



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
June 4, 2019**

President Wallace called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairmen Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Gabrenya, Hopkins, and President Wallace

**ABSENT:** Chairman Reinke

**ALSO PRESENT:** Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Sr. Management Analyst Sam Hughes, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Planning & Development Services Director Roberta Grill, Director of Public Works Dan Dinges, Public Works Engineer Bob Allen, Management Analyst Tyler Isham, Building Director Brian Goralski, Grounds Superintendent Kevin DeRoo, Police Chief Patrick Ullrich, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

**PUBLIC WORKS, CHAIRMAN CAMERER**

**Contractor Brush Collection Discussion**

Chairman Camerer asked staff to summarize this discussion item.

Public Works Director Dan Dinges stated that the current program is through Groot. He stated that the garbage collector also picks up brush which must be bundled and this is one of the complaints that are received. They looked at a couple different options and prior to the waste contract being renewed, they talked to a couple of contractors that do brush collection for other communities. Below are the estimates between Kramer Tree Services and Trees-R-Us monthly and bi-monthly pick-ups:

**Brush Pickup Cost Comparison Chart\***

<b>Groot (Current Contractor/Waste Hauler)</b>		
<b>Number of Pickups/Month</b>	<b>Home Monthly Cost 2019</b>	<b>Home Annual Cost 2019</b>
Weekly	\$0.47	\$5.64
<b>Kramer Tree Services</b>		
1 Pick-up	\$2.27	\$27.24
2 Pick-ups	\$3.41	\$40.86
<b>Trees-R-Us**</b>		
1 Pick-Up	\$2.83	\$33.94

\*Have not received updated pricing from Kramer or Trees-R-Us yet

\*\*Trees-R-Us bid for 7-month program (April-Oct.)



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Brush would have to be brought out to the curb but could be unbundled. The brush must be kept away from hydrants and mailboxes because they use a large machine that grabs the brush, picks it up and throws it in the back of the truck to be hauled away.

They looked at having the public works crew do a two-time per year special pickup. They could do this, but what do the residents do the rest of the time? Are they going to use the bundle program? What type of brush will we have? When his crews were doing the brush pickup, they would do half of the town and it would take one week. He had a feeling that it would be much larger piles and the branches must be pulled and fed into the chipper and that is where most of the Worker's Comp. claims came from. This would take away from the work they are getting done on bike paths, concrete and asphalt work. He was trying to get a feel of what the board preferred.

President Wallace stated that he would be in favor of getting contractors. He thought they were out of the brush business and thought it would be a great idea to do some kind of subscription service. It is a limited number of people in town that do their own. He preferred for residents to deal directly with the contractor.

Mr. Dinges stated that he has contacted the contractors that do the landscape maintenance. They have said that they will give the residents preferred pricing and they have been referring residents to them. He stated that residents are getting creative and putting brush piles in open spaces where there are no houses to send illegal dumping letters to.

Chairman Camerer asked if there was any potential of the village picking up the brush and disposing of it off-site like the contractor does.

Mr. Dinges stated that they do not have the equipment and he thought it would be more cost-effective to hire the contractor.

Chairman Deyne asked about the number of injuries that we have had.

Mr. Dinges stated that they have had several injuries relating to brush.

President Wallace stated that in his opinion they should continue to provide names of contractors and if that seems to work, it would be best. He felt that they are experiencing the growing pains of change.

Chairman Hopkins stated that they will continue with Groot and continue to give names of contractors to the residents that don't want to bundle.

President Wallace asked them to try to get a ballpark price from these contractors and have a more definitive dollar amount to quote the residents when they call.



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Mr. Dinges stated that he will do that.

President Wallace stated that this was an extraordinary year for snow and rain which broke a lot of branches.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Deyne moved to adjourn the Committee meeting and that motion was seconded by Chairman Carbonaro.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN**

AYES: Chairmen Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Gabrenya, Hopkins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Chairman Reinke

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Lorna Giless  
Village Clerk