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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the regular meeting of November 3, 2015 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke, President Wallace were present.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Valerie Salmons, Assistant Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant to the Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Finance Director Jeff Martynowicz, Director of Public Works Dan Dinges, Public Works Engineer Bob Allen, Community Development Director Jim Plonczynski, Building Director Brian Goralski, Grounds Superintendent Kevin DeRoo, Chief Kent Williams, Deputy Chief Patrick Ullrich, Village Clerk Lorna Giles and Village Attorney Bryan Mraz.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Ian Simpkins from Poplar Creek Church of Bartlett did the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CONSENT AGENDA

President Wallace stated that all items marked with an asterisk on the Agenda are considered to be routine and would be enacted by one motion. He further stated that there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which event, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered at the appropriate point on the Agenda. He asked if there were any items a Board member wished to remove from the Consent Agenda, or any items a Board member wished to add to the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Camerer stated that he would like to add item 1 under the Public Works Committee (Ordinance 2015-88, Public Internet Auction of Surplus Property).

Trustee Arends moved to amend the Consent Agenda to add item 1 under the Public Works Committee (Ordinance 2015-88, Public Internet Auction of Surplus Property) to



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the Consent Agenda in addition to the items already shown on the Consent Agenda, and that motion was seconded by Trustee Camerer.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO AMEND THE CONSENT AGENDA

AYES: Trustees Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Camerer moved to approve the Amended Consent Agenda and all items contained therein, and that motion was seconded by Trustee Carbonaro.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA

AYES: Trustees Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED

6. MINUTES

Trustee Reinke moved to approve the Public Hearing, Board and Committee minutes of October 20, 2015 and that motion was seconded by Trustee Carbonaro.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2015

AYES: Trustees Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Trustee Arends
MOTION CARRIED

7. BILL LIST – Covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT - None



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9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bartlett Lobbyist Tom Cullen

Mr. Cullen stated that there really is not a lot going on down in Springfield. When Governor Rauner was elected, he came in under a mandate to make things different and change things up in Springfield. The General Assembly which is comprised of a Democratic super majority both in the House and the Senate have decided since May that they can't get along and work on a budget. The last time that the four leaders and a Governor were in the same room together was back in May to discuss the budget problems. The good news is that some outside groups have asked for the leaders to get back into a room and start to negotiate again. Everyone has agreed to do it but what happened was that Mike Madigan asked that it be done at a public setting with the press involved. The Governor said that he has some items that he would call the turnaround agenda. These items are worker's comp. reform, prevailing wage, education items, items that he believes ultimately are needed to produce a better business climate in the State. He has asked for those items to be passed through the Democratic General Assembly and once they are, he has said that he would entertain a tax increase. When he came into office the temporary income tax that was in place had expired and because of that the State is now down about \$5 billion from that tax increase. Right now they are on a path to be about \$8 billion in debt because of the spending they are doing and the spending that they have done in the past.

The Democrats would say that those are non-budget items and what they need to do is focus in on the budget and come up with some compromises to raise this additional revenue. The Governor is holding his ground and saying that until they are willing to entertain some of his budget reform items he doesn't even want to talk. They are supposed to get together on November 17 and start to hopefully produce some kind of compromise. Mr. Cullen stated he did not expect anything to happen. The Governor has said publicly that he did not think much was going to happen. He stated that if anything were to happen in Springfield between now and December 31 there is a super majority vote requirement that would take 71 members of the General Assembly to pass anything. After January 1 it goes back down to a simple majority. In the house, it's 60 and the Senate it's 30 votes. At that stage in the game because of vote requirements there is probably a little more wiggle room where they could potentially compromise on some of these things. He did not think the budget was really the issue because you could get a lot of smart people in a room and it ultimately becomes a math problem and they can ultimately decide how they are going to solve that math problem. The problem is that the Governor wants fundamental changes because he believes that is why he was elected. That is where they are getting the clash and that is the difference between Democrats and Republicans and the way they view life. The Governor has not released motor fuel tax or video gaming revenues. He stated that there have been bills introduced but the Governor has said that he does not want to do the budget in a



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piecemeal fashion. He has asked the Republicans and the General Assembly not to vote for any of those items. Those votes would require a super majority to take affect now. Even with the Democrats in control they do not have enough members that are willing to vote for items like this to get to the 71 votes needed. Mr. Cullen suggested that at the earliest he sees anything happening would be after the first of the year and did not expect to see any movement until sometime in February when the Governor has to deliver a 2017 budget.

He stated that he has never seen anything like this and he has been down there for about 30 years. He stated that nothing is moving and some people who are getting paid are because of court orders. He stated that this has sucked the oxygen out of the room completely.

Trustee Reinke asked what were the chances of Springfield holding the LGDF.

Mr. Cullen stated that the Governor would like to cut that and there is not strong support right now in the General Assembly. Ultimately when they get in that room and somebody is trying to cut a deal, is that going to be on the table and he felt that yes it would be. The coalition of mayors and trustees around the state have been whispering in the ears of their local members and he suggested they do the same. He suggested they talk to their local members and say that it is off the table. He was looking at going from 8% to 4% and that is a huge cut. He felt that there was less than 50% chance of that happening.

President Wallace stated that they now have a presentation from the new auditing firm of Lauterbach & Amen.

Jamie Wilkey, Auditing Partner, covered the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015. She stated that this has been a six-month process from start to finish. She stated that it was a very clean audit process evidenced by the fact that they had no material adjustments as part of the audit testing, meaning the books were fully adjusted by Jeff, Todd and the rest of the staff. She stated that it is not very often that they get to come in and make that comment during an audit presentation so certainly the very highest level of preparation went into preparing for the audit.

She stated that the Village received an unmodified or clean audit opinion which is the highest level of opinion they are able to issue. That means the financial statements are free of any material misstatement. She stated that the general fund ended the year with a six-month reserve and also exceeded budgetary expectations for the year.

President Wallace asked about the net position and wondered if it was decreasing because of depreciation.



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Ms. Wilkey stated that was correct.

President Wallace asked if it was fair to say that that position would be comparable to a business' balance sheet.

Ms. Wilkey stated that would be correct.

President Wallace offered kudos to Finance Director Jeff Martynowicz.

Mr. Martynowicz stated that he would be remiss if he didn't thank the Finance Department staff like Todd Dowden, Millie Oleksyk and Matt Coulter who played a key role in producing this report and he wanted to take this time to thank them and the Finance Department staff.

President Wallace stated that it is good to hear comments as favorable as this and thanked them for a job well done.

10. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES - None

11. TOWN HALL

President Wallace requested that comments this evening are kept to three minutes.

Tom Smogolski, 347 Lela Lane

Mr. Smogolski stated that his daughter bought a home at 122 W. Elroy in the spring and it required a lot of repairs. He stated that they did all the work to code and her circumstances changed where she could not be back in the house until summer so they rented the house out in the meantime. After a couple of heavy storms, water was coming up from the floor drain in the basement. He had it rodded but the water came back up again. He was told by some local plumbers that the Village has an overhead sewer program to alleviate this problem. He called Public Works about this issue and was told that it is only for owner occupied homes. He felt that the issue was external from the streets that's causing the problem in the basement so he would have to reconfigure the plumbing in the basement to accommodate the sewers outside. He was asking the Board to change that ordinance so it is not only offered to owner occupied residents and his property will be owner occupied this summer by his daughter or the current renter who will purchase it.

Pam Schilling, 111 S. Hickory

Ms. Schilling stated that she was there to talk about the application by Daniela's Bistro for a liquor license and gambling at the end of her block. She stated that at the Plan Commission meeting Mr. Zaikowski had many character witnesses that night who testified to his wonderful character. Most of these people were not even Bartlett



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residents. At the same time, a Village Trustee gave a presentation also praising the character of Mr. Zaikowski telling the residents that they were trying to interfere with his dream of opening this bistro. He strongly encouraged the entire Plan Commission to approve this Special Use application so he could open this restaurant with video gaming and outside seating. Trustee Deyne stated that it was he who was present and to whom Ms. Schilling is referring. Ms. Schilling stated that the neighboring residents have no objection to his dream of opening up a bistro with gambling. However, there are many other vacant places within the village limits which would serve his needs very well. They want to see services like they already have such as the bank and the doctor's offices or something that will enhance the neighborhood and not take away from it. She stated that the real question is whether the Village of Bartlett is willing to allow gambling facilities within established residential communities. She stated that adding this kind of business would not enhance their neighborhood or property values. She stated that they do not need another gambling establishment since they already have nine. She spoke about the seating and the revenues generated by video gaming. She asked what has been done with these revenues. What services are being provided for the village residents as a result of this gambling money. She stated that the Plan Commission is ran by someone who is not even a resident of Bartlett. She was upset that after the meeting someone walked over to Mr. Zaikowski and congratulated him saying "we're in business". She also stated that every set of minutes from the Plan Commission meetings addressing this particular request have never appeared on the website.

Art Pierscionek, 925 Auburn Lane

Mr. Pierscionek spoke about U-46 and a movement to secede from U-46. He stated that they had a terrible experience with their son in the system and every time they tried to work with them they were stonewalled. He spoke about the unprofessionalism of the U-46 Board of Directors and asked that the Village take a stance. He suggested that all the public bodies meet to have a question and answer session with U-46. He also suggested that the Mayors of all surrounding communities have a private sitting with U-46. He didn't feel that they were servicing residents the right way and hoped they could find a way around the problems.

President Wallace stated that he has started a dialect with two other Mayors.

Melissa Troyke, 227 W. North Avenue

Ms. Troyke stated that she was there to address Daniela's. She had no problem with a restaurant or video gambling does not bother her. She felt that once changes like that are made to the area it will be hard to reverse. She hoped that the Board would look towards the future. She felt that the Village does not listen to the people that this affects. She felt that they were losing sight of the Village functioning as a community. She hoped that they would not have to define their part of the Village because the Trustees decided that money was more important. She hoped the Board would consider their feelings.



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Charles Deveaux, 111 N. Tatge

Mr. Deveaux stated that he was outside today doing lawn work and the tornado alarm test went off for over seven minutes.

Chief Williams stated that they were testing the system.

Mark Materna, 329 W. North Avenue

Mr. Materna stated that he was looking at the whole process of going back and forth between the Building Committee and this Board meeting and felt that there was a real lack of vision for Bartlett and a lack of communication. He felt that they needed to do better as a community and board members to articulate what the vision is and decide before they have these individual site approval processes going on. They need to decide where businesses are located and what types of businesses and where. If they don't have a general plan the whole process will just repeat itself and it is really a distraction to Bartlett.

Tom Floyd, 150 Shady Lane

Mr. Floyd stated that Daniella's was on the agenda tonight and he didn't know who the petitioner was nor did he particularly care. He talked about economic development for the community. He stated that he had a number of years on the Board and has personal views on business development. He talked about the riverboat casinos and thought that many people use them for entertainment instead of going to the theater and dropping \$10 on a movie plus the cost of popcorn. He stated that for a lot of people it is not gambling, it is entertainment. He stated that the Board members have to weigh the positives and negatives of what people present and that is their job. He stated that you have to look at the hyperbole of it and the exaggeration on either side of the issue. He stated that when he looks back when he was on the Board, if they focused on the negatives, and there were many, there would be no bike path between Prospect and South Bartlett Road. The residents on Wilcox were deadly against it and he recalls someone asking why they should spend the money when no one would use the bike path. The Shell station wouldn't be there or the Countryside Funeral Home, nor would there be a McDonald's on Route 59 if they listened to the negative side. He felt that this would bring more eyes downtown and it was important to the Village.

2. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN REINKE

Trustee Reinke presented Ordinance 2015-87, An Ordinance Granting Special Use Permits to Allow the Serving of Liquor, Beer and Wine and to Allow Outdoor Seating at Daniela's Bistro at 300 Bartlett Avenue.



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J. Plonczynski stated that Daniela's went back to the Plan Commission as they expanded and revised their petition for the special use, liquor license and outdoor seating. The petitioner wants to have outdoor seating for the nice weather and also have indoor seating and video gaming. He originally had a petition that showed nine seats for outside and five inside. He revised his site plan to show 12 seats outside and 4 and 12 inside for a total of 28 seats. He also expanded the inside to add a second bathroom so he could accommodate the additional seating and reduced his gaming stations to four. The Plan Commission recommended approval of it subject to conditions and findings of fact.

Trustee Deyne moved to approve Ordinance 2015-87, An Ordinance Granting Special Use Permits to Allow the Serving of Liquor, Beer and Wine and to Allow Outdoor Seating at Daniela's Bistro at 300 Bartlett Avenue as presented and that motion was seconded by Trustee Reinke.

Trustee Reinke asked if the minutes of the Plan Commission related to this petition are on the website or not?

J. Plonczynski stated that they are usually placed on the website after the Plan Commission approves them and they have not had another meeting since then.

Assistant Village Administrator Paula Schumacher clarified that the minutes are on the website in the Board packet.

Trustee Reinke stated that the sign procedure changed and he asked what was going on there.

J Plonczynski stated that the staff changed the sign procedure where they just post a generic sign that states they should call the Village for additional information about any particular Public Hearing.

Trustee Reinke stated that he understood that is what other communities do but he was not a fan because it places the onus on residents to call into the Village to find out what is going on versus looking at the notice and having the information in front of them. He encouraged staff to look at this procedure and go back to the old way of doing it.

J Plonczynski stated that the other way placed the burden on the petitioner to make the sign and then post it. Sometimes those signs deteriorated by the time the Public Hearings were out there.

Trustee Reinke stated that when the petitioner first approached the Village Board they were talking about the possibility of a TIF and redeveloping the downtown. He stated in the past that the petitioner would have to decide if he was going to be a bistro or a video



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gaming establishment. He stated that many of the resident comments were well taken and it doesn't seem like a character assassination. He stated that he will be voting "no" on this because what he has seen in the materials is a video gaming establishment and not a bistro.

Trustee Camerer stated that he has had an opportunity to speak with a lot of people in town as well and he thought as Trustees they had to listen to the community. He felt that by far, residents are overwhelmingly against having video gaming establishments in town. He stated that he has an issue with the findings of fact and had a concern about health interests when it comes to video gaming. He did not think it meets the criteria for a special use and the proposed findings of fact are not supported. He also thought that the extra seating is kind of a smoke and mirrors thing to look like there is more seating that you will never be able to use and is certainly not the vision he has for Bartlett. He stated that he will also be voting "no".

Trustee Deyne stated that this Board voted the TIF down and he was very concerned about the direction the Board is taking with the downtown businesses in our area. He stated that he believes in his heart that more support should be given to the downtown businesses. They have mortgages on their homes and loans against their businesses and they are struggling to survive. We have a 20% vacancy rate in downtown Bartlett. The petitioner wants to make an investment in our community. He stated that the proposed site has been vacant for over a year. He has visited the bistros in the area and he sees people using it for entertainment and recreational purposes. He never saw rowdy people at these establishments. He didn't think the residents in this area will even know that this bistro is there and he thinks they can coexist very safely without any disruptions to their personal lives. He felt that they really need to do something to generate traffic. He stated that 13 gaming establishments were issued licenses and that is down to nine currently. He felt that they have the opportunity to allow this petitioner to make an investment in the downtown.

He clarified that he was the individual at the Plan Commission and he spoke as a private citizen. He did not identify himself as a Village Trustee. He stated that he would be voting "yes" for this. He is doing in his heart what he believes is right for this Village to have this Village grow and prosper.

Trustee Arends stated that she wanted to add a couple of comments. This was a particularly difficult decision for her because it was her old neighborhood. She also visited gaming facilities in the Village and stated that they were quiet, orderly and pleasant. She stated that she wants to support her old neighbors and she was originally going to vote "no", but she stated that she does believe in downtown Bartlett. She stated that having that building vacant for over a year is far more significant than putting a gaming establishment in there. That vacant building at some point in time is going to affect that neighborhood. She stated that she wanted to welcome businesses to the



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Village and was sure she was going to be voting “no” tonight, but she can’t in good consciousness turn away a legitimate business. Therefore she will be voting “yes”.

Trustee Hopkins stated that he also attended the Public Hearing and he just wanted to hear from the residents. He stated that he will also be voting “no”.

President Wallace stated that he spoke to Trustee Hopkins about the psychology of these meetings. When you go into these Public Hearings you can expect a conglomerate of votes on one side of an equation. They are all going to go with a like-minded sense of what they are going to be talking about and the odds of getting somebody on the other side that is a neighbor of those folks to stand up and say anything is very remote even if they don’t believe in what the other side is saying. When you’re in a position of leadership you have to understand that dynamic. It goes with some of the comments of listening to negatives and positives.

Trustee Carbonaro stated that he knocked on a lot of doors while campaigning and he lives on the DuPage County side. He shared a story and a conversation he had with a longtime resident who made him promise not to be a “piece of shit politician” before she signed his petition. He made a promise and he is listening to the taxpayers. He felt that the residents have spoken and he represents the residents. He will be voting “no”.

Trustee Deyne stated that he listened to the comments and everyone in their heart believes what they are doing is correct. Judging from the reactions of the Board he felt that he is personally disappointed with the vote that they are about to make this evening and in his heart he believes that this is just another slap in the face to businesses in the downtown area.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2015-87, GRANTING SPECIAL USE TO SERVE LIQUOR AND WINE AND OUTDOOR SEATING AT DANIELA’S

AYES: Trustees Arends, Deyne
NAYS: Trustees Camerer, Carbonaro, Hopkins, Reinke
ABSENT: None
MOTION FAILED

Trustee Reinke stated that Ordinance 2015-89, An Ordinance Amending the Planned Development for the Bluff City South Business Park Property, Rezoning the Property from SR-5 PUD to SR-4 PUD, Granting a Special Use for a Preliminary/Final Single Family PUD Plan and Approval of a Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plat for Bartlett Pointe West; Resolution 2015-90-R, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Public Improvements Completion Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Reliable Materials Corporation of Illinois for the Bartlett Pointe West Subdivision; Resolution 2015-91-R, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Public Improvements



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Completion Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Reliable Materials Corporation of Illinois for the South Business Park were covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

B. BUILDING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS

Trustee Hopkins stated that there was no report.

C. FINANCE & GOLF COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN DEYNE

Trustee Deyne presented the 2015 Estimated Property Tax Levy.

Finance Director Jeff Martynowicz stated that at the October 20 Committee meeting the Village Board discussed the proposed property tax levy. They have prepared the estimated property tax levy and he recapped the following: The total levy for 2015 which includes the general corporate fund, police pension and debt service totals \$9,265,478 and is a decrease of \$174,334 or 1.85% from the 2014 extension. This estimated levy must be established at least 20 days prior to the adoption of a final levy which is scheduled to be adopted on December 1. Therefore, the estimated levy must be established at this Board meeting or the adoption of the levy ordinance could not take place until the second meeting in December.

Trustee Carbonaro moved to Table this property tax levy until they bring back the discussion on the utility tax and the motion was seconded by Trustee Hopkins.

Trustee Deyne asked when that would be since there is a deadline.

Administrator Salmons stated that is correct but they always build in an extra couple of weeks on that schedule. While they may have to put it at the end of an agenda she thought they had the calendar flexibility to do that.

Trustee Deyne asked how much time staff would need. Can it be brought back at the next meeting?

Administrator Salmons stated that they would have to because they do have a timeframe. She stated that she has scheduled the discussion relative to the utility tax for the next Committee meeting and certainly they will be ready to do it then.

Trustee Deyne asked if they would have time after that discussion to act on this.

Administrator Salmons stated "yes" they would have to.

Trustee Arends stated that she didn't want to rush that discussion.



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President Wallace stated that he would prefer to have the utility tax discussion during budget time when it's properly discussed and have the EAV and tax levy discussion now.

Trustee Reinke asked if they decided on a change for the utility tax, would it affect the tax levy at all?

Administrator Salmons said that is up to the Board. If the tax levy is already passed it won't affect it at all. They have the ability now to move it up or down all they want - irrespective of the utility tax.

Attorney Mraz stated that they would have to vote on the motion to Table this item first.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO TABLE THE 2015 ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

AYES: Trustees Camerer, Carbonaro, Hopkins, Reinke

NAYS: Trustees Arends, Deyne

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

D. LICENSE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN ARENDS

Trustee Arends stated that the BAPS Amplifier Permit Request, BAPS Fireworks display Permit Request and the Tall Grass Open Burn Permit Request were covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

E. POLICE & HEALTH COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN CARBONARO

Trustee Carbonaro stated that there was no report.

F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN CAMERER

Trustee Camerer stated that Ordinance 2015-88, An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Internet Auction of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Bartlett was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Deyne stated that he has had some interest about a Community Garden in the Village and these people would grow vegetables. They would take what they wanted and split the rest evenly between Hanover Township food pantry and Wayne Township.



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He stated that everyone is talking about the utility tax and he wonders how are they going to generate revenue if they start doing this. They already lost the petitioner this evening that could have generated revenue with his gaming machines and this Board turned their back on him. He wondered if there was ever any consideration or thought of installing some red light cameras that could generate revenue. He wasn't sure if that was the direction they wanted to go.

Trustee Arends stated that to put up red light cameras to generate revenue is an absolute wrong reason.

Trustee Deyne stated that this would be for safety purposes and secondly for revenue.

Administrator Salmons stated that when red light cameras became a popular item years ago, they had some discussions about how that might work and how it would affect safety versus affecting revenue and the Board decided unanimously not to pursue it.

Trustee Deyne asked if it was dead?

Administrator Salmons stated that it was like Frankenstein and keeps coming back. This is a new Board.

President Wallace stated that they could do a straw poll on red light cameras but he didn't think he would have much luck.

Most of the Board agreed.

Trustee Hopkins stated that he would like to look at the information.

Trustee Carbonaro asked if the company got sued.

Administrator Salmons stated that the one in Chicago had issues but there are different companies that are operating in the suburban area.

Trustee Camerer stated that with respect to Trustee Deyne's question about a Community Garden it may actually be doable as opposed to the red light cameras. He asked if there was any open land that would be open for tilling.

Administrator Salmons stated that if there was land amongst the Public Works department they probably have it cordoned off because of the equipment. They looked at this a few years ago and identified while it wasn't public property, along the railroad area behind the Town Center. Part of it is Metra and part of it is Flextronics. Not only do you have to find an appropriate place to put it but you have to have a water source



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and it has to be big enough to be divided into multiple sections and hopefully not too close to a lot of neighbors.

President Wallace stated that perhaps it was an item they could discuss at Strategic Planning.

Trustee Reinke stated that they should figure out if they could gauge the public interest in something like that because it sounds like it would be labor-intensive for gardeners and a lot of people in town have their own gardens. Maybe it would work in some communities and maybe it wouldn't work here. He stated that he wouldn't even pretend to understand it.

Trustee Deyne stated that the people that approached him said they would take care of it and supervise it.

Trustee Hopkins stated that he would definitely like to look at the Public Notices and how they post them.

J. Plonczynski clarified that he was talking about not having them put up a generic sign for the public meeting input and instead make the petitioner make the sign.

Administrator Salmons stated that there is no difference in the content of the sign as she understood it.

J. Plonczynski stated that one of them is just generic and it states that there is a Public Notice where they can check the website or call. The other one had the date and time of the meeting.

Trustee Reinke stated that he thought they need to have some specificity. He understood that it costs them money to have a foam core sign made up but that is part of the zoning process.

14. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

President Wallace stated that he wanted to air out his opinion when they start bantering around with adjusting budgets and avoiding tax levies. He stated that they do a budgeting process once a year for a reason and it is to give consistency to the staff and what they do. They just went through an audit that shows that the staff is very professional and consistent in what they do. He was a little disappointed in the fact that they keep bringing up changes to things that were discussed a year ago when they planned for the entire year. His opinion was that they move on to a new budget season and tackle a new budget when the process comes up and not try to piecemeal these things together as we go.



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Trustee Carbonaro stated that the utility tax was on the dais before the tax levy and they haven't finished discussing that and it has a direct bearing on the tax levy vote. If they vote on this before they vote on the utility tax they will be locked in. In the process of due process they are going to discuss the utility tax because it was on the dais before the tax levy.

President Wallace stated that discussing either one of those changes could be really irresponsible with the State and how they are going to be handling things.

Trustee Hopkins stated that when they do discuss the tax levy again he would like to know what it would do to an average residential house to raise the levy \$1.7 million to make up for what the utility tax generates.

Trustee Deyne stated that he had concerns with the utility taxes and doing away with the gas tax and adding it onto the electric tax. His concern is for the businesses that they have in this community. They came in here and knew what the ground rules were and now they are potentially changing those ground rules. He stated that they just looked at a 270,000 ft. building going up in Brewster Creek as well as a 400,000 ft. building in Brewster Creek. He stated that you don't just walk into a plant and the lights flip on. You have equipment and generators that have to run as well as pumps. He could see again that they are trying to shift the burden onto business in this community and that is wrong. He wondered how it would affect the businesses in this community if they do something with the electric tax.

Administrator Salmons stated that one of the reasons that they have spent time looking at this is because the Board has asked staff to look at the potential impact on some selected businesses and they are doing that. Certainly, it is not the whole community but it will be some sampling and that is what they intend to bring.

Trustee Deyne stated that he is getting the feeling that everyone thinks businesses are wealthy. He stated when he had a business there were months when he couldn't make it and he was late on payments and had to do everything he possibly could to survive. That may not be the case with some of the businesses in Brewster Creek but he knew that was the case with some of the businesses in the downtown area. He does not believe the concept that some people have that every business owner is wealthy. He wanted to know what kind of impact that would have and felt that they needed more information on that.

Trustee Hopkins stated that it was more important that they look at the 42,000 residents that live in this town and not just look at business-business-business. Homeowners are struggling in Bartlett. He stated when reading the monthly report, the water department sent out over 1,000 disconnect notices. If they could do something as a Board to help the taxpayers reduce their electric and gas tax he would like to do it.



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President Wallace stated that everyone would like to do that Mr. Hopkins. You are just going to increase the EAV and the tax levy.

Trustee Reinke stated that this the reason we are waiting for the data at the next Board meeting. He assumed that they will have data for businesses as well as residents. Administrator Salmons stated that they will have some samples. They had to go back to utilities and tried to get some bills and understand where they come from. To the best of their ability they will have as much information as possible.

Trustee Deyne stated that they must be realistic and they can't continue to shift the burden on businesses. Someone has to convince him that there is another method of generating revenue so they don't have to shift this responsibility to the businesses in our community.

Trustee Carbonaro stated that when he is talking about shifting, if they reduce the utility tax do they do it just for the residents and not the businesses. They can't do that so there is no shifting. If they reduce the utility tax it is across the board.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Wallace stated that the Board will be going into the Committee of the Whole meeting immediately following the close of this meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Deyne moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting and that motion was seconded by Trustee Camerer.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

AYES: Trustees Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Lorna Gilles
Village Clerk

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