

# CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 16, 2021 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- <u>PRESENT:</u> Chairmen Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski President Wallace
- ABSENT: None

<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Economic Development Coordinator Tony Fradin, Sr. Management Analyst Sam Hughes, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Planning & Development Director Roberta Grill, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Public Works Director Dan Dinges, Public Works Engineer Bob Allen, Grounds Superintendent Matt Giermak, Chief Patrick Ullrich, Deputy Chief Geoff Pretkelis, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giless.

### <u>COMMUNITY & ECONMIC DEVELOPMENT, CHAIRMAN GANDSEY</u> Hoelterhoff Nursery BEDA Application

Chairman Gandsey introduced the agenda item that requests partial funding for new signage. She stated staff recommends a \$2,873.90 grant based on the proposed \$5,747.84 to be spent at Bartlett based, Mark Your Space to upgrade the signs. This request appeared before the Economic Development Commission at its October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at which time they recommended in favor of the grant. She asked if there are any other BEDA grants coming up.

Economic Development Coordinator Tony Fradin stated there are a number of restaurant projects we are working with now and we anticipate them coming in early 2022. We have only had two grants come in so far this year that have amounted to \$3,000 total.

This item was forwarded on to the next Village Board meeting for a vote.

#### **BUILDING & ZONING, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS** Bartlett Automotive Mall

Chairman Hopkins stated there are two items on the agenda, first item is the Bartlett Auto Mall. The petitioner is requesting a preliminary and final PUD plan to allow two car



dealerships and a parking lot for storage of vehicles on a separate parking lot for the dealership.

Planning and Development Services Director, Roberta Grill stated the petitioner is here tonight requesting a preliminary and final PUD plan for the west and east parcels to allow two car dealerships on the West parcel and parking and storage of new and pre-owned vehicles on the East parcel for the proposed dealerships. The petitioner is also requesting Text Amendments to add "off-site parking and storage of new and pre-owned vehicles for motor vehicle dealerships" to the list of Special Uses in the B-3 Neighborhood Shopping and B-4 Community Shopping Districts. The petitioner is requesting to rezone the 6.2 acre west parcel to the B-3 PUD and a Planned Unit Development to allow two possible buildings on one zoning lot. The petitioner is also requesting a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to allow two principal buildings on one zoning lot. The PUD Plan for this site identifies a 55,000-sq.ft. Hyundai dealership and an 18,000 sq.ft. Genesis dealership. The Hyundai building will also include a car wash that would be utilized by both facilities. The maximum height of the Hyundai building is 34-feet and the Genesis building is 19-feet 3inches. The location of the two existing full access curb cuts on W. Lake Street will not change. Lake Street is under the jurisdiction of IDOT and the plans have been submitted to IDOT for their review. The parking area on the south side of the buildings will be surrounded with a 6-foot tall black vinyl clad chain link fence. A cement block dumpster enclosure with wood gates is proposed in this parking area and will be shared by both dealerships. The petitioner is requesting Special Use Permits to allow (a) a planned unit development, (b) automobile and truck sales, (c) automobile repair, (d) a car wash and (e) the building height to exceed 25'. There is a 14' wide landscape buffer provided on the west side of the property. The petitioner is proposing to reimburse the three (3) residential property owners to the west the cost (not to exceed \$25,000 total) of installing additional landscaping on their property to screen the parking area. Along the south side, the petitioner has also agreed to install a double row of 8-ft. tall evergreen trees in the buffer between the parking area and the residential lots to the south. Staff has also asked that shields be added to the lights in the back parking lot to help direct the light straight down.

The petitioner is requesting to rezone the 10.66 acres located at the southwest corner of Route 59 and Lake Street from the ER-1 Estate Residence Zoning District to the B-3 PUD Neighborhood Shopping Zoning District. The PUD Plan identifies 891 spaces for parking and storage of new and used vehicles associated with the two dealerships on the West parcel. The parking and storage lot proposes full access curb cuts on Horizon Drive and the Lake Street frontage road. The lot would be enclosed with a 6-foot tall chain link fence and each curb cut would be gated. Special Use Permits are being requested to (a) allow the off-site parking and storage of new and pre-owned vehicles on the East parcel for the motor vehicle dealerships proposed on the West parcel and (b) fill 0.09 acres of wetlands. Patrons test driving and employees transporting vehicles between the two sites will utilize the frontage road, Lake Street and the Route 59 access ramps. Traffic will be prohibited



from utilizing Horizon Drive and Spaulding Road through the residential neighborhood. Vehicles going from the east parcel to the west parcel will utilize the ramps to enter Rt. 59 and then take the westbound ramp to Rt. 20 and enter the dealership by crossing the crossable median. Staff is currently reviewing the engineering, landscape and photometric plans for the east and west parcels.

Chairman Suwanski asked where the car wash was.

John Swork with DDC Architects stated the car wash is internal in the rear of the Hyundai dealership.

Chairman Suwanski asked if there were any used cars there and where the three neighbors are that were impacted.

Mr. Swork stated there are no used cars.

Ms. Grill stated they are along the west side. Staff is working with the petitioner on a buffer. Originally it came in at 5 feet and has been enlarged to 14 feet. They are providing money to offer to the owners to the west to install additional landscaping to help buffer the property from the parking lot.

Mr. Hopkins stated he thought 14 feet was more than adequate. He thanked the petitioner for their project submission.

Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated that to make the timing work for the dealership and the agreements they have, we will have a Special Meeting after the Plan Commission Meeting Hearing, but before the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chairman Hopkins asked when it will go to the board for a vote.

Ms. Schumacher stated it would be at the Special Meeting.

#### Downtown Overlay District Parking Requirement

Last month, the board asked staff to provide some background information and data for discussion focusing on the minimum parking requirements that we currently utilize in the downtown overlay district. In the packet is a memo from Leslie Oberholtzer from Codemetrics who managed our overlay district process. Another memo attached is from our traffic consultant Lynn Means, who provided additional data to back up the 1.25 parking space requirement.

Chairman Gandsey asked if we have heard from Metra about their ridership.



Ms. Schumacher stated the latest information from Metra is that they are at 30% of their ridership.

Chairman Suwanski stated she is excited for the apartment to be built downtown so we can do another analysis to see how it affects parking downtown.

Chairman Reinke asked how the apartment project is coming.

Ms. Grill stated that staff has been in contact with them. We have to get the plat of consolidation recorded, we are waiting on the covenant agreement to get revised and engineering.

Chairman Deyne stated he has heard there are a lot of delays for construction. He asked if staff has heard anything like that on this project.

Ms. Grill stated not on this project, but there is a lot of underground he has to do on this project before he can begin.

#### FINANCE & GOLF, CHAIRMAN DEYNE 2022-26 Proposed Capital Improvement Program

Finance Director Todd Dowden stated he would turn this over to Public Works Director Dan Dinges to discuss upcoming projects in the operating and other projects underway.

Mr. Dinges started with this years projects. The MFT Maintenance Program was completed today, they still have to complete the corrective asphalt treatment and stripping which they hope to complete the following week. The contractor for the Wastewater Treatment Plant is looking to break ground the week of December 6<sup>th</sup> and gets some footings in before winter hits hard.

# <u>Water</u>

Mr. Dinges began the summary on water projects for 2022-2023. Staff will continue with the water main replacement program and water tower paintings. The Stearns Road pump station project is going out to bid shortly. Staff also changed the meter change out program. We received some refreshed numbers and its looking like the number is larger thn we anticipated, so we are looking to do about \$1 million dollars per year over a 6 year period. We are looking to install the antennas upfront on the automatic meter reads and we would keep installing meters as we go, so the more we install, the less driving around we have to do. We will start driving around neighborhoods and start chipping away at it.

Chairman Hopkins stated when he was at IML, there were many companies touting their meters so he asked if the board could be briefed on what meters staff wants to install.



Mr. Dinges stated yes.

Chairman Hopkins we also talked about possibly using the bonds for the waste water treatment project to accelerate our water meter replacement program. One reason he thought that would be a good idea was because in 2024-2025, we have the lead service replacement program scheduled and it would be good to go into the homes and replace the meters so we can see if they have lead service lines. Right now we are just relying on home owners to fill out a survey that they might not participate in. He thought it was imperative that we get on the water meter change out program soon so we do not lose out on IEPA loans that we could have for the lead service replacement.

Mr. Dinges stated that they were looking at the current because then you do not have to run two systems for 6 years. There are multiple meter companies and we can bring those companies in for a presentation in front of the board. As far as the lead service replacement program, there are timing issues on it and there are several things municipalities are doing. We are fortunate because we believe we are in the 200-250 range on homes with lead services. We have it shown in the 2024-2025 right now and that would be part of a loan program since there is a lot of money available right now for infrastructure programs and lead service replacement. For a while the IEPA was doing a loan forgiveness program that might be available. We have a few options, the first would be to take out a loan and knock it out in a year. The second is that by law we will have to do at least 7% per year. We could look at a total of about 250 and do roughly 20 per year and spread it out over a long period. One of the first steps to get a loan is to put together a project plan that staff has already started working on. Staff needs feedback from the board on if we want to go the loan route. We can also go through the process and get in line and not take the loan if we do not want to. He paired the loan with a water tower project because you are able to do that and the loan process is long and very tedious. The other big question staff has is if the village wants to pay the full amount or ask the residents to pay a portion of it. Currently, we have a 50/50 program. We are talking about \$10-\$12,000 per service with about 250 services. Before Covid-19, our staff was making appointments with residents to have our staff go out and verify the lead service lines because we are required to by law. We are planning to do that again, but staff plan was to identify the lead service lines and then replace the water meters at the same time so we only have to bother the residents once.

Chairman Hopkins asked what we have seen from other municipalities as far as the IEPA loan forgiveness.

Mr. Dinges stated that was happening early on, but they stopped it and its all going through the revolving loan program. Whether they will have loan forgiveness on top of it, would likely get down to need and Bartlett might not qualify.



Chairman Suwanksi asked about our lead service replacement program.

Mr. Dinges stated we have a 50/50 program right now and we had one home replace their service last year.

Chairman Hopkins asked how many have been identified. About half of them have been identified as either galvanized or lead. We were doing pretty good getting in and doing the scratch test before Covid-19, but many people haven't wanted us in their homes.

Chairman Gandsey asked if lead in the water affects you other than drinking it.

Mr. Dinges stated its mainly about drinking the water and making food with it.

Chairman Gunsteen confirmed that the water main replacement is about \$10,000 per home.

Mr. Dinges stated it was around \$10,000-\$12,000. If we want to get these done, we would probably get more cooperation if the village pays 100%.

Chairman Gandsey asked what happens if they do not want the pipe replaced even if you pay 100%.

Mr. Dinges stated they have to sign a waiver saying they have been offered and they are refusing. They will have to disclose that information when selling the house.

Mr. Hopkins thought using the meter change out program to help us survey the houses that have lead services, will give us real numbers on how many services we have. And we can get the \$2,600,000 number for lead service replacement confirmed. I know we are spreading the meter change out over some years, but he thought we should find funding to pay for it sooner so we can identify the lead services and get those changed out as quickly as we can.

Ms. Schumacher stated lead service removal was specifically noted for Illinois ARP money so we will likely use some of that money for that.

Mr. Dinges stated we have \$1 million budgeted for 2022-2023 for meter change outs. He asked if Mr. Hopkins wanted to have all the meters changed out next year.

Chairman Hopkins stated we need to figure out cost, where to get the funds from, how many meters are realistic to change out in a year and what company we are going with so there are a lot of variables, but there definitely should be some discussion.

Chairman Reinke asked how we are figuring out who has lead services.



Mr. Dinges stated we are calling and setting up 15-minute appointments with the residents to go check their service.

President Wallace asked when we would know the number of houses with lead service.

Mr. Dinges stated that it will take time.

Chairman Gunsteen asked if we can coordinate those appointments through our permit system so they can schedule ties that work for them instead of calling.

Mr. Dinges stated it is possible.

Ms. Schumacher stated we might be able to use something like what we use for HR to schedule appointments.

Chairman Hopkins asked if we plan to take the water tower on Oneida down.

Mr. Dinges stated the plan based on the strategic plan is to remove it.

Chairman Hopkins asked if it is being used.

Mr. Dinges stated it was and the plan is to have it taken down in 2024-2025. We are also looking to add a new water tower that same year. The Oneida tower is 500,000 gallons. Based off our water study, it said we would need 1 million gallons of storage so we planned to build a tower to include that 500,000 gallons from Oneida. The ideal place is the Kent Circle towers location. We would take that tower down and include that extra storage as well. It is not being utilized because the manufacturer did an inspection on it about 8 years ago and said it was not worth fixing because it had rusted out.

Chairman Hopkins asked how big the Kent Circle Tower was and what we anticipated putting there.

Mr. Dinges stated its 125,000 gallons and it would be replaced with a 1,500,000-gallon water tower. As a reserve, we have land by the fire station.

Chairman Hopkins asked how the water pressure will be affected by houses near Oneida.

Mr. Dinges stated the Oneida tower is shorter so it is a limiting factor for water pressure. The new tower would be the same height as our others so pressure should increase slightly. It would be modeled to make sure nothing would go wrong either.

#### <u>Sewer</u>



We are in conversation with MWRD about excess flow so we should get resolution for that before moving forward with the force main project. We also have our lift station projects which is rehabbing our lift stations. One of those is the Herrick House lift station, it also includes replacing the force main. We have been converting all of the dry pit lift stations into submersible, making it safer for everyone that has to maintain them.

Chairman Hopkins asked when staff anticipated moving the Devon Excess Flow Plant.

Mr. Dinges stated we can move it to any date we need. It's going to depend on what we can get from MWRD.

Chairman Hopkins sated one of the big reasons we haven't started was because of price increases.

Mr. Dinges stated that engineering is pretty much completed, we are just getting pricing on pvc vs. ductile iron. The price is still in the \$8.7 million range. The lead times are long, so that might affect pricing for the contractors, but we would give them plenty of time so they do not have to worry about lead times.

Chairman Hopkins stated he thought we definitely need to take the bond money and use it for another project. Right now we are paying interest on a bond we are not using. The residents cannot afford this project and when staff puts up the side by side comparison with other Cook County communities, Bartlett pays two times as much. When you factor in the DuPage side, Bartlett Cook County pays three times what they pay. We need to go to the IEPA and tell them we can't afford it, we are taxing our residents to death and it is not feasible. If the IEPA wants to give us grant money, we would be more than happy to do the project. This project should be eliminated form the budget until we get a grant.

Ms. Schumacher stated we need to wait for a response from MWRD because if the volume they take changes, then our bond money changes and she cautioned against spending that bond money until we have a chance to evaluate it.

Chairman Hopkins stated bond rates are at 2.5% and right now, our bonds are 5% interest rate.

Mr. Dowden stated the bonds are sold at a premium and the coupons on the bonds are at 5%. The total actual interest rate is 2.79%.

Chairman Hopkins asked if that's what we are paying this year.



Mr. Dowden stated that is the cost for the life of the bonds. The coupons on the bonds are 5%, but we were given additional funding in the beginning to pay that interest back. We issued \$7.8 million in bonds and we received \$8.5 million dollars.

President Wallace stated the easiest way to explain it is that we took out a loan and the interest is 2.8%, completely.

Chairman Hopkins stated he is not talking about the interest rate completely, because we refinance bonds all of the time, what did we pay last year.

President Wallace stated it was probably negative last year since we get paid a premium on the bond.

Mr. Dowden stated we received over \$700,000 in a premium which reduces the cost over the life of the bond.

Chairman Hopkins asked what the total dollar amount Cook County residents paid last year for this bond.

Mr. Dowden stated that Cook County received all the proceeds and then we started to pay back. We pay \$555,000 per year.

Chairman Hopkins stated we are spending money on a project we are not doing right now and may not for another 4-5 years.

Mr. Dowden stated if you spend this money on something else then need to borrow money, then we will have more bond payments.

Chairman Hopkins stated this project alone is not feasible. He would rather pay a fine to the IEPA then pay for this project. The plant only goes online 10 times per year, it is not feasible to do this project. Our Cook County residents are paying double Cook County towns are paying.

Mr. Dowden stated right now they are paying about \$20 per month for an average of 6,000 gallons per month. That would go up to \$30 per month.

Chairman Hopkins stated some residents pay over \$1,000 per year in property taxes for MWRD as well.

Mr. Dowden stated if their house is \$900,000 they would pay around \$1,000 per month and around \$200-\$250 if they are in the \$200,000-\$300,000-dollar house range.

President Wallace stated we have talked about this until we are blue in the face.



Chairman Hopkins stated this current board has not voted on it.

President Wallace stated this board approved the project.

Chairman Hopkins stated this current board did not. This has been going on for 3 years.

President Wallace stated we have to wait for MWRD, lets move along.

Chairman Hopkins asked if we would push it out until 2025-2026.

Ms. Schumacher stated she anticipated getting an answer from MWRD shortly. She suggested pushing it out one year and going from there.

Chairman Hopkins asked when this capital budget was going to go to the board for a vote.

Ms. Schumacher stated she suggested pushing the \$8 million to 2023-2024 and bring it back for a vote.

Mr. Dowden stated you only vote on the current year that will be going into the operating budget.

Chairman Gandsey clarified that if MWRD comes back saying they will take the excess flow then we do not need to worry about that \$8 million project.

Mr. Dinges stated yes that would be the ideal situation and then we can use those funds to go towards another project for waste water.

Chairman Suwanski clarified that we talked about changing out the water meters and whether we were going to cost share with that or not, but need to get solid numbers before doing so. She asked if that would be a part of the 2022-2023 plan we are voting on before we have solid numbers.

Mr. Dinges stated the meter program has \$1 million for FY 2023 and the bulk of that would be setting up the antenna system to read meters around the village, but a portion of that would be switching out meters.

#### <u>Streets</u>

Right now the Rt. 59 and West Bartlett Road intersection is due for a March letting. Hopefully that stays on track and they bid it in March for construction to start in Spring/Summer. Our cost is just lighting up the intersection and use MFT funds for that. The other intersection is Rt. 25 which is being resurfaced. It was on the schedule a year



or two ago, but cut it because their numbers were high, but they are not going back to it. Our portion would cover the emergency vehicle preemption and we are hoping to get the crosswalk and pedestrian signals as part of that.

President Wallace asked if they are making any other improvements to that crossing.

Mr. Dinges stated not right now. We want to get the right turn lane- west to north, but that is not in the hopper now.

President Wallace stated that turn lane is really needed.

Mr. Dinges stated staff has been working with the park district on bike paths. The park district has a grant to work on the bike path from Stearns to the library entrance. We are looking to split with them, the library entrance up to the horse farm. We would be looking to upgrade it from a 6-foot path to an 8-foot path since it is highly used. Our crews also did a pilot program and paved a 500-foot section of bike path south of Ruzicka park. We are looking to continue that northward now. The South Bartlett path is too narrow for our machine and has some slopes so we are leaving that for a contractor.

Mr. Dinges stated the in year 2023-2024 we have Ruzicka lot proposed to be resurfaced. It is a big lumber, but that is because when you resurface you have to put in curbs, storm sewers, lighting, etc. This is a big-ticket item, but we have brought it up in the past and wanted to get more direction. We can use MFT funds because it is a private lot. That could be a good point to see if the park district wants it at that point.

Chairman Deyne stated they do not want it.

Ms. Schumacher stated they do not want it in the condition it is currently in, but if the parking lot was improved... we just did the fence there and the roof on the concession stand, it would probably be in the best shape its been in.

Chairman Deyne asked if \$900,000 was a good estimate.

Mr. Dinges stated it was close to \$700,000 a few years ago.

Chairman Hopkins asked how many cars park there and how many could park when we are done.

Mr. Dinges stated the benefit of getting it done would be that it would be stripped and right now people park wherever, and if you don't park right you are losing space.

Chairman Hopkins stated that he wanted to make sure if we spend that much money, that the parking will be sufficient.



Mr. Dinges stated it was maxed out to fit as many parking spots inside that gravel area that is currently there.

Chairman Hopkins stated that he remembers there being an issue with it being in a ComEd easement and they have the right to rip it up if needed.

Mr. Dinges stated that is a possibility. And we would have to submit plans to ComEd and they would have to approve it.

Moving forward, we were able to get a grant from Metra to improve the look around either side of the tracks. Bartlett Avenue needs pavement and we are hoping to do this project in coordination with our road program and do Bartlett Ave at the same time so we can renew the whole stretch from Western to Eastern.

Chairman Hopkins stated he wants to make sure the all the roads are repaved and resurfaced to bring it up to par when the TIF ends.

Mr. Dowden stated we issued another \$3,000,000 to finish the buildout.

Chairman Hopkins stated he's thinking of existing infrastructure like roads, sidewalks and lighting. There are streets lights that are not working over there.

Mr. Dinges stated that he doesn't think there are enough funds to resurface all of those roads, the developer is using a lot of that for finishing off the development.

# Golf

Mr. Devne stated we have \$20,000 for irrigation systems. He has received lots of compliments nice the new grounds superintendent took over and now we are starting to do something really unique, we are letting areas become natural.

Matt Giermak stated that we are letting areas that golfers do not hit into, become natural areas for grasses, trees, weeds, etc. The \$20,000 is for the design for the whole property irrigation system. The irrigation system was installed in 1999 out of PVC and it has a life expectancy of roughly 25 years, depending on weather and how you maintain it. It is coming to the end of its lifespan, so we are preparing for that.

Mr. Hopkins asked how it is being funded.

Mr. Dowden stated we have not determined a funding source yet.

# Other



Mr. Dings stated we completed the West Bartlett/Devon drainage swells. Under the storm water system improvements, we have a couple of items. For next year, we have an Oneida pond improvement to help that pond filter water through. You will also see the Country Creek stream banks stabilization project. The houses this affects have about a 15 foot drop off behind their back yards and there is a lot of erosion going on. The hard part is that the residents own until the center of the creek. It's a big erosion problem with fences, sheds, trees, etc. all falling in and it's a big-ticket item for homeowners to try to improve. We would look for grant funding, but ultimately, we would look to the board to see if there is any cost share that we are going to ask for. If the village does the project, we would need to get easements from the homeowners which I don't see as being a problem. It is a big-ticket item, but that is just an estimate we received. It would likely be fixed with a tiered wall system.

Chairman Deyne asked if a sea wall is a possibility.

Mr. Dinges stated if we are looking at grants we will probably need to do a more ecofriendly project with stones and the like.

Chairman Hopkins asked how many homes were affected.

Mr. Dinges stated he didn't have the exact number.

Chairman Hopkins asked if there were any other homes in Bartlett like this.

Mr. Dinges stated there is erosion up and down Country Creek, but nothing to this extent.

Chairman Hopkins asked if we will be able to get grant money for it.

Mr. Dinges stated we would be looking to get grant money to help.

Chairman Reinke asked if there are any issues with the flow.

Mr. Dinges stated that we get a lot of calls about trying to stabilize their bank, but if a tree has fallen in for example, we will clear it out to help reduce further erosion.

Chairman Reinke asked where it drains.

Mr. Dinges stated it goes to the west branch of the DuPage river.

Mr. Dowden stated we can take the \$8 million out for the Devon excess flow project and what we would be proposing to bring for the capital budget this year is \$28,733,530.



The board agreed to move forward with that plan.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

AYES:Chairman Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, SuwanskiNAYS:NoneABSENT:NoneMOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Samuel Hughes Deputy Village Clerk