



VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
PUBLIC HEARING
December 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the Truth In Taxation Public Hearing to order on the above date at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke and President Wallace

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, Food & Beverage Manager Paul Petersen, Chief Kent Williams, Deputy Chief Joe Leonas, Village Clerk Lorna Giles and Village Attorney Bryan Mraz.

The Village Administrator, Valerie Salmons, announced that this was the public hearing for input on the proposed 2015 property tax levy for the Village of Bartlett for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016. She stated that the total proposed tax levy for this fiscal year is \$9,265,478. The General Corporate and Police Pension levy have decreased 2.03% from the 2014 tax extension. The Debt Service levy has decreased by 1.03%. In total, the proposed tax levy has decreased \$174,334 or 1.85% from the 2014 tax extension amount. The 2015 tax rates from Cook and DuPage County will be determined in the Spring of 2016 when both counties finalize their equalized assessed values (EAV). She stated that the tax levy ordinance will be presented to the Village Board on December 15, 2015 for final approval and the tax levy ordinance will be filed with each county clerk no later than December 19, 2015 as outlined in state law.

Trustee Camerer wanted to clarify that the newspaper ad for the proposed tax levy includes the wording "A Public Hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy **increase** for the Village of Bartlett..." and he wanted to clarify that this is legal verbiage and does not mean that there is an "increase" but an actual "decrease" to the proposed tax levy.

President Wallace asked for any questions from the Board members. There were none.

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President Wallace asked if there were any member of the public who desired to offer any written or verbal testimony on this subject. There were none.



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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Camerer and seconded by Trustee Carbonaro to close and adjourn the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

The public hearing was closed and adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Lorna Giles
Village Clerk



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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the regular meeting of December 1, 2015 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke and President Wallace

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, Food & Beverage Manager Paul Petersen, Chief Kent Williams, Deputy Chief Joe Leonas, Village Clerk Lorna Giles and Village Attorney Bryan Mraz.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Andy Doyle from Christ Community Church of Bartlett did the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Wallace announced that he wanted to move the Town Hall portion of the agenda in front of the President's Report. There was no objection from any of the Trustees.

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 Reinke stated that he would like to add item 1 under the Planning & Zoning Committee (Ordinance 2015-97, An Ordinance Amending the Bartlett Zoning Ordinance to Allow Four Foot High Fences in the Front and Corner Side Yards in the Residential Zoning Districts).



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Trustee Arends stated that she would prefer to discuss that. It was therefore not added to the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Deyne moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and all items contained therein, and that motion was seconded by Trustee Hopkins.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. MINUTES – Covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.
7. BILL LIST – Covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.
8. TREASURER’S REPORT - None
11. TOWN HALL

Gail Botthoff, 1426 Quincy Bridge Court

Ms. Botthoff submitted petitions from residents surrounding the area around the Chesterbrook School regarding the possible Bannerman’s Bar & Grill. She has not seen approval from the Board but she has heard hearsay that it has passed. It is causing a lot of concern for this school community as well as the residential community. She submitted petitions with 105 names (attached).

Michael Werden, 131 South Main Street

Mr. Werden spoke about the fence variation and stated that he has sat on the Zoning Board for the last 36 years and a lot of variations have come before them that could have easily been taken care of if they just adjusted the fence height. He is in favor of a 4 foot fence, especially if going along a sidewalk where you can’t tell if it is a person or a big dog. It is harder for people or animals to go over a 4 foot fence than a 3 foot fence. The residents wanting a higher fence is for the safety of their children or to keep their dog in. He felt that a 4 foot fence, especially in the side area is a lot more practical and he was glad to see this finally come to fruition.

9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Wallace presented a Proclamation for National Impaired Driving Prevention Month and declared the month of December as such.



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President Wallace presented a Proclamation to Congratulate the Bartlett High School Hawks Soccer Team on its Winning Season.

The Board took a short recess at 7:18 p.m. to have cake with the team and their coach.

The Board returned at 7:34 p.m.

10. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

President Wallace recognized the Bartlett Police Department. He recently attended an event with the Chief where they were honored with the CALEA certification award.

Chief Williams stated that they do a formal presentation to the Board when the actual award comes. They are honored and pleased to announce that they sent a cadre of representatives, including the mayor down to Miami for the international CALEA conference which stands for the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. He stated that approximately 3% of law enforcement agencies internationally are considered an accredited agency. Of that 3%, about 1% has received recognition of Accreditation with Excellence and they are honored to receive both. It is an arduous process and it was nice to do as well as they did. It is not only reflective of the police department, it is reflective of the entire staff and the Board and commitment of the Trustees and the entire community.

President Wallace stated that it was an impressive display of how Bartlett stacks up with other law enforcement agencies around the country. He stated to the Board that this town is in really, really good hands.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN REINKE

Trustee Reinke presented Ordinance 2015-97, An Ordinance Amending the Bartlett Zoning Ordinance to Allow Four Foot High Fences in the Front and Corner Side Yards in the Residential Zoning Districts.

Trustee Reinke moved to approve Ordinance 2015-97, An Ordinance Amending the Bartlett Zoning Ordinance to Allow Four Foot High Fences in the Front and Corner Side Yards in the Residential Zoning Districts as presented and was seconded by Trustee Deyne.

Trustee Arends stated that she had an objection to the 4 foot fence in the front of the houses. She asked the Board to imagine looking down a street and every single house has decided to put up a fence. She didn't think it was going to look good. She thought



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it would make the street look cavernous. She talked about Nerge Road in Roselle where all the houses have four foot fences on the backside because Nerge is heavily traveled. In addition, she didn't know why it was even brought up. There is an 84% approval rate for a four foot fence and 15 requests since 1990 and that is less than one request per year. Why are we changing this ordinance when it doesn't seem to be a problem? She will be voting unfavorably.

Trustee Hopkins asked how many people request a four foot fence that are rejected because it is too much paperwork?

J. Plonczynski stated that there were 18 requests for the four foot fence and a couple were denied. 83% of those 18 were approved. This change was initiated by the Zoning Board because people always ask for a bigger fence and the Village says "no". They do decide not to go through the variance process and end up with three footers. Residents usually ask for four, five or six foot fences in those areas. There have been many that decide that the variance process is not worth it and put up three foot fences.

President Wallace stated that he agreed with Trustee Arends as far as the aesthetics go. He also stated that he does not see very many front yard fences around town.

J. Plonczynski stated that it is not a regular thing but if you get a bunch of them in a row, they will look like Trustee Arends stated. There are a few in Amber Grove and sometimes they are not in the front yard but at the building line and side yards. This ordinance regulates the height throughout the front and side yard.

Trustee Camerer asked if the request for variances is not occurring that often?

J. Plonczynski stated that they have had 54 petitions since 1990.

Trustee Deyne stated that the Zoning Board put a great deal of effort into this and analyzing this. He agreed with the recommendation from the Zoning Board and is in favor of this. They see this on a regular basis. He has confidence in the efforts put into this and concurs with the Zoning Board.

Trustee Arends stated to Mr. Worden (President of the Zoning Board) that they did a fine job on this.



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ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2015-97 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALL FOUR FOOT FENCES IN FRONT AND CORNER SIDE YARDS

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

NAYS: Trustee Arends

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. BUILDING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS

Trustee Hopkins stated that there was no report.

C. FINANCE & GOLF COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN DEYNE

Trustee Deyne stated that there was no report.

D. LICENSE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN ARENDS

Trustee Arends stated that there was no report.

E. POLICE & HEALTH COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN CARBONARO

Trustee Carbonaro stated that there was no report.

F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN CAMERER

Trustee Camerer stated that Resolution 2015-98, A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 2 of the Non-Exclusive License Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Sprintcom, Inc. a Kansas Corporation, Successor in Interest to Smart SMR of Illinois, Inc, a Delaware Corporation, D/B/A Nextel Communications was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Camerer stated that a resident complained to him about her dog being taken by a coyote as well as her neighbor's dogs. The concern becomes with small children. These coyotes are jumping the fences and taking dogs. What would happen if there was a small child in the yard. Would this be a potential safety risk? There is not a policy and he was not sure what they could do. Could Cook or DuPage County come in and trap them humanely. He thought they needed some kind of policy.

V. Salmons stated that she would look into this.



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Chief Williams stated that Cook and DuPage County do not have trapping policies and they won't do it. They have done a lot of research across the country and a hazing is recommended and not trapping or killing the coyotes. They tend to be territorial and they are here just like raccoons and skunks. It is part of the community and hazing is always recommended. Coyotes are territorial and they breed to the population that is appropriate for the food source. Once you start trapping, another pack will move in. Trapping causes more coyotes because they are not as competitive. If you weaken one pack, another pack will move in to dominate the food source. It doubles the population. They have researched this over the years. Coyotes are sited often in the town because of the forest preserves. There have not been any reports of aggression towards humans, however, this is the time of year where you could lose a small dog because they are re-establishing territory and this is the breeding season. They tweet on this quite often and have put out public information.

Trustee Camerer asked if State policy supersedes County policy?

Chief Williams didn't think anyone from the State will trap in the towns but he would research that. Coyotes are fur bearers and you can get a trapping permit through the State but they tend to be in isolated areas.

Trustee Arends asked in what area these coyotes have been spotted.

Trustee Camerer said Devon and Prospect and Newport.

Chief Williams stated that they can research what other communities have done and report back to the Board.

Assistant to the Administrator Scott Skrycki stated that there is a nature center in town that they direct a lot of folks to. They have some good resources and tips for residents as well.

14. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES - None

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 Reinke moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting and that motion was seconded by Trustee Camerer.



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ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Lorna Gilles
Village Clerk
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