

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 21, 2015

President Wallace called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 8:23 p.m.

Present: Trustee Arends, Camerer, Carbonaro, Martin, Reinke, and Shipman

Also Present: Village Clerk Lorna Giless, Village Administrator Valerie L. Salmons, Assistant Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant to the Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Finance Director Jeff Martynowicz, Community Development Director Jim Plonczynski, Building Director Brian Goralski, Public Works Director Dan Dinges, Public Works Engineer Bob Allen, Chief Kent Williams, Deputy Chief Patrick Ullrich, Food & Beverage Manager Paul Petersen, and Attorney Bryan Mraz

Spaulding Road Quiet Zone Update

President Wallace asked Assistant Village Administrator Paula Schumacher to review the item.

P. Schumacher explained that in 2012, the Village entered into an agreement with the Canadian National Railway Company. The Village's agreement with CN provides \$1,000,000 in noise mitigation funding. The Village's priority was to establish a quiet zone at the Spaulding Road Metra Milwaukee West line crossing. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation Crossing Inventory, the Spaulding Road Metra crossing has 86 daily trains and is in close proximity to the homes in the Spring Lake Estates, Castle Creek and Amber Grove subdivisions. She stated that the Village has been working with the Federal Railway Administration (FRA) and the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) on coming up with a solution that would enable us to meet the merits for a quiet zone at that location. It is a very complicated crossing with lots of roads, accesses, and signals in addition to a spur track that also runs off of it. The current plan is to widen Spaulding Road and install barrier medians on both sides of the tracks and relocate two commercial driveways to meet the required standards to apply for a quiet zone. Mike Ziegler, from Burke Engineering, has put together the exhibit and can explain the proposed plans.

M. Ziegler stated that they met with Village staff, the ICC, and the FRA in February. At that meeting, a concept plan and engineers exhibit was presented outlining the basic improvements the Village is proposing to implement. The proposed improvements call for a barrier median east of the Metra tracks and west of the CP spur line; new access driveways to Global Auto and Tovar Snow Plowing. The FRA has requested that the Village review the potential to completely close the Global Auto existing driveway. The Village met with the representative from Global Auto on April 18 to propose this option. We have had a response from the property owner and he agrees in concept to closing the existing driveway entrance. (Displayed exhibit of the design) In addition, the access to Tovar Snow Plowing would have to be relocated to the west. On Spaulding Road itself,

the ICC and the FRA really felt that widening the roadway was necessary. The other improvement would be a barrier median through the tracks. That would prohibit people from trying to go around the gates. Another improvement the ICC is going to do, regardless of the quiet zone, is to put a gate west of the spur track because there currently isn't a gate for eastbound traffic. With those improvements, the Village would get the quiet zone because it satisfies all the requirements of the FRA.

P. Schumacher stated that the project is moving along with talking to the property owners about relocating the driveways and closing off the access.

President Wallace asked if any major hurdles are predicted.

P. Schumacher responded that staff feels good about the meeting that took place in February with everything being laid out on the table and getting very clear direction from the FRA.

President Wallace asked what portion or is all of the cost at the Village's expense.

P. Schumacher responded that the cost estimate is actually under \$1,000,000, and will come out of the money in the agreement.

Administrator Salmons stated that we also have requested that CN give the Village an extension on the \$1,000,000 in case it doesn't make the timeframe and we think we may be able to get the extension as well.

Trustee Martin asked, once approved, how long would the project take.

P. Schumacher responded that it will begin by programming the project into the Capital Budget, so we'll have a better sense of the timing – there are a lot of moving parts.

Trustee Shipman asked if the Village can, with some definition, tell the residents that the quiet zone is coming.

P. Schumacher responded yes.

Trustee Arends left the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:28 p.m.

There being no further comments or questions, President Wallace entertained a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Moved by Trustee Martin
Seconded by Trustee Shipman

Motion carried.

President Wallace adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:31 p.m.