

VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 13, 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 March 13, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with a 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 Donley motioned for the approval of the February 27, 2023, 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.

Trustee Leibach questioned a polygraph bill and medical bills from OSF. The polygraph bill was explained as a needed expense for a possible new hire and the Clerk explained that the OSF bills are from a backlog of incorrectly billed statements.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENTS

Public Works- Terry Beckman presented the monthly report and spoke of 3 catch basin failures due to being just generally worn out and located on Franklin, the bottom of Franklin and Adams, and one on the corner of Hopkins and Garfield. Two have been repaired and the third is scheduled for tomorrow.

Terry spoke of the department working on cold patching over the winter and curb repairs. Trustee Leibach questioned the 230 hours of shop maintenance and Terry stated general maintenance on things in the shop this time of year was necessary. Terry was glad to have gotten the maintenance done prior to our insurance evaluation and noted that praise was given by the insurance inspector.

Police Chief- Tony Segree presented the monthly report and stats and spoke of Power DMS policies program being in place, learning to use the program. Getting all the police policies in and up to date ins going to take a while.

Chief Segree spoke of the LPR's (license plate readers) that are up, ready, and functioning and scheduled to be online by Friday. Peoria has asked already to have access to the system and all municipalities here will be communicating with one another through the LPRs.

Trustee Rhea thanked the department for locking and unlocking the park gates daily.

Officer Lutz retirement presentation. Chief Segree stated that he had worked with Officer Lutz for over a decade and John has never complained. On Friday, the department showed John that the entire Village appreciated his 30 years of service.

Mayor Ricca stated that when John first came to the department in the days where kids riding their bicycles and used their signals properly got a free McDonalds Happy Meal certificate from the officer. Mayor Ricca stated that one summer his own children caught on quickly to using the proper signals in front of John and between John and Brian, his kids were fed that summer.

Mayor Ricca made the following proclamation in recognition of John Lutz upon his retirement from the Village of Bartonville Police Department:

WHEREAS, John has served our community as a member of the Village of Bartonville Police Department since 1992; a total of over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition to general patrol work, John has stepped in and worked as our School Resource Officer at Limestone Community High School when needed; and

WHEREAS, in good times, and in difficult times, John has dealt with a diverse range of people in, and out of the Police Department. and provided courteous and comprehensive help to Village officials, members of the public, and fellow Village staff; and

WHEREAS, he is a dedicated public servant, at all times committed to helping his community and administering police regulations; and

WHEREAS, John has worked to build cooperative relationships with residents, other government organizations, community groups, local non-profits, Bartonville businesses, and other members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Leon Ricca, Mayor, Village of Bartonville, do hereby express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for Officer Lutz's dedication and commitment to the Village, and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the Village of Bartonville, and wish him the best and continued success in his retirement and future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the Village of Bartonville, this 13th day of March 2023.

Leon Ricca, Mayor

Fire Chief- Mike Cheatham presented the monthly statistics: 6 fire calls, 46 rescue calls, a total of 52 calls and 1,819 manhours.

Chief Cheatham stated that he should have some pictures of the new firetruck under construction by the next meeting. Chief stated that the company is taking weekly pictures for updates. Trustee Carroll requested that those pictures also be sent weekly to the Clerk so she may post on the Village website and residents can then see how their investment is doing.

Mayor Ricca thanked Chief Cheatham and the department for their hours.

Parks/Recs Chair, Heidi Rhea stated that the Park Committee has completed Sexual Harassment training.

Lauterbach park gate is open again daybreak until dusk; pickle ball net is going back up.

this week, and port-a-potty will be back at the park this week.

Scheduling an Orientation “Lunch & Learn” with PAMBA for trailing building volunteers.

April 15th at Clubhouse – Time TBD

Finalizing everything to get park clubhouse ready for rentals hopefully April.

Concerts in the park:

- o June – The Original Skazz Band
- o July – Peoria Heights Community Band
- o Aug – River Valley Big Band
- o Sept -- TBD
- o Food Trucks

Senior Coffee – April 5th – Speaker on Physical Therapy.

Rec Desk soft launch will be in April.

Civil Service Commission-Brett Ragon- Rules passed on 2/28/2023 by the Civil Service Commission and presented the 2022 Annual Report.

Trustees Carroll and Donley motioned to approve accepting the 2022 Civil Service annual report.

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

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustee Carroll thanked Brett and stated, “14 months ago, we were not in compliance and didn't have a commission and you tended to that and we appreciate it. Thank you. “

Trustee Leibach also thanked Brett and the commission stating, "Thank you guys for being honest and neutral."

MAYOR

Mayor Ricca made the March 13, 2023, Declaration of State of Emergency.

Mayor Ricca requested a motion regarding Jim McKenna contract for code enforcement. Trustee Leibach questioned if there was a need to go into closed session and Mayor Ricca stated that it was their choice. Trustee Leibach questioned the 3.25% increase on May 1, 2023, when the contract becomes effective April 1, 2023. Mayor Ricca stated that he had spoken with Attorney Jump regarding this and that there might be a few minor edits. Attorney Jump suggested that we word the motion "subject to any final revisions by the mayor after consulting with the attorneys.

Trustees Carroll and Helms motioned to approve contract for Jim McKenna subject to any final revisions, subject to any final revisions by the mayor after consulting with the attorneys.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

Review of Police Pension Board Annual report. Mayor Ricca thanked Larry Nelson and the police pension board for doing their due diligence so it is funded at 96.04%. Mayor Ricca believes that this is probably top 10 in the state of Illinois. Mayor Ricca also thanked the Board of Trustees for doing their due diligence on appropriations. Clerk Carr-Bruce noted that on the police pension fund compliance report, it does say the unfunded liability carried by the fund along with the actuarial explanation of the unfunded liability is \$215,232.00. The Clerk reminded the Board that this is the amount that should be appropriated and levied for.

VILLAGE CLERK

Trustees Leibach and Donley motioned to approve a payment to Nancy Coleman in the amount of \$2,438.40 for her annual medigap payment (80% of total bill).

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Leibach thanked Officer Lutz for his services of 30 years to the Village of Bartonville and its citizens.

Trustee Leibach requested an update on the K9 vehicle and asked about putting a new motor in it using grant funds, ARPA funds or contingency monies because the dog was not doing the Village any good sitting at home. Mayor Ricca stated that we were not going to fix it because it was \$10,000 and it the car wouldn't be worth that. Chief Segree agreed with the mayor.

Trustee Leibach stated that he wasn't sure where the K9 handler is on the seniority list once Officer Lutz retires but he wasn't sure having a K9 on first shift Monday through Friday was feasible for the Village

and thinks second shift would be a better fit. Chief Segree stated that de didn't think this is the appropriate forum to discuss.

Trustee Carroll called a finance meeting for this Thursday, March 16 at 6pm and will send the Clerk the agenda.

Trustee Carroll requested an update on the Economic Advisory Committee and if the names had been finalized, meeting date set and notice sent. Mayor Ricca stated that he had send the names and email address that he had to the Clerk. Clerk Carr-Bruce questioned if the number was now going to be nine as she was waiting on that tenth person and a date for a meeting.

Trustee Donley offered her congratulations to Officer John Lutz on his retirement.

Trustee Rhea also wanted to ask about the Economic Development Committee, because she also has had people asking her. Trustee Rhea stated that she though we had also put in the budget to hire an economic development person for this year. She questioned if this is something that the this advisory committee will have to decide? Trustee Carroll responded that we had that on finance, and we can't hire that person until that committee gets us a ten-year plan. It was stated that we can't interview and hire somebody for a position until we know what it entails. It was stated that the appropriation for the that position will be put on FY 2024 appropriations.

Trustee Rhea gave an update on Chamber of Commerce news and stated that the annual meeting and after hours is this Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She stated that It's our chance to find out from the community what they would like us to do, how we've been doing over this last year, and where we would like to go in the future. Trustee Rhea noted that the Village is not yet a member of the Chamber of Commerce and would like the Village to officially join at the next meeting. There is no cost, as the Village is nonprofit.

The Mayor's prayer breakfast is being held Tuesday, April 8, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Bartonville Christian Church. It is \$25 for a non-member and \$20 per member and we can get a table. Trustee Rhea was hoping that anybody on the Village Board could work together to get a table to support the local community and hear what is happening in our areas.

Trustee Bentley congratulated Officer Lutz and wished him good luck in his retirement and stated that he has been a tremendous asset to our community for a very long time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments left on the chat feature of Zoom were read by the Clerk.

From Concerned Citizen 2: I missed it. is the village buying a new engine for the old k9 squad car

From Concerned citizen: Think they are putting money into the already stripped out squad car that won't start. But, the dog shouldn't be on day shift apparently

From Concerned citizen: Trustee Leibach, I believe the department is short now. Maybe apply and make a difference in your community.

Trustee Leibach responded that he had applied previously and was aged out. He then questioned whom left the remark and Clerk Carr-Bruce responded with "From Concerned citizen."

With no other public comments and no new business being brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.