

**Village of Bartonville Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Ricca called the July 10, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with roll call.  
Present: Trustees Woosley, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Zachman.  
Absent: Trustee Helms. Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned for the approval of the June 26, 2023, Board Minutes and Communications. Trustee Zachman requested that a question that he had asked be added to the presented minutes. Clerk Carr-Bruce will amend.

Ayes: Trustees Woosley, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Zachman.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

Ayes: Trustees Woosley, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Zachman.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Public Works Supt. Terry Beckman**

- Sealcoating switched from Hopkins (due to sink hole and main replacement by GPSD) to Public Works lot.
- Fog coat should be started within a week.
- Department is not completely caught up from the storms. Cemeteries have trees down.
- Mowing again due to rain fall. Parks are green again and mowing is on schedule.

**Police Chief Tony Segree**

- Getting ready for fish fry.
- Trustee Zachman questioned if the ordinance violations and nta's are coming from officers or Ordinance inspector. It was stated that the Ordinance Inspector, Jim Mckenna was issuing these unless he needed assistance from an on duty officer.

**Fire Chief Mike Cheatham**

- The new engine is at Firehouse #2. Hopes are that the new engine will be in service by the end of the month. All are welcome to stop by and see the new apparatus.
- 20 fire calls and 50 rescue calls for a total of 70 in June 2023. 91 fire calls and 334 rescue calls year-to-date. Mayor Ricca thanked the volunteers for saving the Village \$44,502.50 for the month of June and \$239,890 year-to-date, minus their small stipends.
- Mayor Ricca noted that the air conditioning in Fire House #2 has gone out. Compressor and A coil is bad. It will be a few days on the parts and installation.

**Parks/Recs-Heidi Rhea**

- Mulch Day was Saturday, July 8. 22 volunteers were in attendance. Thanks was given to Bud O'Donnell and Josh Sechash for the tractor assistance. All of the volunteers as well as Terry and Jan

Beckman were thanked. Public Works was thanked for their help and the Fire Department for hosing off the lot after completion.

- Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Foam Party in Alpha Park, presented by Alpha Park Library.
- Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. will be Family Fun Night in the park. Face painting, scavenger hunt, obstacle course, popcorn, yard games, and more all for free and sponsored by the Parks and Recreation committee.
- Saturday, July 22, 2023= Second concert in the Park – Peoria Heights Community Band.

### **MAYOR**

Trustees Rhea and Donley motioned to approve Edwards Energy Plant ash pond storing in place letter to EPA.

Ayes: Trustees Woosley, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Zachman.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Some environmental protection groups are fighting to have the coal ash removed. Moving coal ash from Edwards Energy Plant to special landfills would all be transported through Bartonville and stir up the ash.

Based on the volume of material needing to be transported offsite under closure by removal, approximately 321,000 truckloads would travel 13.5 million miles on our local roads and highways to transport the coal ash to the offsite commercial landfill.

At any point along the coal ash transportation route, a truck involved in the removal operation would pass by every 3 to 4 minutes, 10 hours a day, for up to 15 years.

Trustees Donley and Carroll motioned to approve appointing Megan Schumm to the Police Pension Board.

Ayes: Trustees Woosley, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Zachman.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Mayor Ricca stated that Brad Carr had retired, and Megan would like to meet the Board at the next meeting.

Trustees Carroll and Woosley motioned to approve accepting the resignation of Ryan Lierle from the Police Department.

Ayes: Trustees Woosley, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Zachman.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

### **VILLAGE CLERK**

Trustees Carroll and Rhea motioned to approve Tokio Marine HCC as the 2023 medical reinsurance carrier for the Village of Bartonville.

Ayes: Trustees Woosley, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Zachman.

Nays: None. Motion passed.

Reinsurance costs have increased by 10.55% and an increase of \$1.00 per participant was noted. The Village increase was based on an experience factor and the good year meant locking in at a more favorable rate instead of a 14-16% increase.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Carroll reminded those present of a Finance meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Police department scheduling. The committee will be going into executive session.

Trustees Donley and Rhea motioned to approve waiving the fines for non-compliance of Structure Numbering (Ord. No. 1372, 2-12-2004) through December 31, 2023.

Ayes: Trustees Woosley, Carroll, Donley, Rhea, and Zachman.

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

It was stated that Bartonville Hardware has very inexpensive 4-inch numbers for those that need to get into compliance.

Trustee Rhea reminded all present of the email that she had sent out to get an inventory of unused Village items. The deadline for response is July 20, 2023.

Trustee Zachman thanked Derek Roemer for the invitation to the Volunteer party at the pool and stated that he had a great time.

## **VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Homeowners at 22, 21 and 20 Santa Anita came before the Board and spoke of rodent issues in this neighborhood. Adam Mowder, 21 Santa Anita has sent photos and video to code enforcement. Mr. Mowder states that he has a 13-month-old and doesn't want poisons in the yard, so he has purchased bait traps. The homeowner at 22 Santa Anita's dog was bitten.

Trustee Donley thanked each visitor for coming to the meeting and spoke of the Public Service initiative to battle the issue and that the Village is taking a more direct approach with ordinance enforcement. Excess dog feces, trash in yards, trash cans with no lids will be addressed.

Bartonville Hardware will supply bait stations to residents at cost (\$8.06) to help with this issue. The owner will be ordering an additional 25 so they will be in stock by the end of next week.

Chief Segree noted that the neighbor with the trash issues has been working to clean up their yard and screwed the siding down on their house so as not to harbor the rodents. The old refrigerators in this yard are being taken care of and 20 plus loads were taken to the dump. More visits to the property are forthcoming.

Mayor Ricca suggested that all neighbors make sure that trash and pet waste are picked up from all yards.

Derek Roemer, Limestone Township Supervisor, reminded all that the Business After Hours event on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Airport board room. All are welcome at the event. Catering is by Tin Roof and Vistra Energy is sponsoring the door prizes.

With no other visitors or public comments and no new business being brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Michelle Carr-Bruce, Village Clerk.