



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 18, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski

ABSENT: President Wallace

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

FINANCE & GOLF, CHAIRMAN DEYNE
Video Gaming Terminal License Update

Management Analyst Joey Dienberg stated staff was asked to look at what we charge in comparison to other communities for a terminal fee. Currently, we are charging \$250 per machine for the first year and \$500 per machine every year after that. That is charged only to the establishment and the terminal operator is not charged anything at this time. In your packet, there is a chart that lists out everyone who responded to our survey and the various charges they have. They are all over the board as far as what communities are charging. There are ones that are \$25 that are not home rule and are not able to change those fees and it goes up to \$1,000 for some of the largest ones. The village has the authority to mandate that the terminal operators be responsible for paying a portion of those fees as part of the operator license to reduce the burden on our local businesses. Based on all of this information in the survey, staff is recommending that we raise the fee per machine to \$1,000, split between the terminal operator and the restaurant. The terminal operator fee is proposed to be \$750 and the restaurant fee would be reduced to \$250. Currently under state law the terminal operators and the establishment split 65% of the total revenue brought in by all of those machines, about 32.5% each and the village receives 5% of the total revenue.

Chairman Suwanski asked if we or the business establishments were going to see pushback on this.

Mr. Dienberg stated he did not think so because many terminal operators were already paying the fees for the establishment. Other communities are charging similar fees as well.



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Chairman Suwanski confirmed that this was an annual fee.

Mr. Dienberg stated it was an annual fee per machine.

Chairman Gandsey asked when it would start.

Mr. Dienberg stated next May, 2022. It would also apply to any new establishments that come in after this has passed.

Village Administrator Schumacher stated it won't be this license cycle, but the next one, so they will have plenty of time to prepare.

Chairman Gunsteen asked if they all renewed at the exact same time.

Mr. Dienberg stated they all renew at the start of the fiscal year.

Chairman Gunsteen asked how the terminal operators would be billed.

Mr. Dienberg stated they would be invoiced.

Chairman Reinke confirmed that the establishment would not get the license unless the terminal operator paid first.

Chairman Gunsteen stated he wants to make sure this doesn't hurt the establishments in Bartlett if the terminal operator does not pay.

Mr. Dienberg stated that staff spoke with the Illinois Gaming Board and they confirmed that the bill could go to the terminal operators, so a Bartlett business would not have it on their bill, it would be sent to the terminal operator.

Chairman Gunsteen asked if the terminal operator did not pay on time, would the business operator still get their license.

Mr. Dienberg stated he believed that was accurate. If there was a major issue with not paying, the machines may not be turned on, but they can still open.

Chairman Suwanski asked if a business that starts up half way through the year gets a prorated rate.

Mr. Dienberg stated that they charged them the full price of the license.

Chairman Suwanski asked if a business started in November and the license renews again in May, would it be prorated for that first year.



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Ms. Schumacher stated there is already a reduced cost the first year of gaming terminal fees. It is not prorated, just like a liquor license.

President Tempore Deyne stated this will be forwarded to the village board for a final vote.

Chairman Reinke moved to adjourn the meeting and that motion was seconded by Chairman Gunsteen.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

AYES: Chairman Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: President Wallace

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Sam Hughes
Deputy Village Clerk