



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**July 5, 2022**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the regular meeting of July 5, 2022 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Human Resources Director Janelle Terrance, Sr. Management Analyst Sam Hughes, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Director of Public Works Dan Dinges, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Interim Planning & Development Director Kristy Stone, Food & Beverage Manager Paul Petersen, Deputy Chief Geoff Pretkelis, Deputy Chief Jim Durbin, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

3. INVOCATION – Pastor Jim DiPalma from Encounter Church gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. 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 changes 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 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.



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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

President Wallace congratulated the Fourth of July Committee on an excellent event. He had many compliments on the organization and entertainment. He thanked the police department for the traffic control, park district for letting them use the property, Lions Club for an organized parade. He asked for a moment of silence for the victims and families in the Highland Park parade shooting.

Trustee Deyne dittoed his remarks on the Fourth of July Committee and stated that he has attended them for many years. This was one of the best ones in his memories. He announced employee birthdays and anniversaries as well as commissioners.

Village Administrator Paula Schumacher thanked the public works department for setting up the barricades, cleaning out the trucks and making sure that "operation candy throw" goes without a hitch.

Trustee Gunsteen stated that staff did a great job representing the village and he thanked them.

**10. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES**

Trustee Gandsey referenced the Highland Park shooting and noted that there were videos of the shooter on-line beforehand. What can Bartlett residents do if they see something on-line.



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Police Chief Patrick Ullrich stated that if you see something suspicious and you feel uncomfortable, alert the local police department so they can look into it.

Ms. Schumacher stated that Highland Park also did a public service announcement today on that topic and said that alerting the platform that you see it on is also an important step.

Trustee Suwanski stated that her and Trustee Gandsey attended one of the police and fire response trainings and she found it very enlightening and there was a lot of good information. She thanked them for what they do.

#### 11. TOWN HALL

**Peter Spizzirri, 413 Blue Heron Circle**

Mr. Spizzirri stated that he is the Vice President of the Bartlett Raiders. They had concern about the parking lot at Ruzicka Park. It is starting to digress year after year and is drawing safety concerns. From a safety perspective it puts everyone at risk including board members and the community. Outside of the physical appearance, it does not look inviting or pretty for new residents. They are requesting that the village expedites these improvements for the parking lot. They are growing at a rapid pace and have almost doubled their organization in the last five years. The parking lot is always full and the overflow is affecting the surrounding streets.

Ms. Schumacher stated that they have this parking lot in the capital budget to be resurfaced. This is an expensive repair with drainage and resurfacing issues.

Mr. Spizzirri asked if it also included the front area by concessions. The Raiders have paved it yearly and it can no longer be paved.

Public Works Director Dan Dinges stated that it is a total rebuild (pavement, curb, drainage, lighting) and would include the concession area. He believed it was in next year's budget.

Mr. Spizzirri stated that they are part of a contract with baseball and Little League. Both boards are extremely passionate but they are struggling with working together. They need help and have outgrown the space. The fields are not in good condition. They spent thousands of dollars to Bartlett Raiders with money from a not-for-profit, getting the fields. From a safety perspective, they are losing cheerleaders because the sidelines are not safe. They have gone to Little League and have had meetings and quite frankly, it's becoming very hostile and is not good for our communities. They have exhausted everything they could do as the Raiders. He has no interest on either side except to see



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that this experience gets better. They need help on getting a little bigger portion of that field that is unused. They don't maintain the field because they don't use it enough. The Raiders have spent over twenty thousand dollars on equipment, rebuilt the entire path with brick pavers as well as concessions. They can't afford to stay now when the other organization is causing animosity that none of them want to deal with.

President Wallace stated that about 4 or 5 years ago they had a meeting with all parties involved and that helped somewhat. He would be glad to have another meeting and get both sides together to agree on what we are going to do.

Ms. Schumacher stated that the village has helped out with the roof on the concession stand and it is not a problem to ask for help.

President Wallace stated that they will try to get a meeting set up in the next couple of weeks.

**Brent Kizer, 1565 Wood Creek Trail**

Mr. Kizer stated that he is the Co-Chairmen of the Fourth of July Committee. He thanked the people in the village, Park District, and Officer Rybaski. He stated that the police and fire department were outstandingly helpful in getting them through Monday and the weather and various other concerns. He wanted everyone in this village to know how much they attributed to making this a successful Fourth of July.

**12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. BUILDING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS**

Trustee Hopkins stated that there was no report.

**B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GANDSEY**

Trustee Gandsey stated that there was no report.

**C. FINANCE & GOLF COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN DEYNE**

Trustee Deyne stated Resolution 2022-60-R, a Resolution Approving of Disbursement Request for Payout No. 31 from the Subordinate Lien Tax Increment Revenue Note, Series 2016 for the Elmhurst Chicago Stone Bartlett Quarry Redevelopment Project was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.



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**D. LICENSE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GUNSTEEN**

Trustee Gunsteen stated that the Hanover Township Class D Liquor License Request was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

**E. POLICE & HEALTH COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN SUWANSKI**

Trustee Suwanski stated that Resolution 2022-61-R, a Resolution Approving of the Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and School District U-46 Providing for a School Resource Officer; Resolution 2022-62-R, a Resolution Approving of the Reciprocal Reporting Memorandum of Understanding Between School District U-46 and the Village of Bartlett were covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

**F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN REINKE**

Trustee Reinke stated that there was no report.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Reinke stated that with a heavy heart he had to tell the board that his family is moving out of town. It was not part of their plan but life has a way of throwing tough decisions at you and he is not one to shy away from a tough decision. They made a decision that is best for his family. He stated that it was a tremendous honor to serve the Bartlett community for the past nine years and he will miss everyone. There is an excellent staff and wonderful elected officials and he hoped they never hesitate or deviate from the goal of bettering the community. It has been a tremendous honor to participate and he was thankful for the opportunity. It was truly a highlight of his life. He will still be active in the community and will still be with the Lions and the Chamber and his wife is not relocating her business.

President Wallace thanked him for his nine years of very devoted service.

**14. QUESTION/ANSWER PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES**

Trustee Gunsteen stated that he appreciated the Raiders coming over here today. He also shared the same passion to find common ground with the Little League and Raiders boards. He would happily be involved with conversations to get this resolved. He can passionately say that his kids played at both fields and the competition is tough and he would hate to lose kids to other towns. If they can better the experience by coming up with a schedule, it would help in the long term for the growth of our town.



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15. ADJOURN

President Wallace stated that the Board will adjourn and there will not be a Committee of the Whole meeting since there are no agenda items. There will be an Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Pursuant to Section 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Deyne 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 7:21 p.m.

Lorna Giless  
Village Clerk