



VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES
October 31, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the Special meeting of October 31, 2021 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 10:00 a.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 Special meeting of the Village President and Board of Village Trustees of the Village of Bartlett (the "Village Board") scheduled to be held on October 31, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. 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 calls for mask restrictions as a public health measure.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski and President Wallace

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

3. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES - None

4. TOWN HALL - None

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BUILDING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS

Trustee Hopkins stated that there was no report.



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B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GANDSEY

Trustee Gandsey stated that there was no report.

C. FINANCE & GOLF COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN DEYNE

Trustee Deyne had audio issues so President Wallace stated that on October 28, the General Assembly passed HB 3136, which is the gaming omnibus legislation. HB 3136 passed both chambers and will be sent to Governor JB Pritzker who will probably sign it.

Trustee Suwanski stated that the legislation preempts home rule communities from imposing a video gaming push tax after October 31, 2021. A home rule community wanting to adopt a push tax before the deadline must pass an ordinance no later than October 31, 2021 ("before November 1, 2021"). Home rule communities that have adopted or do adopt a push tax "before November 1, 2021," are allowed to maintain their push tax, but may not extend, expand or increase the tax after that date.

In response to this state legislation, it is recommended that the Village approve this ordinance imposing a "push tax" using home rule authority and authority under the Illinois Municipal Code to tax amusements in order to preserve its right to enact the tax.

The tax is imposed on the individual playing a video gaming terminal at the rate of \$0.01 (one cent) per play. The "push tax" is not imposed on the sale price or gross receipts, and the cost of the tax may be passed to the player by the terminal operator.

One way to increase operating revenue for municipalities without cutting into mandated state revenue, is the push tax. With the tax being imposed on the individual playing a video gaming terminal at the rate of \$0.01 (one cent) per play. Our estimate for potential revenue from a push tax for Bartlett is up to \$360,000/yr. Our terminal fees are not impacted by this legislation.

Trustee Suwanski moved to approve Ordinance 2021-95, an Ordinance Amending Title 3 of the Bartlett Municipal Code to Add New Chapter 35, Municipal Amusement Tax and that motion was seconded by Trustee Reinke.

Trustee Gandsey asked how they got the potential revenue number.

Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated that staff took the total amount of money wagered in 2019, and divided it by an average bet of \$1.60 to find our total number of pushes and then multiplied that by 0.01 (one penny).



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Mayor Wallace stated that it is something that we are opting in for but not applying right now.

Ms. Schumacher stated that it would go into effect in January. That gives them a little time to see what happens with the lawsuit with Oak Lawn. They have done this in the past with a tax that was challenged, they track how much is collected and it would be easy to rebate.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2021-95 AMENDING TITLE 3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE T ADD NEW CHAPTER 35, MUNICIPAL AMUSEMENT TAX

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

D. LICENSE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GUNSTEEN

Trustee Gunsteen stated that there was no report.

E. POLICE & HEALTH COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN SUWANSKI

Trustee Suwanski stated that there was no report.

F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN REINKE

Trustee Reinke stated that there was no report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Schumacher stated that this meeting is being held via Zoom according to the special provisions under the governor's emergency order and she and Scott Skrycki are present in the Village Hall.

7. QUESTION/ANSWER PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES – None



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8. ADJOURN

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

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Lorna Gilless
Village Clerk