



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 20, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

President Pro Temp Deyne called the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 20, 2022 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chairmen Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, LaPorte, Suwanski

ABSENT: President Wallace

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Public Works Director Dan Dinges, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Planning & Development Director Kristy Stone, Grounds Superintendent Matt Giermak, Police Chief Geoff Pretkelis, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

BUILDING & ZONING, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS
Southwind Business Park Lot 3 Resubdivision

Chairman Hopkins introduced the item.

There were no questions and the item was forwarded on to the Village Board for a final vote.

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Planning and Development Services Director Kristy Stone stated that although the petitioner is requesting a reduction around the perimeter landscaping around the building, they are putting in additional shrubs and trees along Rt. 25 to help minimize the residential impact on the residents of South Elgin that live across from Rt. 25. They exceed our zoning requirements for that.

Trustee Suwanski asked about the residential in Bartlett.

Ms. Stone stated they are to the west of the homes in Bartlett and there will be another building in between them and the homes eventually.

Chairman Hopkins asked what prompted them to add extra evergreens.



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Ms. Stone stated they were told that because they are requesting a variation that it sometimes is a hard sell to our Planning and Zoning Commission, so if we can make it up another way it would be a little more palatable.

**PUBLIC WORKS, CHAIRMAN LAPORTE
Water Meter Replacement Program**

Chairman LaPorte introduced the item.

Public Works Director Dan Dinges stated that we currently have Neptune water meters, so we looked at that first since we have had good success with our current meters. We also talked to Badger and Sensus which are the top three most common meters. We got a proposal from Sensus, but they were closer to \$4.6 million. Our neighbors have said they are good meters, but they are more money. We narrowed our scope to Badger and Neptune. We have Neptune meters that we have been replacing and we will not have to throw those away if we go with Neptune. If we look back at the meters we have replaced over the past 5 years, we would save about \$300,000 by not getting rid of those if we went with Neptune. Badger is a cellular system which is a little lower cost upfront, vs. Neptune, but if we start looking at the monthly fee, those monthly fees really add up. When you compare Neptune over 10 years, you're at about \$6.3 million and you are about \$7.3 million with Badger. Over ten years, its not clear if it will be cellular or if the radios will be here still, but it has been working well for us, so staff is recommending Neptune.

Chairman Gandsey asked how a resident checks their water usage.

Mr. Dinges stated you will have a log in online where you can see water usage for a month, a day, or set it up for alerts that something is leaking. Public Works will also get those alerts.

Chairman Hopkins asked if this will help us go paperless with the water bills. He would rather just get an email about it and it could be a cost savings. He thinks we need to move in that direction.

Chairman Gunsteen asked how the cellular or the transmitter is hooked up. There will be certain homeowners that will not want that in their house and will they be able to deny us from putting it in.

Mr. Dinges stated no, right now there is a separate transmitter that goes with the meter. Right now, we would like to put that transmitter on the outside of the house, because it reads a lot better. If we get residents that do not want it to go on the outside, it can go inside the basement, but they won't have an option to not have one.

Chairman Gunsteen asked what the timeline is.



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Mr. Dinges stated we spread it out over 5 years because of the cost. That is another factor in a transition when you are trying to run two systems the whole time. Staying with Neptune makes it simple.

Chairman Gunsteen asked if they would be installing the meters or would public works.

Mr. Dinges stated the price includes them installing it, but our crews will also assist to reduce the cost. We are also getting prices from other plumbers we have worked with to see how much they would charge. The next step would be bringing a contract to purchase the meters and then installation of those as well.

Chairman LaPorte stated there are some people that will not want their bill online, so the option to do both would be preferable.

Chairman Hopkins stated he does not want another committee meeting, but he does want to see the different options for the meters. He wants to be able to see what options each has.

Mr. Dowden stated we do have an option to go paperless.

Chairman Gandsey stated what if you are automatically opted out and you have to opt in, in order to get a bill.

Mr. Dowden stated we do not have a lot of emails for people so we would not be able to do that for everyone.

Chairman Suwanski asked if anything can be done remotely if you get an alert that your water is running.

Mr. Dinges stated we would not be able to turn them off, it would just be a notification.

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President Pro Temp Deyne moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and that motion was seconded by Chairman Gunsteen.



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ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

AYES: Chairmen Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, LaPorte, Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Samuel Hughes
Deputy Village Clerk