



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
March 15, 2016**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Wallace called the 2016-17 Proposed Budget Public Hearing to order on the above date at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

He stated that the Certificate of Publication from the Daily Herald which evidences that the notice of this Public Hearing was duly published on February 24, 2016, which meets the statutory pre-requisites which require that the notice of the Public Hearing be published between 7 and 30 days before the Public Hearing, be entered into the record. The tentative budget has been available to the public for inspection for not less than 30 days.

**2. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Trustee Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke, and President Wallace

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Valerie Salmons, Assistant Administrator Paula Schumacher, Finance Director Jeff Martynowicz, Director of Public Works Dan Dinges, Public Works Engineer Bob Allen, Building Director Brian Goralski, Food & Beverage Manager Paul Petersen, Chief Kent Williams, Deputy Chief Patrick Ullrich, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

Administrator Salmons stated that the proposed revenues for fiscal year 2016-17 totals \$50.1 million dollars. These revenues are relatively evenly divided among property taxes, other taxes, services charges and other revenue. The proposed general property tax levy is to remain flat from last year. This is the seventh consecutive year the levy has remained flat or declining.

The total proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 is \$53.5 million. This is a 13.36% decrease from last year. The total operating budget is \$40.3 million which is a .21% decrease from last year. The overall budget decrease is primarily due to the reduction in capital outlay costs and a reduction in personnel of five positions in this budget.

Operating expenditures can be divided into five primary uses. A little over two-thirds of the operating expenditures are for public safety and public works, which includes streets, water, sewer and parking. The remaining third is divided among general government, golf and debt.

The capital portion of the proposed budget is \$13.2 million. The capital portion of the budget varies from year to year based upon the individual projects the Village has scheduled.



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Capital projects for this budget are divided into five broad categories; water, sewer, streets, economic development, golf and other. About 43% of the proposed capital projects in the 2017-18 budget relate to the water and sewer projects. \$2.7 million is related to improvements in the Brewster Creek and Bluff City TIF developments and \$1.1 million dedicated to roads and bridge repairs.

The Village Administrator stated that she and the Finance Director were prepared for any questions or comments that the Board may have.

President Wallace asked if there were any questions from the Board.

Trustee Hopkins stated that he had a couple of concerns with the budget. He spoke about the sewer fund. He stated that Public Works is divided up into three major divisions and he thought there should be four: Streets, Sewer, Water and Water Reclamation. He thought Water Reclamation, by itself, consumes staff time immensely, and it should be in a separate fund all by itself. He asked if this could be incorporated into this current budget.

President Wallace asked if this was something he thought about from the beginning or did it just come up after the budget review.

Trustee Hopkins stated that it came up after the last budget session. He thought there was a lot of overlap between the counties. Cook County residents pay into a separate taxing body in Cook County. In DuPage, they don't pay that. We need to figure out what is overlapping and remove them.

President Wallace asked if any other Board members felt strongly about this in this stage of the budget process.

Trustee Reinke asked what the staff position was on this.

Administrator Salmons stated that this will take more in-depth cost accounting to decide that. Cook County pays for their sewer production in their tax bill. The Village's responsibility is to transport it to MWRD. In DuPage County, they pay on their water bill because not only does the Village transport it, but also treats it. She believed that Trustee Hopkins wanted a better understanding when we say "sewer", what portion relates to Cook and DuPage counties. She asked the Village Attorney to look at the potential to remove themselves from MWRD and he said that it will never happen, given the statutes about counties over 500,000. If we are going to break up the counties, it is going to be a lot more complicated than just looking at the transmission and treatment of sewer. First of all, they do have some excess capacity at the treatment plant and she believed his intent was to send it to our plant. We have to look at the cost of transporting it. Secondly, we have to look at all the costs in Cook. The Devon facility, which is entirely used for



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Cook County is not charged out on a separate county basis. It is an old facility that is operated manually so the personnel cost relative to that facility in heavy rains is particularly expensive. Also, the overhead sewer program, which is expensive and averages about \$10,000 per house is entirely in Cook County. Most of our maintenance, relative to our televising and sewer lining, are mainly in Cook County. We need to make sure, if we are going to divide the counties up and figure out what goes to what, that we do it very carefully and go through the capital budget and make sure that which we are spending. Some of it will just have to be assigned a percentage if it is too difficult to figure which is Cook or DuPage.

Trustee Hopkins stated that everything should be separated. He stated that Cook County residents pay less on their sewer than DuPage residents. If you don't know those fixed costs of the sewage treatment plant here in Bartlett, how do you determine what DuPage residents pay from a cost stand point?

Trustee Reinke stated that it sounds like this is a lot of work. Is it feasible to do during this budget cycle or is this something that should wait for the next budget cycle?

Administrator Salmons stated that they have the Board's consideration of the final budget in two weeks. We won't get this done in two weeks.

President Wallace stated that they have been talking about this for quite a while. It is quite an adventure to try to figure this out. All of the videoing is done on the Cook County side as well as the repairs and overhead sewers. The Board has to be prepared for what those results are going to be.

Trustee Hopkins stated that he understands that the "sewer" is the "sewer". Maintaining the sewer system has nothing to do with treating the sewage. A Cook County resident pays hundreds of dollars into their reclamation system and that is all they do is treat it - they don't maintain the lines. When he stated four major divisions, he meant four major divisions. The treatment plant itself should be a separate division in Public Works. When you talk about overhead sewer (which is open to all residents of Bartlett), the majority of it happens in Cook County. All residents are eligible to use the program.

President Wallace stated that Trustee Reinke had the best solution. Since this was brought up in this late stage, and in order to pass the budget, he asked the other Board members to do a straw pull on discussing this for the next budget cycle.

Trustee Carbonaro agreed.

Trustee Reinke stated that when staff has a result (assuming that will be next year), will it be meaningful in any way or will it be based on assumptions.



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Administrator Salmons stated that she did not know the answer to that because they have not done it. She thought that Trustee Hopkins needed to help them clarify what he is saying. She hoped that some relevance would come out of it. They are also looking at the mosquito abatement issue which is really pretty much along the same line. Taxes are paid on mosquito abatement that is spent all over town, mainly not in Cook County and yet Cook County residents are paying for the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District. That is another apparition of Cook County versus DuPage.

Trustee Reinke stated: "If only we were simply in one county – if only someone from the State was here to help us achieve that important goal, it would be wonderful thing".

President Wallace stated that it will soon be three counties with residents. He appreciated Trustee Hopkins bringing this up and thought it was important and really has been a difficult task. He didn't think anyone really knows if any county is favorable over another at this stage. He thought it was a good idea to move on with this year's budget as-is and attempt to get answers to Trustee Hopkins questions.

President Wallace asked if any member of the public wished to offer written or oral testimony on the Budget. There were none.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Deyne to adjourn the Proposed Budget Public Hearing and seconded by Trustee Camerer.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

AYES: Trustees Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Lorna Gilles  
Village Clerk



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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the regular meeting of March 15, 2016 of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:13 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke, and President Wallace

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Valerie Salmons, Assistant Administrator Paula Schumacher, Finance Director Jeff Martynowicz, Director of Public Works Dan Dinges, Public Works Engineer Bob Allen, Building Director Brian Goralski, Food & Beverage Manager Paul Petersen, Chief Kent Williams, Deputy Chief Patrick Ullrich, Village Attorney Bryan Mraz and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

3. INVOCATION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Tyler Rodriguez from Troop 99 was there to obtain his Communications Merit Badge and he led the Pledge.

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 items added or removed from the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Arends moved to approve the Consent Agenda and all items contained therein as presented, and that motion was seconded by Trustee Camerer.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA



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AYES: Trustees Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke  
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, Jeff Martynowicz summarized the Municipal Sales Tax Report through November, 2015 was \$1,387,321 and it represents a 13.67% increase over the same time period last year. He stated that the Motor Fuel Tax distribution through December, 2015 totaled \$702,053 and represented a 10.38% decrease over the same time period last year.

9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Wallace stated that they had the honor of having Senator Tom Cullerton there to present the 125th Anniversary Proclamation.

Senator Cullerton stated that it was his honor to be there today. It is the 125th Anniversary from when Luther Bartlett incorporated the town. The vote was 45-0 to incorporate and March was the first mayoral election. He stated that Bartlett is a great community and in 1970 the population was about 3,500 compared to 41,000 today. With the tremendous business park and expansion, it will be a great place to live. He presented a plaque from the Illinois Senate of the 99th General Assembly of the State of Illinois acknowledging the Village of Bartlett in recognition of its 125th Anniversary celebrating a century and a quarter of incorporation and extended its congratulations and best wishes to all the residents on this momentous occasion.

10. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

Trustee Deyne stated that they had Carol Miasco here last week complaining about her snow plowing. He received information from staff that it was handled well and professionally. She is extremely happy and he thanked staff for their efforts.

11. TOWN HALL

George Koziol, 654 Hazelnut Court



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Mr. Koziol stated that he was speaking this evening as a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) member. He stated that at the March 3rd meeting he received a gift from the Village thanking him for his thirteen years of service. He felt very honored by the recognition bestowed upon each of the Committee members and felt that it was nice to be recognized for what they do.

Tom Steele, 210 N. Eastern Avenue

Mr. Steele stated that he was speaking on bicycle issues in front of the Board. He is a year round bicyclist. He supported the action to form the bicycle committee. He wanted to speak about the Kickstand Classic bike race and the Wayne Township bicycle plan. That plan should be lauded because so many inter-government people worked together to make a formidable proposal. It is a quality of life issue and those paths of connections and improvements have great utility for cyclists that want to ride to work, etc. It is also a safety issue because people are more aware when they see cyclists on the road. The Kickstand Classic is a way to show off bicyclists in the community and make folks aware. If the bridge over Route 59 ever got built he imagined a loop around Bartlett and the forest preserves and it would bring people into Bartlett. He suggested starting the bike race in town to make folks aware of the businesses they may not have seen in the past. He hoped the Board would support that. He understood that this Board has a lot of financial demands on the finances but he encouraged them to develop a bicycling budget.

Trustee Reinke asked staff what the plan was for the Wayne Township Bike Plan.

Administrator Salmons stated that they asked them to pass a Resolution and they will be looking at that.

Trustee Camerer stated that he asked for that to be put on hold. They started their own Bike Committee for a reason. They have not had a chance to look at the Wayne Township Plan or how it ties into their Committee. He put it on hold until they can see how to incorporate it into their program.

Trustee Reinke stated that he will have to catch up since he was on the committee to help form it. He knows at least two members of the Bartlett staff that were on that committee. He thinks it is something they can analyze and pass a resolution in a reasonable amount of time.

Trustee Camerer stated that he didn't disagree, if we are going to have a Bike Committee and formulate our own plan than we should formulate our own plan. If we are just going to take the advice of another committee than let's not have our own Committee and just use Wayne Township's plan.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN REINKE



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Trustee Reinke stated that there was no report.

**B. BUILDING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS**

Trustee Hopkins stated that there was no report.

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

Trustee Deyne stated that there was no report.

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

Trustee Arends stated that there was no report.

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

Trustee Carbonaro stated that there was no report

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

Trustee Camerer stated that there was no report.

13. NEW BUSINESS - None

14. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Wallace stated that the Board will be going into the Committee of the Whole meeting immediately following the close of this meeting.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN**

**AYES:** Trustees Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Deyne, Hopkins, Reinke

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Lorna Giless  
Village Clerk