



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 16, 2021 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:25 p.m. and NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act as set forth in Senate Bill 2135 signed by Governor J.B. Pritzker on June 12, 2020, making it effective upon said signing (“SB 2135”), that the regular meeting of the Village President and Board of Village Trustees of the Village of Bartlett (the “Committee of the Whole”) scheduled to be held on February 16, 2021 at the Bartlett Municipal Building, 228 South Main Street, Bartlett, Illinois, may be conducted by audio or video conference without a physical quorum of the members of the Village Board present because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to a disaster, that being COVID-19 pandemic and the applicable restrictions imposed under various laws rules, restrictions, Executive Orders and/or announcements issued by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker and/or Ngozi O. Ezike MD, Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, including without limitation “Restore Illinois: A Public Health Approach to Safely Reopen Our State”, which currently limits gatherings to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the capacity of the meeting room as a public health measure.

PRESENT: Chairman Carbonaro, Deyne, Gandsey, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski, President Wallace

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Sr. Management Analyst Samuel Hughes, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Director of Public Works Dan Dinges, Planning & Development Director Roberta Grill, Building Director Brian Goralski, Head Golf Professional Phil Lenz, Police Chief Patrick Ullrich, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

BUILDING & ZONING, CHAIRMAN REINKE

Bartlett Fire Station Training Facility-Site Plan Amendment/Special Use Permit

Planning and Development Services Director Roberta Grill stated the Bartlett Fire District is requesting an amendment on their site plan for a proposed 2,880 sq.ft. fire training facility. This facility would be constructed from 12 shipping containers and located east of the fire station on West Bartlett Rd. The existing parking lot would be extended eastward where a new concrete pad would be constructed that would allow fire vehicles access to this structure. They are also requesting a special use permit to allow for the height of the training facility to exceed the maximum height requirement in this district. They are proposing a four-story building. Fire training events would take place 4-6 times a month



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with burn events taking place approximately 2-4 times per year. The smoke would not exceed the amount of smoke from a single-family residential fireplace.

Chairman Gandsey asked why we need a training facility in Bartlett with there being other facilities in surrounding communities.

Chief Gabrenya stated we do not have a training facility and the closest one is at Elgin Community College which takes about a half hour to get to. It costs \$50,000 a year in overtime just to send those crews twice a year for training. This would also give us a place to store ladders, practice rescues, stretching house lines through a big building, etc.

Chairman Gandsey asked how long this has been in the plans.

Chief Gabrenya stated that according to their strategic plan, this is a priority in the first 1-3 years.

Chairman Gandsey asked about the referendum 2 years ago.

Chief Gabrenya stated that over the last two years, they have managed to get \$650,000 in grants. It's not just something that is coming out of reserves, they have a lot of different avenues to cover the costs.

Chairman Suwanski asked to repeat where the \$650,000 was from.

Chief Gabrenya stated it was from grants. They have a good grant writer.

Chairman Reinke asked about the smoke generated.

Chief Gabrenya stated they are regulated on how much smoke they can produce and they typically use hay or wood. Hay produces a good white smoke and all the doors and windows are closed up tight so they can't see and can practice.

Chairman Reinke asked if cargo containers were cheaper then masonry.

Chief Gabrenya stated they are about a third the cost of masonry.

Ms. Grill stated that the fire department came to them asking about developments and staff informed them that there are some potential developments in the 3-4 floor range which is why they are requesting this height.

Chief Gabrenya stated that there are balconies on the third and fourth floor to practice. There will also be a roof simulator so they can practice on roofs.



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President Wallace asked how much it costs.

Chief Gabrenya stated a building like this cost \$250,000 to \$300,000 and they have avenues that they can pursue to fund it.

President Wallace asked if this will make us safer.

Chief Gabrenya stated it would be far because we do not have a place to train more than twice a year.

Chairman Hopkins asked if other departments will be using this facility.

Chief Gabrenya stated they have not talked to the other districts about that yet.

Chairman Suwanski confirmed that the Carol Stream location cannot be used right now and Streamwood does not have a building to practice at.

Chief Gabrenya stated that was correct.

Chairman Suwanski asked if there was a problem with getting into the old Streamwood location and Carol Stream location when those facilities were open.

Chief Gabrenya stated that Streamwood has not used their facility in a long time because of concerns with the building they had there. The Carol Stream building is an older building, he can't answer questions about having an issue getting in there because they only went there twice per year.

The item was forwarded on to the Plan Commission for the appropriate Public Hearing.

FINANCE & GOLF, CHAIRMAN DEYNE
2021-2022 Proposed Budget Review Presentation

Finance Director Todd Dowden presented the proposed 2021-2022 operating budget.

(see attached)

(During the presentation and at the end, the following questions and comments were made)

President Wallace asked how the use tax was distributed vs. the new way sales tax would be distributed.



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Mr. Dowden stated that use tax is all put in a pot and spread per capita. They are going to try to distribute sales tax based on where items are shipped to now.

Ms. Schumacher stated that in general, there are a lot of things uncertain at the state and local levels, which will be affecting the budget. We have made out estimates conservative so we can hedge our bets and mitigate some of that uncertainty.

Mr. Dowden stated that the sewer rate increase was not implemented in 2020 and it will be put off one more year. We will need to increase it in FY 2023 and FY 2024 when we need to start paying back the loans.

Chairman Gandsey asked if the next rate increases were going to be significantly higher because we skipped those years.

Mr. Dowden stated we did not want to increase the rates as the pandemic was hitting last year. This year we are not raising them because the IEPA loans are coming due a little later than expected, so we have the fund balance to cover. He thinks they could be ramped up a little more gently if it is done this year as well, but our thinking was we wouldn't raise rates during the pandemic. The ordinance to raise rates will come to you this summer, even though the rate increase won't be effective until May of 2022.

Ms. Schumacher stated they typically try to do smaller increases more often vs. some other towns that keep rates the same for 5 years then have a large increase.

Chairman Deyne moved to adjourn and that motion was seconded by Chairman Gandsey.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

AYES: Chairmen Carbonaro, Deyne, Gandsey, Hopkins, Reinke and Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Samuel Hughes
Deputy Village Clerk