



VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
BOARD MINUTES
March 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the regular meeting of March 1, 2022 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey (via Zoom), Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski and President Wallace

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Human Resources Director Janelle Terrance, Sr. Management Analyst Sam Hughes, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Assistant Finance Director Matt Coulter, Public Works Director Dan Dinges, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Public Works Engineer Bob Allen, Planning & Development Director Roberta Grill, Head Golf Professional Phil Lenz, Chief Patrick Ullrich, Deputy Chief Jim Durbin, Deputy Chief Geoff Pretkelis, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

2. INVOCATION – Father Curt Lambert, St. Peter Damian Catholic Church gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CONSENT AGENDA

President Wallace stated that all items marked with an asterisk on the Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. He further stated that there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which event, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered at the appropriate point on the Agenda. He asked if there were any items a Board member wished to remove from the Consent Agenda, or any items a Board member wished to add to the Consent Agenda.

There were no additions or subtractions to the Consent Agenda.

President Wallace then recited each item that was on the Consent Agenda, including the nature of the matters being considered and other information to inform the public of



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matters being voted upon. He then stated that he would entertain a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda, and the items designated to be approved by consent therein.

Trustee Deyne moved to Approve the Consent Agenda and that motion was seconded by Trustee Suwanski.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS THEREIN

AYES: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey (via Zoom), Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. MINUTES – Covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.
6. BILL LIST – Covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.
7. TREASURER’S REPORT - None
8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Wallace stated that the Board was dressed in blue and yellow to honor those fallen Ukrainians. They had a moment of silence.

President Wallace read a Proclamation for Bartlett Fire Protection District & Public Works Recognition.

Trustee Jim McCarthy from the Bartlett Fire Protection District stated that on behalf of the Trustees and the Bartlett Fire Protection District, he thanked them for their kind words regarding the Access building fire. Serving one’s community is rewarding but at times can be a challenge. He is proud to say that with the help of the village, police department, public works, Hanover Township Emergency Services and all the outside fire departments and numerous relief agencies., we endured this challenge and we won! He addressed Chief Ullrich and Public Works Director Dan Dinges and wanted to let them know how grateful they were for all of their people and all of their support. He heard numerous times from Chief Gabrenya how grateful they were that police and public works were there for them. It will take a couple months to gather the data on this fire and once they do, they will share it. He stated that this was the most significant fire in the district’s history. Both from a size, duration, and also an agency involvement perspective. He was sure that



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they all hope it is a record that is never broken. There are three important takeaways, no one was hurt, training is vitally important and inter-agency cooperation lends itself to more successful outcomes.

9. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

Trustee Deyne recognized staff birthdays and anniversaries.

He took a moment to recognize Bartlett Hills who received, for the fourth straight year in a row, the prestigious “Best of Wedding Knot Award”. This award is recognized by knot.com and is an accomplishment of excellence in the wedding industry. It is only achieved by receiving 10+ four-star reviews per year. They have also maintained their status in the “Knot Hall of Fame”. Congratulations to Bartlett Hills, the staff of Paul Peterson, Evan Blum and Laura Stojanovich as well as Dustin Brooks.

Trustee Stephanie Gandsey thanked Bill Johnson from public works who let her accompany him in the snowplow. It was wonderful to see the coordination we have in our village to keep our roads safe after a snowstorm.

10. TOWN HALL – None

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BUILDING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS

Trustee Hopkins stated that Ordinance 2022-14, an Ordinance Approving a Site Plan Amendment and Granting a Variation for Wheaton Eye Clinic was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GANDSEY

Trustee Gandsey stated that the Banbury Fair BEDA Application was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

C. FINANCE & GOLF COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN DEYNE

Trustee Deyne presented Resolution 2022-12-R, a Resolution Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement Forming the Stop CPKC Coalition and Sharing Costs to Represent the Common Interests of the Parties Related to the Merger of the Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern Railroads.



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Trustee Deyne stated that the Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern Railroads have filed an application with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) seeking authorization for a merger. CP and KCS are both Class I railroads, which are the largest freight railroads. The merger is considered an “end-to end” merger because their networks do not overlap and the joining of the railroads would create a single railroad connection between Canada and Mexico.

It is estimated that if the merger is approved, freight traffic on the Milwaukee District West rail line would increase by more than 300% in the first three years. For Bartlett that would mean an additional 8 freight trains per day.

As you know, we have had meetings with representatives from Canadian Pacific, but jointly with the other impacted communities and with just our Bartlett team. In those meetings we have raised our concerns regarding, the increase to noise and vibration the trains will cause, the increased safety concerns relative to additional train traffic and hazardous materials transportation, emergency response impact, interference with commuter access and our TOD development plans in our downtown.

The communities along the Milwaukee District West rail line have joined together in a coalition, the “Stop CPKC Coalition”, to prevent this merger as proposed and represent our common interests regarding the merger pending before the STB. The agreement before the board for consideration is to share the expected costs related to investigating, evaluating, communicating and representing the coalition’s interests equally with the member communities, Itasca, Wood Dale, Roselle, Bensenville, Elgin, Hanover Park and Schaumburg. The costs for legal, technical, communications consultants to advise and if necessary testify before the STB in support of our shared interests will be coordinated by the Village of Itasca. I would recommend having a not to exceed limit of \$100,000 at this time.

Trustee Deyne moved to approve Resolution 2022-12-R, a Resolution Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement Forming the Stop CPKC Coalition and Sharing Costs to Represent the Common Interests of the Parties Related to the Merger of the Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern Railroads and that motion was seconded by Trustee Reinke.

President Wallace wanted to recognize Trustee Reinke for his recent attendance at the last meeting with CP and other mayors stated that he did a great job representing our cause. This is a necessary evil that the village needs to battle.

Trustee Deyne thanked him for the efforts he put forth in representing our village.



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Trustee Reinke stated that he wanted to recognize the work that the staff has put in. The amount of time and effort with the Spaulding yard as well as the railroad issues. A lot of people take it for granted because Bartlett is a railroad town. He stated that Mr. Skrycki and Ms. Schumacher do an excellent job.

Trustee Gandsey asked what kind of timeframe are they looking at with this.

President Wallace stated that it will be over the next two years of pre-requited inquiries and meetings. It is not just trying to stop the event from happening, which will not be good for any of these villages along the rail line. Railroads have a lot of power so in anticipation of it actually getting approved, it's trying to figure out the best mitigation (walls, etc. or anything they can get out of the railroad to mitigate noise).

Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated that the coalition just submitted their comments to the Surface Transportation Board (STB). Last week the STB came out with the scope of the environmental impact study so there will be a series of opportunities for us to provide testimony through that study and throughout this evaluation period. For the merger, they do not have a hard timeline as to when the STB will be making a decision but they will keep communications with CP and KCS and through the coalition to continue to oppose the merger as presented to the STB.

Trustee Suwanski asked if there is any type of history whether these types of oppositions succeed.

Ms. Schumacher stated that it is not a great track record. Their most recent experience is the purchase of the EJ&E line by CN. They were part of the coalition to prevent that sale. It did go through but because of the pressure put on them by the coalition, they came to the table and took the communities concerns seriously about the impact that merger would have. It brought real mitigations and funds to the table for those communities and we were part of that.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-12-R, APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FORMING STOP CPKC COALITION, SHARING COSTS RELATED TO MERGER OF CANADIAN PACIFIC AND KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILROADS

AYES: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey (via Zoom), Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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D. LICENSE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GUNSTEEN

Trustee Gunsteen stated that O'Hare's Pub Special Event Class J Liquor License request was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

E. POLICE & HEALTH COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN SUWANSKI

Trustee Suwanski stated that Resolution 2022-15-R, a Resolution Approving of the Janitorial Services Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Multisystem Management Company was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN REINKE

Trustee Reinke presented Resolution 2022-13-R, a Resolution Approving of the Contract for the Oneida Basin Improvements Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Nettle Creek Nursery, Inc.

The project includes earth excavation and grading, tree and plant removal, clearing vegetation and trees and various plantings, seeding and all the other collateral work such as restoration of the basin. These improvements are necessary for the required stormwater detention volume associated with the Bittersweet Water Reclamation facility rehab that we are not able to accommodate on the Bittersweet site. This is an off-site stormwater facility.

Trustee Reinke moved to approve Resolution 2022-13-R, a Resolution Approving of the Contract for the Oneida Basin Improvements Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Nettle Creek Nursery, Inc. and that motion was seconded by Trustee Deyne.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION 2022-13-R, APPROVING CONTRACT FOR ONEIDA BASIN IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT WITH NETTLE CREEK NURSERY, INC.

AYES: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey (via Zoom), Gunsteen, Hopkins, Reinke, Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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12. NEW BUSINESS - None



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13. QUESTION/ANSWER PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

Trustee Reinke stated that he was not aware that public works helped fuel the fire trucks. He asked what they did.

Public Works Director Dan Dinges stated that they have a truck that has a 50-gallon diesel tank on the back and they were able to bring it back and forth to fill up the fire trucks as needed.

President Wallace stated that it was a horrible tragedy but they did speak to Access and shared our grief for the loss of the business. They also discussed the retribution of what the cost of the water was that was used to put out the fire. He asked staff to follow up.

Trustee Suwanski asked if a certain amount is the cost of doing business. How does the cost of the water come back to the village.

Ms. Schumacher stated that the fire code prevents them from charging for their services for a structural fire. They are in the process of collecting all of our costs. We do not have that restriction. We can present the bill to the company. They are also looking at reimbursing from the TIF and then chasing the insurance and corporate money. While the State Fire Marshall makes the declaration whether there was arson or criminal activity, it is the insurance company that determines the source and cause of the fire. They are in the investigation portion of that and we are responding to a number of FOIA requests for information, video from the police department that they are spending hours on redacting information. They are in that investigatory process and we will continue to work with whoever we can to recoup those funds.

Trustee Hopkins asked if they knew the dollar amount of the water used.

Mr. Dinges stated 9-10 million gallons of water was used.

14. ADJOURN

President Wallace stated that the board will adjourn and there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting immediately following.

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



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ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

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NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Lorna Giless
Village Clerk