldn't be doing our fiscally due diligence for the village."

Mayor Ricca asked if there was ever a motion for him to ask for a sit down with the county and to get a quote for services. Trustee Leibach stated that he didn't know if that was the route we would have to take that he thought we're supposed to.

Mayor Ricca stated that if Trustee Leibach wanted him to go into formal negotiations with another police agency to subcontract our services, yes, you would have to do that.

Trustee Leibach then stated "Okay. Also, two years ago, the clerk put on the ballot for voting in November - Should the Village of Bartonville establish a firefighter duty crew of the supplemental fire protection services of the volunteer fire department. It passed unanimously. Where are we at with the standby crew? Since it's been six months? Since we haven't been? We lost that service to the citizens."

Mayor Ricca stated that he was not sure where we were with the matter, but it is not on the agenda for tonight and there isn't anything that we could do tonight.

Trustee Leibach "I'm just saying I think a lot of our priorities are a little bit out of whack right now. The police, they have their number of people, they are staffed fully there, they're giving us a service, the Public Works is giving us a great service right now as we speak. The dispatchers are fully staffed and giving us the service, the fire department is not staffed. And we have not done our due diligence to do that. Mayor Ricca reminded Trustee Leibach that he in on the Board and he could have brought that up at any Board meeting or in a committee meeting.

Trustee Leibach agreed with Mayor Ricca and stated that he wasn't on the appropriate committees. Trustee Leibach stated that he believed he had the best attendance record on the board and would like I would like an update on that at the next board meeting where we are with the standby crew for the fire department since the rest of the full-time departments are staffed and getting paid for providing a service.

Clerk Carr-Bruce asked if the Fire Department was still a volunteer department and the matter that was put on the ballot was an advisory question. If the Board wished to have a full-time fire department; the matter would have to be put up as a referendum on the ballot. Mayor Ricca agreed to the statement.

Trustee Leibach agreed to a statement that the Fire department wasn't full time but stated "that we were getting to where we were one and still it's still hurting on a night shift. And during the daytime, when we're all working, we still aren't providing that service like we told we obligated our citizens to do. Also moving on since that's a losing battle."

Trustee Carroll asked if that isn't something the officers up there should be having conversation and be bringing to the Board. Trustee Leibach stated he wasn't an officer there.

Trustee Leibach questioned if we would have to go back and pay Public works since their contract is already negotiated. Mayor Ricca stated that we would have to add a quarter percent to the base pay of their contract, not the ratification bonus, just as he said they would if the other departments got a higher percentage of increases for base pay. Ratification bonus is to come out of ARPA funds.

Trustee Leibach stated that he has other ideas for the ARPA funds besides bonuses that he will present at another meeting.

With no public comment or new business being brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.