



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**August 15, 2023**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the regular meeting of August 15, 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, Sr. Management Analyst Samuel Hughes, 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, Asst. Golf Professional Paul Galvan, Police Chief Geoff Pretkelis, Deputy Chief Jim Durbin, Deputy Chief Will Naydenoff, Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth and Village Clerk Lorna Giless.

3. INVOCATION – Pastor Alex Culpepper from Renovation Church did the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Royce Krush, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 99

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 Deyne.

**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**

Finance Director Todd Dowden stated that the Treasurer's Report for the month of June is included in the packet. Also included is the sales tax report and they received \$308,327 that was up \$26,373 or 9% from the prior year. Sales tax is continuing to increase. As far as MFT tax, we received \$154,189 that was up \$10,590 from the previous year and has increased slightly.

In regard to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), they received \$463,652 for income tax revenue for a total of \$1,452,443 for the first two months of the year at the current rate of 6.16%. It is down about \$905,000 of what they would have received at the full 10%.

**9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Wallace read a proclamation for Police Canine "Luther" upon his retirement from the Village of Bartlett.

President Wallace read a proclamation for Police Officer Michael W. Kmiecik upon his retirement from the Village of Bartlett.

President Wallace asked Chief Pretkelis to present the National Night Out Community Spirit Award.

Police Chief Geoff Pretkelis stated that each year, the Bartlett Police Department and the Village of Bartlett, recognize those citizens, businesses and organizations who go above



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and beyond in our community. Last month, they awarded two citizens with the National Night Out Citizen Star Award and Jewel Osco with the National Night Out Business Star Award. Tonight, it is with great honor to present the recipient for the last National Night Out Community Spirit Award. The one thing that makes Bartlett so special are the different civic groups that serve this great community. This includes the Rotary Club, Lions Club and Fourth of July Committee, just to name a few. Another one of those special groups that they want to recognize today, with our honor to present the 2023 Spirit Award to Boy Scout Troop 99. In the past year, they assisted the Bartlett community in the following ways. At National Night Out, every single time, they bring out the bike corral to keep bicycles safe. For the past few years they have helped clean up the park. Every single year, for the police Open House, they raise the American flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and assist at the different stations as well. Troop 99 is very active and were at the Bartlett 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival every single day, clearing off tables and cleaning up garbage. They also collected for the Victory Center of Bartlett, participated in Adopt a Highway and built and donated many benches for a retirement community and so much more. For these reasons, they would like to honor Boy Scout Troop 99 with the Community Spirit Award. At this time, it is his honor and privilege to present the award to Senior Patrol Leader, Royce Krush.

Mr. Krush thanked Bartlett for choosing them as the Community Spirit Award recipient. His troop loves to give back to the community. It is in the scout law to give back to the communities that they love. He expressed his thanks.

President Wallace stated that the Bartlett Historical Society has two plaques to present this evening.

Marlene Palmer from the Bartlett Historical Society introduced Lambert Lucietto. He is a long time Bartlett resident who is active in the Arts in Bartlett, his church, and our community. He is our resident artist and sculptor. They are happy to present these ceramic plaques to homes in Bartlett. They have been designed, created and made by Lambert in his home. Each one is displayed proudly and is uniquely made showcasing Lamberts artistic ability, creativity and generosity. His sculptures and mosaics are displayed in his garden and at the Immanuel United Church of Christ. He is someone you should know.

The Bartlett Historical Society is pleased to present a ceramic plaque to homeowners Colin and Geri Brewer who live at 320 W. Oneida Avenue which was built around 1889. The original style of the house was Italianate, quite ornate and with a front bay window. There have been changes over the years so that the house now appears to be typically American Four-Square in architectural style with its foundation roughly square in the footprint, with a full width front porch and hip roof. The house was originally built for



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Charles and Sophia Schultz (parents of Herman Henry Schultz of Schultz Hardware which is now occupied by T.L's Four Seasons Restaurant) and subsequently owned by Anthony Troyke. When the Brewer's purchased it, the big backyard held a large, fanciful pirate ship duplicate. The Brewers have created instead a lovely garden retreat.

The second plaque is given to the legendary downtown building by a generous donor to replace a worn, wooden plaque. The building is at 113 W. Railroad Avenue and is now home to State Farm Insurance. It was built circa 1880 and through the years has been a tavern with several owners who have been instrumental in Bartlett's development. The original owner, Herman Niewisch, hosted a meeting that determined the future of the village through incorporation. Owners served beer and free sandwiches at lunch time. The Jensen's purchased the tavern in the 1940's and became legendary for Serena Jensen's Friday fish fries and coleslaw. The Jensen family lived in the space behind the kitchen. Serena also was a hub for the Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department, serving food to firemen after many fire calls, hosting turkey raffles in November (which included raffling off a live turkey always named Herbie), as well as answering the "fire phone" calls and sounding the alarm. Dances and wedding receptions were often held upstairs, with the sagging floors supported by beams placed on the first floor to keep it from collapsing from the number of people square dancing or spinning around doing the polka and waltz. Later owners continued meeting trends by changing the name, the food they served, and the décor from a village tavern to a trendy weekend spot. Congratulations to business owner Dutch Van Rossum Insurance Agency at 113 W. Railroad Avenue.

For those who are interested in the stories behind some evolving businesses in our community, the historical society is hosting a business walk on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 11-1. It starts at 304 W. Bartlett Avenue, known as the food basket, and goes on the north side of the tracks through downtown Bartlett. They have 12 businesses included in the walk, it is free and open to everyone.

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

Trustee Deyne thanked the historical society. He was there for the open house and stated that they saved portions of the old bar in the back. He recognized staff for years of service and birthday/anniversaries.

Trustee Gandsey stated that video gambling has been a lifeline for our businesses in tough times. She asked for an analysis of where we stand so they can take a look at any possible changes.

President asked for a rundown with the quantities and revenues.



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11. TOWN HALL

**Brent Kizer, 1565 Woodcreek Trail**

Mr. Kizer stated that he represented the Fourth of July Committee, and they are here to say “Thank You” to Paula and the administration staff for all they do. The fire department for everything they do, Bartlett Hills for loaning them golf carts during the festival. The police department, especially Kyle Rybaski and the Chief who give up their holidays so Bartlett can have a Fourth of July celebration. Also, Rita, Kelly and the Park District staff who ensure that the village trustees and all the volunteer groups come out to help. Without them, we don’t have a celebration or the successful weekend.

Trustee Suwanski thanked the police department and the community for a fantastic National Night Out.

President Wallace agreed.

Mr. Pretkelis thanked them for all their support. They had thousands upon thousands of people attend and it was a nice, beautiful evening. They are so blessed to have the support of the community and village board.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BUILDING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GUNSTEEN

Trustee Gunsteen stated that there was no report.

B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GANDSEY

Trustee Gandsey stated that the Savoury Restaurant BEDA Grant Approval was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN LAPORTE

Trustee LaPorte stated that Resolution 2023-85-R, a Resolution Approving a Sales Tax Rebate Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Jaydev Brew Inc. D/B/A More Brewing and More Dusty, LLC; Resolution 2023-86-R, a Resolution Approving of Disbursement Request for Payout No. 7 from the Subordinate Lien Tax Increment Revenue Note Series 2020 for the Elmhurst Chicago Stone Bartlett Quarry Redevelopment Project were covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.



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

Trustee Hopkins stated that Ordinance 2023-87, an Ordinance Amending Section 3-3-2-3: Class B of the Bartlett Liquor Control Ordinance; Ordinance 2023-88, an Ordinance Amending Section 3-3-2-4: Class C of the Bartlett Liquor Control Ordinance; Bartlett High School Fireworks Request were covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

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

Trustee Suwanski stated that there was no report.

**F. PUBLIC WORKS AND GOLF COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN DEYNE**

Trustee Deyne stated that Resolution 2023-89-R, a Resolution Approving Tree Planting in the Heritage Oaks Tree Preservation Easement at 370 S. Oak Avenue; Ordinance 2023-90, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Internet Auction of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of Bartlett; Resolution 203-91-R, a Resolution Waiving Advertising for Bids and Approving the Salt Dome Roof Replacement Project Agreement with Total Roofing and Construction, Inc. were covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

President Wallace stated that Orchards Gaming, LLC 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.

President Wallace stated that Bartlett Liquors & Wine Inc. DBA Bartlett Liquors as applied for a Class C liquor license. He stated that if there were no objections from the Board he would issue the Class C 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 being no further business to discuss, Trustee Deyne moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting and that motion was seconded by Trustee Gunsteen.



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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 7:50 p.m.

Lorna Giless  
Village Clerk