



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 4, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 4, 2022 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chairmen Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski
President Wallace

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Planning & Development Director Roberta Grill, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Public Works Engineer Bob Allen, Grounds Superintendent Matt Giermak, Deputy Chief Geoff Pretkelis, Deputy Chief Jim Durbin, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giless.

BUILDING & ZONING, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS
Combine Plan and ZBA Commissions

Chairman Hopkins stated that in November of 2017, the Village Board discussed the topic of a combined Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Commission. The combined commission would hear zoning, special use, subdivisions, variances and text amendments. The municipality has the authority to combine the two commissions. The consideration of a single commission would be to improve efficiency of the development process and not a condition of the quality of work done by the commissioners. Staff is recommending 9 members for the new commission which would require 5 for a quorum. This is for discussion purposes only.

Chairman Gandsey asked how much faster the process would be for a petitioner.

Ms. Grill stated it would probably reduce it by a month.

President Wallace stated that if a petitioner has to go to two meetings, you have to bring your attorney and architect to two meetings and an extra hour or two of their time.

Chairman Reinke stated he has been before commissions, not our villages commissions, but others where the ZBA and Plan Commission get confused because they only have limited authority over part of the project and not the whole thing. He fully supports it.



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Chairman Gunsteen stated that we had combined the two commissions in a special meeting recently and he thought it went well.

Chairman Deyne stated that when it was first discussed he was against combining them, but given the amount of time that's passed he has had time to talk with staff and the commissioners and would support it.

Chairman Suwanski stated she supported anything that contributed to efficiency. She asked if we have two separate commissions and a project requires each of them, how much does this limit public input.

Ms. Grill stated the public participates in both meetings and this would not limit it at all. We would still have a public hearing.

Chairman Suwanski asked if we get a lot of participation from the public and if we have discussed it with commission members.

Ms. Grill stated it depends on the project and we have discussed it with the commissions. They were generally favorable.

President Wallace discussed combining the two with the chairman of the ZBA and Plan Commission about a year ago. We have been talking about this for a couple of years now and from multiple discussions with many commission members, they are realizing that this is way more commonplace than having two separate entities.

Chairman Gunsteen stated he thought it would save staff a lot of time not having to prepare for two meetings and two sets of documents, etc. then bringing it to the board level.

Ms. Grill stated that you have seen the preliminary step of the Wheaton Eye Clinic and it has to go to the Zoning Board next week and then the Plan Commission the following week. If we didn't have the second meeting, we could get it on the next Committee Meeting.

Chairman Hopkins asked what the time line is.

Attorney Mraz stated he has a draft of the ordinance already, he just needs to make a few modifications.

Ms. Schumacher stated our plan is to bring back a text amendment at the next board meeting, then send it off to the ZBA for the public meeting that is required for a text amendment. It is scheduled to come back to board March 1 for a vote.



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POLICE & HEALTH, CHAIRMAN SUWANSKI

Revisions to Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Rules and Regulations

Chief Ullrich stated that during our last promotional process, we found that there were a few things with the language in the rules that pertained to preference points that needed to be cleaned up. We discussed projected staffing challenges a couple of years ago and the need for lateral hiring. Some of the revisions we are looking to make will satisfy some of that. Staff worked with the Fire and Police Commissions council, Jim Powers, as well as Attorney Mraz and we are proposing some changes to Chapter 2 of the Commissions Rules which are applications, Chapter 3 titled Examinations and Chapter 4 titled Proportional Examinations. Chapter 2 and chapter 3 haven't been revised since September of 1995 and chapter 4 hasn't been revised since April 2007. Some of the language deviates from the Illinois Municipal Code regarding police hiring's and promotional processes. In some of those cases, the change itself-necessitates the need for home rule authority. In other cases, some of the wording requires the exercise of home rule authority. At the recommendation of both attorneys, staff recommends invoking a blanket exercise of home rule authority that will apply to all three chapters. Deputy Chief Pretkelis did a good job of highlighting some of the changes, as well as some of the changes that require the exercise of home rule authority in each of the chapters. If there are any questions pertaining to those, we can try to address those for you.

The item was forwarded on to the Village Board for a vote.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

AYES: Chairmen Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Samuel Hughes
Deputy Village Clerk