



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**March 21, 2023**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the regular meeting of March 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, 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 Samuel Hughes, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Asst. Finance Director Matt Coulter, Public Works Director Dan Dinges, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Public Works Engineer Bob Allen, Planning and Development Director Kristy Stone, Grounds Superintendent Matt Giermak, Police Chief Geoff Pretkelis, Deputy Chief Will Naydenoff, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

3. INVOCATION – Mayor Wallace announced that there was a cancellation with a pastor and asked the board to observe a moment of silence.

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 Hopkins.

**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 January is included in the packet, as well as the sales tax report. We received \$338,672 that represents the October activity which was up \$55,969 from the prior year. As far as MFT tax, we received \$128,618 that was down about \$11,559 from the previous month which tends to fluctuate.

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wallace stated that he wanted to recognize the following commissioners for their service to the Village of Bartlett:

Bike and Run Plan Advisory Committee - Bruce Hendricks for 7 years.

Economic Development Commission – Michelle Hughes for 4 years and Tracy Smodilla for 9 years.

He stated that the Economic Development Commission reviews the plans that could be coming into the village. They are the first eyes to look at them.



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President Wallace stated that in January 2023, village staff created the concept of a “Best Burger in Bartlett” competition. The goal behind the contest was to create buzz and foot traffic in the month of February, which can traditionally be a cold dreary month for small business owners.

Throughout the month of January, staff solicited nominations from businesses, bringing in 13 total participants. GIS and Administration staff worked together to implement an online webpage that was the hub for voting, and promoted the program on social media, encouraging residents to stop in at their favorite Bartlett eateries for a burger.

Voting was open throughout the month of February, where 627 total votes were cast, with 81 going to the first ever “Best Burger in Bartlett”, McMae’s Tavern and Grill. The Boss’s Signature and Hoot-Dogs received honorable mention with 75 and 73 votes respectively. He congratulated McMae’s and thanked all of the 13 participating businesses.

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

Trustee Suwanski asked for updates on Site E.

Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated that there are a few things that they have to get straightened away with MWRD, the plat and easements. The attorneys and the engineers are working to clarify all of those things. They are meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. at the site to figure some of those things out. They are moving ahead and we want to move as quickly as we can to facilitate that.

Trustee Hopkins asked for an update on the gas station on North Bartlett and Route 20.

Planning and Development Services Director Kristy Stone stated that they recently got a court order and permissions to clean up the site. She stated that you will notice that the illegal fly dumping garbage has been removed as of yesterday.

President Wallace asked if anyone owns the property or is it bank owned.

Ms. Stone stated that it is going through the foreclosure process. Back taxes are owed and it is very complicated.

President Wallace asked if 7-Eleven is out.

Ms. Stone stated that 7-Eleven withdrew their contract.



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11. TOWN HALL

**Arlene Lachowicz, 1018 Bentley Lane**

Ms. Lachowicz stated that she was a crossing guard at Sycamore Elementary School. She was there on behalf of the staff as well as herself to thank the village and the police department for changing the traffic pattern exiting the school. She stated that she was almost hit by a car several times. Two new signs were put up as well as pylons to eliminate left turns. There is also no parking in front of the school. As of this change, everyone is so much safer. She stated that everyone is outside of the school parking lot by nine minutes after two. She thanked everyone.

Trustee LaPorte thanked the village staff as well.

**Tracy Smodilla, 645 Aspen Court**

Ms. Smodilla stated that she recently learned from the clerk and the mayor that the village has received many applications from the residents who want to step up and serve on the commission's, especially since there has been a history of sometimes difficulty filling those positions. Nearly 10 years of serving, she knows that any position in government, elected or appointed, deserves the opportunity of fresh perspective from its constituency in the mission to best serve the community as a whole. She was encouraged by those answering the call. Her interest in economic development predates her 2013 appointment to the Economic Development Commission (EDC). In 1999, she helped lead the charge to defeat a 1,500 megawatt power plant that was going to be constructed in what we now know as Brewster Creek Business Park. Bartlett citizens advocating for responsible environments in the community at large knew the area deserved more productive, less risky development and we succeeded. Brewster Creek is a fine example of the sometimes necessary and hopefully temporary, public-private relationship in investment and development. During her time on the EDC she appreciated the opportunity of collaboration, consideration, and many times spirited debate on how our village can optimize the opportunities to retain and attract local businesses capitalizing on the unique term of our community. Our BEDA program has provided a spring board for opportunity and growth that is evidenced in the downtown and the Route 59 corridor. It has been delightful to see the proliferation of marketing events to help attract patients from outside the community. Her incoming commissioners, she encouraged them to be curious and sometimes contrarian. Don't be afraid to speak up and express your thoughts and opinions. Engage in opened and mindful debate with your fellow commissioners, staff, and the board. She also urged them to learn about certain levers used to spur economic development and their impact on the community and other taxing districts, especially TIF's. To her fellow commissioners, past and present, and to staff, it has been an honor and pleasure to serve with them. She has cherished and learned from the mindful deliberations. Continue to do good work for the community and the taxpayers. To village



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board members, past and present, she thanked them for their trust and confidence that she would serve the commission with integrity and passion for the betterment of our entire community. She wished them all well with the work at hand and for the work in the future to keep Bartlett the kind of hometown where we all want to live, work, and play.

**12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Trustee Hopkins stated that there was nothing to report.

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

Trustee Gandsey stated that there was nothing to report.

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

Trustee Deyne stated that Resolution 2023-22-R, a Resolution Approving of Disbursement Request for Payout No. 5 from the Subordinate Lien Tax Increment Revenue Note, Series 2020 for the Elmhurst Chicago Stone Bartlett Quarry Redevelopment Project was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

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

Trustee Gunsteen stated that there was nothing to report.

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

Trustee Suwanski stated that the Emergency Operations Plan Update was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

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

Trustee LaPorte presented Resolution 2023-21-R, a Resolution Awarding Contract and Approving the Contract Agreement Between Boller Construction Co., Inc. and the Village of Bartlett for the Stearns Road Pump Station Modifications.

Trustee LaPorte moved to approve Resolution 2023-21-R, a Resolution Awarding Contract and Approving the Contract Agreement Between Boller Construction Co., Inc. and the Village of Bartlett for the Stearns Road Pump Station Modifications and that motion was seconded by Trustee Deyne.



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Trustee Hopkins thanked staff for looking at the lowest bidder and determining that they may not be a good fit for the village. He thinks that helps to protect the village.

Trustee Suwanski asked when they anticipated the work to start.

Mr. Dinges stated that the biggest issue is getting the electrical components. They need to get the project awarded so they can go through the submittal process. Once the purchase order is made with the various suppliers, they will get a timeframe when the material will arrive. The contact will schedule from there. They had a pre-bid meeting where they were able to talk to the contractors and get a feel for the delivery of materials. They wanted to make sure they left enough time in the bid to account for that. Completion was estimated at about two years.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-21-R AWARDING CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT WITH BOLLER CONSTRUCTION FOR STEARNS ROAD PUMP STATION MODIFICATIONS**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee LaPorte stated that Resolution 2023-23-R, a Resolution Approving of the Contract for the Biosolids Disposal Service Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Synagro Central, LLC and Resolution 2023-24-R, a Resolution Approving the Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. were covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

President Wallace stated that MMR10, Inc. DBA Yummy Poke has applied for a Class B liquor license.

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

Trustee Deyne asked where they are located.

President Wallace stated "The Streets of Bartlett".



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14. QUESTION/ANSWER PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

The board sang Happy Birthday to Trustee Gandsey and Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki.

Trustee Gandsey stated that there was no where she would rather be on her birthday than with these very smart people.

15. 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 Suwanski moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting and that motion was seconded by Trustee LaPorte.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Lorna Gilles  
Village Clerk