



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 21, 2023**

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CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 7, 2023 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Chairmen Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, LaPorte, Suwanski, President Wallace

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Economic Development Director Tony Fradin, Sr. Management Analyst Samuel Hughes, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Assistant Finance Director matt Coulter, Public Works Director Dan Dinges, Village Engineer Bob Allen, Planning & Development Director Kristy Stone, Food and beverage Manager Paul Petersen, Police Chief Geoff Pretkelis, Deputy Chief's Naydenoff and Durbin, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

**FINANACE & GOLF COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN DEYNE**  
**Proposed Operating Budget Review presentation**

Finance Director Todd Dowden presented the attached PowerPoint.

Questions throughout the presentation:

President Wallace asked what the increase in EAV for Brewster Creek is.

Mr. Dowden stated the assessed value is over \$80 million and that was back in 2021. It was a former gravel pit that was filled in.

President Wallace stated you mentioned the \$750,000 increase which is essentially our piece of the pie from the increased EAV.

Mr. Dowden stated that is correct, this is our chance to increase the levy without increasing the property tax. If you miss this chance, then the taxes will go down and next year it will look like you are increasing the taxes.

President Wallace stated that Bartlett gets 10% of the revenue and asked for a ballpark figure of all the other taxing bodies.



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Mr. Dowden stated the school district gets around 60%. We will have to notify all our taxing districts. This levy will be set in the fall. When we file the levy in December, it goes to fund the current year of the general fund.

President Wallace clarified that the village receives 6% from the income tax the state collects, but legislatively, that should be 10%.

President Wallace asked about the \$650,000 for sales tax rebates.

Mr. Dowden stated we have built in some sales tax rebate funding for MORE Brewing, the auto mall and another one.

Chairman Suwanski asked about the Ace Hardware sales tax rebate.

Mr. Dowden stated the Ace Hardware rebate was 10 years for a total of \$50,000.

President Wallace mentioned that it was good the village refinanced our bonds a few years ago given the rate environment.

Mr. Dowden agreed.

Chairman Deyne thanked Mr. Dowden.

President Wallace stated he is adamantly against having huge fund balances and increasing rates in certain areas. We really need to take a closer look at fund balances over the exceeded limit for 3-4 years, maybe we should figure out how to use some of those funds so we are not holding tax payer money. He knew a large portion of this was ARPA funds, so that is why that is so high, but he really does not like seeing the fund balances over the maximum. Essentially what you are doing is taking tax payer funds and using them over time.

Mr. Dowden stated our capital budget did not include some of the areas we need to really pick up. We will be increasing those amounts that we need to be working on our infrastructure improvements.

President Wallace stated at any case, if we can avoid increasing rates and using fund balance, that would make the most sense to him.

Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated we did have two years of no rate increases, but perhaps we can do a better job of marrying the 5-year capital plan to those fund balances so you can see.

Chairman Gunsteen asked why food & beverage and golf our two separate budgets.

Mr. Dowden stated they are in one fund, but we separate from revenue.

Ms. Schumacher stated it is all in one fund and we break it apart by mission so we can track it better.



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There being no further business to discuss, President Wallace stated they will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Appointment of Legal Counsel Pursuant to Section 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act. Chairman Deyne moved to adjourn the Committee meeting and the motion was seconded by Chairman Gunsteen.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm

Samuel Hughes  
Deputy Village Clerk