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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the regular meeting of February 21, 2023 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, LaPorte (via Zoom) Suwanski and President Wallace

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Economic Development Coordinator Tony Fradin, Sr. Management Analyst Samuel Hughes, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Public Works Director Dan Dinges, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Public Works Engineer Bob Allen, Planning and Development Director Kristy Stone, Food and Beverage Manager Paul Petersen, Police Chief Geoff Pretkelis, Deputy Chief Will Naydenoff, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giless.

3. INVOCATION – Pastor Dean Annen from Village Church of Bartlett 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 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, Gunsteen, Hopkins, LaPorte, 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

Mr. Dowden stated that the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December is included in the packet, as well as the sales tax report. We received \$316,040 just about \$2,000 from the prior year. As far as MFT tax, we received \$160,435 that was up about \$7,000 from the previous year so picking up a little bit. We have also included the income tax from the LGDF fund, showing that we received \$4,490,000 at the reduced just over 6%.

9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. National Night Out Presentation

Chief Pretkelis stated that tonight is a special occasion. It is the presentation of the National Night Out Award, and the Crime Prevention team will take it away.

Sergeant Greg Milos stated Bartlett’s National Night Out was once again a huge success. In our category, we took 1st place out of 22 cities nationwide for the second straight year. This achievement was a community effort. What is great about National Night Out is that it allows us to continue to foster invaluable partnerships with the residents, businesses, and organizations in the community.

The community showed up in record numbers to all of our National Night Out events, including our Dog Walker Watch Summer Social, the Touch-A-Truck and Car Seat Event,



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our Family Fun Night, over 18 different block parties, the Family Golf Event, and of course the grand finale of Picnic in the Park!

The Bartlett Police Department would like to thank the Village Board of Trustees and Mayor Wallace for your continued support and generosity in organizing this successful event that impacts our community on such an elite level.

It would not be complete without a special thanks to the village administration, Bartlett Park District, Bartlett Fire Protection District, Bartlett Hills Golf Club, and all of our volunteers & vendors who made this event possible and unlike any other town around us.

Lastly, I thank our Crime Prevention team, Officers Vicky Anderson and Tracey Dendinger. They truly worked tirelessly all year round to make sure each family had a fantastic experience at NNO. It is their hard work and dedication that continues to carry on this tradition, in which we all see the community come together in solidarity. These officers are the masterminds behind the scenes, and they truly represent the Bartlett Way.

Believe it or not, this was our 29th National Night Out event for Bartlett. The big 30 is coming up soon! Our next National Night Out will kick off on July 15th with the annual Touch-A-Truck and Car Seat event and will end on August 1st with our epic Picnic in the Park. We hope to see you all there as we hope to achieve a 3-peat like the Chicago Bulls of the 90s!

B. Recognition of Girl Scouts Silver and Bronze Awards

President Wallace stated on behalf of the Village of Bartlett, I send my sincere congratulations to the following young ladies who worked hard to make a difference in our community.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, Troop 1132

These girls are in the 8th grade and recently completed their Silver Award.

This award is second in the progression of projects eventually leading to the Gold Award which they have the option to earn as a high-schooler. The Gold Award is similar to Eagle Scout ranking for Boy Scouts.

For the Silver Project, these girls had to work together as a team and put in 50 hours towards a project to better their community in an area they are passionate about.



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The first group of 3 girls chose the topic of animal shelters. They planned and hosted an event for younger Girl Scouts in our area to teach them about animals in shelters. They made tug toys and dog treats to donate. They also hosted a donation drive and partnered with Walmart to host a booth and asked patrons for donations. They also volunteered at the animal shelter themselves. These ladies are Claire Robinson, Katie Salzwedel and Sophia Ambriz.

The second group of 4 girls chose the topic of foster children. They partnered with a local foster closet and researched their needs and came up with ways they could help. They worked with the Bartlett Library to organize a donation drive. They worked with the Student Council at Eastview Middle School and got approval to host a donation drive at their school. They assisted the foster closet with organizing and sorting donations. They also worked a booth at Walmart to spread the word about how foster children need our help and collected donations there. Lastly, they are just wrapping up a donation drive at the Carol Stream Library. Their resilience, dedication, and passion for their cause is inspiring. These ladies are Rachel Cropper, Isabella Nelson, Aarushi Mehta and Adelaide Wheeler.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, Troop 1994

These girls are in the 6th grade and recently completed their Bronze Award.

This award is the first in the progression of projects eventually leading to the Gold Award.

For the Bronze Project, these girls had to work together as a team and put in 20 hours towards a project to better their community in an area they are passionate about. They worked with their elementary school and put on a supply drive. They created a video sharing how Jared Boxes help kids in hospitals and hosted a donation drive. They sorted and created Jared Boxes and delivered them to a local hospital. These ladies are Quinn Salzwedel and Molly Paulsen.

President Wallace congratulated everyone and invited everyone up for a group photo.

C. Appointments to the Economic Development Commission and Planning & Zoning Commission

With the advice and consent of the Village Board, I appoint Bruce Suffern to a 1-year term on the Economic Development Commission beginning March 21, 2023 and ending March 21, 2024



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Trustee Deyne Motion to Concur to the Appointment of Bruce Suffern to the Economic Development Commission for a 1-Year Term. Seconded by Trustee Gunsteen.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT BRUCE SUFFERN TO A ONE YEAR TERM TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

President Wallace stated that with the advice and consent of the Village Board, I appoint John Batterman to a 2-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission beginning March 21, 2023 and ending March 21, 2025

Trustee Deyne motioned to Concur to the Appointment of John Batterman to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 2-Year Term. Seconded by Trustee Gandsey.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT JOHN BATTERMAN TO A 2-YEAR TERM ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

D. Re-Appointments to Bike and Run Plan Advisory Committee and Economic Development Commission

Kevin Wallace stated with the advice and consent of the Village Board, I re-appoint Barry Krall to serve a two-year term on the Bike and Run Advisory Committee beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2025

Trustee Deyne motioned to Concur to the re-appointment of Barry Krall to serve a two-year term on the Bike and Run Advisory Committee beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Gunsteen.



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ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT BARRY KRALL TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM ON THE BIKE AND RUN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

President Wallace stated with the advice and consent of the Village Board, I re-appoint Dan Palmer to serve a three-year term on the Bike and Run Advisory Committee beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2026

Trustee Suwanski motioned to Concur to the re-appointment of Dan Palmer to serve a three-year term on the Bike and Run Advisory Committee beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Hopkins.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT DAN PALMER TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE BIKE AND RUN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

With the advice and consent of the Village Board, I re-appoint John Goetz to serve a three-year term on the Bike and Run Advisory Committee beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2026

Trustee Deyne motioned to Concur to the re-appointment of John Goetz to serve a three-year term on the Bike and Run Advisory Committee beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Hopkins.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT JOHN GOETZ TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE BIKE AND RUN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

With the advice and consent of the Village Board, I re-appoint Adam Lewensky to serve a two-year term on the Economic Development Commission beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2025



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Trustee Deyne motioned to Concur to the re-appointment of Adam Lewensky to serve a two-year term on the Economic Development Commission beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Gandsey

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT ADAM LEWENSKY TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

President Wallace stated with the advice and consent of the Village Board, I re-appoint Kirsten Erickson to serve a three-year term on the Economic Development Commission beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2026

Trustee Deyne motioned to Concur to the re-appointment of Kirsten Erickson to serve a three-year term on the Economic Development Commission beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Gunsteen.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT KIRSTEN ERICKSON TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

With the advice and consent of the Village Board, I re-appoint Gerald Kubaszko to serve a three-year term on the Economic Development Commission beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2026

Trustee Suwanski motioned to Concur to the re-appointment of Gerald Kubaszko to serve a three-year term on the Economic Development Commission beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Gandsey.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT GERALD KUBASZKO TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED



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President Wallace stated with the advice and consent of the Village Board, I re-appoint Robert Perri to serve a three-year term on the Economic Development Commission beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2026.

Trustee Deyne motioned to Concur to the re-appointment of Robert Perri to serve a three-year term on the Economic Development Commission beginning February 21, 2023 and expiring February 21, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Hopkins.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT ROBERT PERRI TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

10. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

Trustee Deyne stated that he served as a Trustee and on the Plan Commission for a good number of years, and he knows the time and effort these commissioners put in. The entire board appreciates the time and effort and time that they miss their families. On behalf of the Village of Bartlett, I would like to say a few words in memory of former trustee and long-time plan commissioner Jerry Kallas, who passed away on February 12.

Jerry and his wife Patricia moved to Bartlett in 1974. During the years he was raising a family here, Jerry was actively involved in his children's soccer activities and was a member of the Wayne Elementary School PTA. He also served on the Apple Orchard Homeowner's Association.

In 1977, when he was a supervisor of accounting at 1st National Bank in Chicago, Jerry believed that his accounting background would serve the Village of Bartlett well, and he ran to fill a two-year trustee term. At the time of his election, the population of Bartlett was approximately 3,500.

As a village trustee, he worked on the village's master plan and the purchase of Bartlett Hills Golf Club.

Jerry was appointed to the Village of Bartlett Plan Commission in June of 1989 and served until early 2012. He was re-appointed in July of 2014 and concluded his 29-year service as a plan commissioner in April 2022.



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While on the plan commission, he reviewed plans for Bartlett High School, as well as the new village hall and police department building. He also made recommendations for commercial developments along Route 59 and within the Brewster Creek Business Park and the Blue Heron and Bluff City industrial parks.

Although Jerry was a frequent proponent of limiting home density in the village, his length of civic service gave him a front row seat to the burgeoning residential growth that occurred in DuPage County during the 1990s.

Jerry Kallas is loved and remembered by his wife Patricia; his children, Geoff, Michelle and Jason; and his grandsons, Lucas and Ben. And he will forever be honored and appreciated in Bartlett for his exceptional service to our community.

A visitation will be at Bartlett Countryside on February 24th from 9:30 to 11:45 followed by services at St. Peter Damian at 12:30.

Trustee Deyne asked for a moment of silence.

President Wallace thanked Mr. Kallas and his family for his service to our Village.

Trustee Deyne stated that he wanted to recognize Tony Fradin, sharing an email from Craig Lillibridge, Aldi's Broker:

"As you know the Aldi development at the Streets of Bartlett is finally coming to fruition, so I wanted to reach out to thank you and the Bartlett Staff for getting us to this point. That said, it's important to note how instrumental Tony Fradin has been during this entire process.

Truth be told, I first met Tony at the Streets of Bartlett with the Gorski's back in the late 2000's to discuss the potential for Aldi to acquire the grocery business or lease the subject space at a minimum.

It was a positive meeting as Aldi gave serious consideration to the location for several years to follow but could never make that final commitment.

Tony has been very persistent over the past 12 to 15 years in an effort to be sure I knew of every potential development opportunity in the Village and how Bartlett was the right place for Aldi to build their next new store.

We frequently met at ICSC events over those years to discuss "All Things Bartlett" and Tony would check in regularly to get an update on Aldi's expansion plans.



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Fast forward to 2021 when Aldi committed to a relocation of their Streamwood store on Irving Park Road and they finally agreed it was time for a Bartlett store.

The next day I reached out to Tony with the update and within 24 hours he made sure I was reconnected with Manny Rafidia and focused on perfecting a deal at the Streets of Bartlett.

It's been an interesting negotiation at times with Ownership but again, Tony has been there to manage expectations along the way and for that my Aldi Team is grateful."

President Wallace asked Planning and Development Services Director Kristy Stone to provide an update on Aldi.

Ms. Stone stated that she is excited to announce that Aldi submitted their development application last Wednesday, and technical staff is reviewing those plans. We anticipate bringing it before the second committee of the whole in March, and before the planning and zoning commission in April.

Trustee Gunsteen stated that staff put in hundreds of hours, and thanked everyone for their hard work.

President Wallace thanked staff for their persistence. He stated that the timing of the construction was interesting and asked staff to shed some light on that.

Ms. Stone stated that they are hoping to break ground by the end of May, and would like to open before Thanksgiving of this year. I am thankful that our building division manager has reviewed three previous Aldi's, and is very familiar with their plans, and expects that permitting process to go smoothly.

Trustee LaPorte asked if renderings will be made available to the public.

Ms. Stone stated that is all a part of their building application, and there will be a social media post tonight from the village.

Trustee Gunsteen asked if it is true that this is their newest model of building.

Ms. Stone stated yes, it is, and that is what we have been told. This is the sample they intend to show everyone going forward.



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11. TOWN HALL

Dan Palmer – 630 Golfer’s Lane

Mr. Palmer thanked the board for his reappointment to the bike and run committee. He also congratulated Police on their National Night Out Award.

Bruce Suffern – 316 Oakbrook Ct.

Mr. Suffern thanked the board for their hard work and open-mindedness pursuing growth in Bartlett. It is exciting to own a business the way the board has been managing the village. I also wanted to thank Paula and her staff. The communication we have with the business community is unparalleled. Scott and Tony interacting with the community the way they are is well done, and has the business community feel like they’re on the same page.

Two things to consider, with MoRE Brewing opening, parking is an issue. With the construction and what’s going on with Le P’tit, what we are seeing it is a great plan to encourage people to use the commuter parking lots. I just want to make sure that the signage to encourage people to park there and letting them know it’s free is reviewed. The success of the downtown will rely on that signage. Also, with W Bartlett road being redone, something needs to be done with the ugly wall, in terms of landscaping or signage.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BUILDING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS

Trustee Hopkins stated Ordinance 2023-14, and Ordinance Adopting the Village of Bartlett, Illinois Official Zoning Map 2023, was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GANDSEY

Trustee Gandsey stated the Taylor Street Pizza BEDA Application was covered and approved under the consent agenda.

Trustee Gandsey presented ordinance 2023-13, an ordinance approving the third amendment to real estate sale and purchase agreement between the Village of Bartlett and MMAJ, LLC.



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The village has continued working diligently with Mr. Rafidia of MMAJ, LLC, in the sale of the village-owned 1.87-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Railroad Avenue and Berteau commonly referred to as Opportunity Site E per the Downtown TOD Plan.

As the village's economic development team continued meeting and negotiating with representatives of Aldi in an effort to facilitate a land lease for a site as Streets of Bartlett shopping center, the sale of this key downtown parcel became part of it.

In an effort to induce MMAJ, LLC to enter into a land lease with Aldi, the village offered a reduction in the sale price of Site E. This not only facilitates attracting Aldi to downtown Bartlett, but will assist MMAJ, LLC, in moving forward with the construction of The Residences at Bartlett Station, a five-story 90-unit apartment building.

Attorney Mraz stated that because this involves the sale of village property, it requires any agreements relating to the property owned by the village, which is the Bartlett Stations site, be approved by ordinance. In the original agreement it was approved by ordinance, but the two amendments, this is the third amendment and effectively it was tied to the Aldi agreement. There was an agreement to reduce the purchase price, that was in the board packet, there's also a development agreement that was approved as a part of that ordinance. There is a provision in that agreement that says once we close, if they don't begin construction within a certain amount of time we can buy it back. I didn't want it to be the same price of \$350,000 if we are going to sell it for \$100,000. We were on the phone with Aldi's attorneys and Mr. Rafidia's attorneys on Friday at 4:00 P.M., and Mr. Rafidia's attorneys made changes just in case it doesn't happen. It is really just a housekeeping matter, a lot of chicken or the egg, and they intend to execute the ground lease in the next couple of days. This Amendment is contingent upon both MMAJ, LLC and Aldi, Inc entering a ground lease on or before March 3, 2023. I just wanted to outline what you have and what is being approved with these changes, and I have no objection to them.

Trustee Gunsteen stated it's basically a dollar for a dollar.

Attorney Mraz confirmed and state nothing presupposes you will approve of the zoning.

Trustee Gandsey moved to approve ordinance 2023-13, an ordinance approving the third amendment to real estate sale and purchase agreement between the Village of Bartlett and MMAJ, LLC. Seconded by Trustee Deyne.



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ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2023-13, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO REAL ESTATE SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BARTLETT AND MMAJ, LLC

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

C. FINANCE & GOLF COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN DEYNE

Trustee Deyne stated that the Computer Replacement Program Purchase was covered and approved under the consent agenda.

Trustee Deyne presented the Auditor Selection.

The Village of Bartlett has used Lauterbach & Amen, LLP to conduct the village's audit since FY 2015. At the November 2nd, 2021 Village Board Meeting it was suggested by the board that the village look into changing audit firms since the village had been with Lauterbach & Amen for seven years at that time. The Village of Bartlett's contract with Lauterbach & Amen ended after this most recent FY 2022 audit. On January 3rd, 2023 we sent out eleven requests for proposals to audit firms for a three-year contract. We only received back two proposals by the January 31st deadline, one being a reduced-price proposal from Lauterbach & Amen, and the other being Sikich, LLP. Sikich was the Village of Bartlett's auditor for eight years prior to Lauterbach & Amen.

Lauterbach & Amen's total three-year proposal came in at \$125,590, which is \$7,850 less than Sikich's proposal of \$133,440. Sikich's proposal does not include the cost of implementing any new GASB accounting pronouncements, which could add around \$2,000-\$4,000 to the yearly price. Both audit firms have extensive government auditing experience including the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Both firms are more than qualified to be the auditor for the Village of Bartlett.

Despite the higher price, staff recommends we award the contract to Sikich, LLP at a three-year price of \$133,440, plus additional costs related to implementing new GASB accounting pronouncements. This recommendation is based on the premise that it is good practice to rotate audit firms to ensure objectivity and have a "fresh set of eyes" look over the village's financials.

Trustee Deyne motioned that the village award a three-year contract to Sikich, LLP at a total cost of \$133,440, plus costs related to implementing new GASB pronouncements, for annual financial audit services. Seconded by Trustee Suwanski.



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Trustee Deyne stated that he is a little reluctant due to the \$8,000 increase and our current auditing firm came in with a lower bid, as well as the costs of implementing new GASB pronouncements.

Mr. Dowden stated that increase account for start-up costs. The current auditor wouldn't have that and would just be a continuation. Sikich was with the village 8-9 years ago, but things have changed since then. Different firms build different ways.

Trustee Deyne asked what would be easier on staff.

Mr. Dowden stated as far as staff is concerned, consistency is easier.

Trustee Gandsey asked what the benefit of a "fresh set of eyes" can provide.

Mr. Dowden stated that naturally different people pick up different things.

Trustee Deyne stated we have been successful with the current firm.

Mr. Dowden stated that we work well with them, and they have been happy with us.

Trustee Deyne stated everything is in place, and I would like to just go forward with the current firm and reevaluate in three years.

Trustee Hopkins asked if we could ask Sikich to reduce their fees to match the lowest bidder.

Mr. Dowden stated that they knew what the current firm charges, as its public record, and if they wanted to match that, they would have.

Trustee Hopkins stated we could still ask.

Trustee Gunsteen asked what GASB stands for, and if those fees are included with the price of the current firm. Do we have any issues with the current auditors?

Mr. Dowden stated it's the Government Accounting Standards Board, and those fees are included. We don't have any issues, the only reason we are looking at the change, is because it was requested, and there are no laws mandating that we change.

Attorney Mraz stated that it is common practice.

Trustee Deyne stated that I don't feel like we need to spend \$20,000 right now.



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Trustee Suwanski asked if it has to be a three-year contract.

Administrator Schumacher stated that with auditing firms, three years is the sweet spot.

Trustee Suwanski asked if 8 years really has that much of a learning curve.

Mr. Dowden stated there have been numerous changes in reporting.

Ms. Schumacher stated that if we continue with the current firm, we may get a more robust response in three years, this was a big discussion at a recent conference, and this is not just Bartlett's issue in terms of getting competitive bids.

The board agreed.

Trustee LaPorte asked what prompted us at the November 2nd meeting to pursue a new firm.

Mr. Dowden stated that there wasn't any specific concern, it's just best practice, referencing the Dixon, IL case, where auditors were with a town for 25 years and got to comfortable.

President Wallace stated that he agrees with both sides in the grand scheme of things, but agreed with waiting for more competitive bids in three years.

Trustee Deyne amended the motion to award a three-year contract to Lauterbach & Amen, LLP at a total cost of \$125,590. Seconded by Trustee Gandsey.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO AWARD A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT TO LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP AT A TOTAL COST OF \$125,590.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

D. LICENSE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GUNSTEEN

Trustee Gunsteen stated Ordinance 2023-15, an Ordinance Creating a Class A Liquor License, was covered and approved on the consent.



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E. POLICE & HEALTH COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN SUWANSKI

Trustee Suwanski stated that there was nothing to report.

F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN LAPORTE

Trustee LaPorte stated that Resolution 2023-16-R, a Resolution Waiving Bids and Approving the Water Meter and Data Equipment Replacement and Software Subscription Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Water Resources.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. President Wallace stated that JayDev Brew Inc. DBA: MORE Brewing 121 Railroad Ave. has applied for a Class Q liquor license.

He stated that if there were no objections from the Board he would issue the Class Q liquor license.

B. President Wallace stated that Bracht's Place Inc. has applied for a Class A liquor license.

He stated that if there were no objections from the Board he would issue the Class A liquor license.

14. QUESTION/ANSWER PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES – None

15. ADJOURN

President Wallace stated that the Board will adjourn and there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting immediately following. There will also be an Executive Session to Discuss Appointment of Legal Counsel Pursuant to Section 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act of the Open Meetings Act, immediately following the Committee of the Whole.

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



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ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

AYES: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, LaPorte, Suwanski
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Sam Hughes
Deputy Village Clerk