



**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**January 16, 2024**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace called the regular meeting of January 16, 2024 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, Management Analyst Joey Dienberg, Finance Director Todd Dowden, Public Works Director Dan Dinges, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Civic Engineer Nick Talerico, Civic Engineer Nick Talerico, Planning and Development Director Kristy Stone, Food & Beverage Manager Paul Petersen, Police Chief Geoff Pretkelis, Deputy Chief Rob Sweeney, Deputy Chief Will Naydenoff, Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth and Village Clerk Lorna Gilles.

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

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.

Trustee Gunsteen stated that he would like to add item 12.A.1. to the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Hopkins stated that he would like to remove item 12.F.2. from the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Suwanski stated that she would like to remove item 12.B.1. from 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 Amend the Consent Agenda, and the items designated to be approved by Consent therein.



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Trustee Hopkins moved to Amend the Consent Agenda and that motion was seconded by Trustee Deyne.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO AMEND THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS THEREIN**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Deyne moved to Approve the Amended Consent Agenda and that motion was seconded by Trustee Hopkins

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED 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 November is included in the packet. Also included is the sales tax report and they received \$325,687 (August activity) that was down \$6,350 or 2% from the prior year. MFT tax, they received \$170,467 that was up \$30,000 or about 21% from the previous year. In regard to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), they received \$4,036,784. This would be \$6,352,000 if we were getting the full 10%.

**9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A Proclamation was read to recognize Public Works Civil Engineer Bob Allen upon his retirement.

Mr. Allen stated that like many others he came here 20 years ago and stayed to work with all the great people here. He thanked them for allowing him to be part of that for 20 years and he really enjoyed it. It went by too quick and if he was younger, he would do more. It was his honor and a privilege.

Sergeant Greg Milos thanked everyone for the continued support of our police department.



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The community showed up in record numbers to all our National Night Out events, including our Dog Walker Watch Summer Social, the Touch-A-Truck, our Family Fun Night, over 19 different block parties, the Family Golf Event, and, of course, the grand finale of our Picnic in the Park! In our category, we took 2nd place out of 26 cities nationwide. While we cannot dispute the rankings, I firmly believe Bartlett was first. I say this because our invaluable partnerships with the community's residents, businesses, and organizations cannot be duplicated or replicated.

On behalf of The Bartlett Police Department, I would like to thank the Village Board of Trustees and Village President Wallace for your continued support and generosity in organizing this successful event year in and year out.

It would not be complete without a special thanks to the village administration, Bartlett Park District, Bartlett Fire Protection District, Bartlett Hills Golf Club, and all of our volunteers and vendors who made this event possible, unlike any other town around us.

Lastly, he thanked our Community Engagement team, Officers Tracey Dendinger, Vicky Anderson, and Michael Bingham. The planning for this event began in September of 2022. They worked tirelessly year-round to ensure each event was carefully organized and maximized the family's experience at each event. Their hard work and dedication continue to carry on this tradition, in which we all see the community come together. This was our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of participating in National Night Out, and he genuinely believed we will participate in the next 30, continuing to build relationships with this great community.

Our next National Night Out will kick off on June 15th with the annual Dog Walker Watch Summer Social & Training event and end on August 6th with our Picnic in the Park. We hope to see you all there as we attempt to regain our first-place trophy.

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

Trustee Deyne recognized employee birthdays and anniversaries as well as commissioners.

Trustee Gandsey congratulated Dan Dinges for being the Top Ten Public Works leaders and also to Tyler Isham for Young Leader of the Year.

Trustee Deyne stated that the comments he got from residents regarding the plowing of the streets were very pleasing. Great job!

President Wallace stated that the resurfacing on Prospect is pretty rough.

Public Works Director Dan Dinges stated that it is temporarily patched. They will come back in the spring and resurface the entire road.

Trustee Gunsteen stated that he was glad that they got Route 59 and West Bartlett Road intersection cleaned up before the holidays. He would guess there are less accidents there currently.



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Trustee Suwanski asked about the water main breaks last week.

Mr. Dinges stated that they had two on the same day that we had the big snow. There is another one today that they did not finish and they will come back tomorrow to finish. It usually happens after a deep freeze and thaw.

Trustee Suwanski asked about the presentation at Fire Station #1 given to the person that responded to the resuscitation of Mike Musson at the Streets of Bartlett. The story was incredible, and she went out of her way to commend our first responders – both police and fire. Our textbook response saying it was a testament to the training that our first responders have she thanked them all and told them to keep up the good work.

Trustee LaPorte stated that we also have excellent equipment.

11. TOWN HALL - None

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BUILDING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GUNSTEEN

Trustee Gunsteen stated that Ordinance 2024-01, an Ordinance Approving a Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision for a Planned Unit Development, a Rezoning, Special Use Permits, and a Site Plan for the Promenade of Bartlett Mixed Use Development was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GANDSEY

Trustee Gandsey presented Updates to the Bartlett Economic Development Assistance (BEDA) Program. She stated that the village board is updating the program to approve its efficiencies and transparency. The committee of the whole reviewed those changes at its November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. They agreed to leave the maximum amount and the ability to reapply at the same location. Staff will also conduct targeted campaigns in commercial areas that need renovations and have not yet participated in the program.

Trustee Gandsey moved to approve updates to the Bartlett Economic Development Assistance (BEDA) program and that motion was seconded by Trustee Suwanski.

Trustee Hopkins stated that he did not remember them talking about requiring the companies that receive BEDA money to join the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce. He does not necessarily agree with making a business join an organization to get public money.

Trustee Gunsteen asked if they should reword it to “request” they join the Chamber of Commerce rather than “require”.



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Trustee Suwanski stated that she thanked them for the clarification on definitions. This came up at the same time as a tax increase and she thought they talked about looking at different dollar amounts and reducing the maximum allowed for this. She does not want to end the program; she thought there might have been a compromise on it.

Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki stated that when they reviewed the minutes, that came up and it seemed as though the direction of the board was to leave it the same, but they could certainly review those minutes again.

President Wallace stated that he thought they had the flexibility, as it is written, to grant the amount they feel is proper. He did not want to limit the availability to someone who is making a huge investment in our town because we made the limit lower.

Trustee Gunsteen stated that they are keeping it at a cap of \$250,000 in the BEDA program.

Mr. Skrycki stated that this particular line item would be up for discussion come budget time, but that is what it was last year. In the preliminary budget that will be presented in March, it will also be \$250,000.

Trustee Gunsteen verified that in March, they can lower that maximum amount or raise it.

President Wallace stated that he thinks it gives them flexibility. It does not mean we have to grant the amount they are requesting.

Trustee Gunsteen stated that they have taken a lot out of the costs that we are covering so he has a hard time believing that someone is going to maximize that payout, other than an Aldi or large grocery store. He feels that they should have flexibility.

Trustee Hopkins stated that businesses that would use the money to repair their parking lots will definitely max some of those out.

President Wallace stated that if they are requesting the maximum, it doesn't mean we have to provide the maximum.

Trustee LaPorte stated that the total approved grant amount that has been approved is approximately \$632,000 with a total private investment of \$8.44 million dollars. He feels that the money is being handled properly.

Trustee Suwanski stated this program is very generous compared to other towns. She is okay keeping it this way as long as they talk about it during budget time.



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ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE BARTLETT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (BEDA) PROGRAM UPDATES

AYES: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, LaPorte, Suwanski  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
MOTION CARRIED

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN LAPORTE

Trustee LaPorte presented Resolution 2024-02-R, a Resolution Approving the Subrecipient Agreement for ARPA Funds Between the Village of Bartlett and the County of Cook.

He stated that the agreement with Cook County to receive \$150,000 of their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover Phase #2 Design Engineering for the bike path underpass under Route 59. This path will provide a safe and reliable connection between downtown Bartlett and the Grasslands subdivision allowing for more bike path connectivity.

Trustee LaPorte moved to approve Resolution 2024-02-R, a Resolution Approving the Subrecipient Agreement for ARPA Funds Between the Village of Bartlett and the County of Cook and that motion was seconded by Trustee Deyne.

Trustee Gunsteen asked if this was in the process of being developed.

Mr. Dinges stated that they have Phase #1 completed and it has been submitted to IDOT where it has been reviewed and commented on. They are at the point to start the final Phase #2 design, which this will cover and then construction from there.

Trustee Gunsteen stated that D.R. Horton's development was kind of tight. He didn't want them to complete the housing development and then all of this falls apart.

Mr. Dinges stated that they will push to get this completed so that the residents will have a connection at that point. This approval will cover the bike path along the Route 59 right-of-way and then Grasslands builds all the way out to Naperville and West Bartlett. We will be building it in conjunction with them.

Trustee Hopkins asked if D.R. Horton is paying for the underpass.

Mr. Dinges stated that in the agreement there is a cost share. They are capped at \$35,000 and the village is paying the rest. Once Phase #2 is completed, if Cook County had more ARPA funds we would ask for Phase #3 money to help offset our costs.

Trustee Hopkins asked if we figure that the engineering will cost \$150,000.



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Mr. Dinges stated that he did not know that yet. They have the structural (because there is a wall going in) and they are awaiting the civil side of it. He didn't think it was going to be that much. He wanted to make sure that they get enough to cover what they want to do. He wants it for construction but they are focusing on getting the design complete. If they can get it through the IDOT process as quickly as possible, then they will try to get an application in for Phase #3 as well.

Trustee Gunsteen asked if this would need to go before Metra as well since it is by the train track.

Mr. Dinges stated that they would need to bond with them because it is adjacent to the tracks.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-02-R, APPROVING SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR ARPA FUNDS WITH COOK COUNTY**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

Trustee Hopkins stated that there was no report.

**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 Ordinance 2024-03, an Ordinance Amending the Bartlett Municipal Code Section 6-11-1204.1: Schedule I, Through Streets was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Deyne presented Resolution 2024-04-R, a Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Bartlett Biosolids Disposal Service Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Synagro Central, LLC.

He stated that on March 21, 2023 the village board approved 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. The contract was awarded for a five-year term.

Recently, the state law that governed the prevailing wage rates was amended to include sludge hauling, eliminating the agricultural exemption they were previously under. Because of this change in the prevailing wage rate, Synagro's wage rates have increased 120% and have since requested to adjust their cubic yardage rate from \$23.10 to \$32.52.



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Based on recent bids for sludge hauling in the surrounding suburbs, staff believes this rate to be comparable, and to avoid a lapse in service, believes the best course of action is to amend the existing contract to reflect the change in rates. Staff recommend approving the contract amendment with Synagro Central, LLC.

Mr. Dinges stated that the contract started in 2023 and did not have a prevailing wage requirement. Starting January 1st of this year is when the prevailing wage requirement was enacted. Synagro came back to the village with their new rate, unfortunately, there is only one other company that has ever bid this item. There are not a lot of options out there and they did talk to other communities about where their rates were and this is comparable.

Trustee Deyne move to approve Resolution 2024-04-R. a Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Bartlett Biosolids Disposal Service Agreement Between the Village of Bartlett and Synagro Central, LLC and that motion was seconded by Trustee Gunsteen.

Trustee Hopkins asked if we looked at their payroll to see what they were actually paying their employees. Is it factual that it went up 120%?

Mr. Dinges stated that they have not seen their current rates. They have been asking for information to justify the increase and they were shown what the new rate was based on versus where they were at before. He didn't know what other options they had.

Trustee Suwanski asked if they have a contract.

Mr. Dinges stated that they do have a contract and it calls for prevailing wages. In 2023, it was not a prevailing wage job and in 2024, it is. He has talked to the village attorney about pushing the issue and they could probably do it for a year but there is only one other company that has ever bid on the alternative. If they were to cancel the contract with this current company, they only have one other option and he can't imagine where those prices would be at.

Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth stated that with the change in the law, every other vendor is going to be subject to the same prevailing wage requirement. There is not many ways to get around that.

Trustee Suwanski asked if they would be looking at the legislation that might have been affecting this since this contract is not even a year old. You would think that since this is such a niche market they would be looking at legislation that would be affecting them in the future.

Mr. Dinges stated that if it was not set in place they are going to bid it based on what the current rate is at.

President Wallace stated he didn't think it would be possible to bid on some type of estimated amount in the future unless they put it in the contract that if this legislation does not pass, here is the new rate.



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Trustee Hopkins stated that he thought they should protect the taxpayers and maybe add into this contract that we have the option, if we do agree to this, that we would be able to cancel this contract and send it out to bid again. He understood that it was a niche market and only two other possible bidders, but maybe with the higher rates and its prevailing wage, there would be more firms to bid on it to see if they could actually be competitive. He didn't know what people are paying their drivers but 120% below prevailing wage is pretty low. He thought that they needed to add a way out of this five-year contract to protect the taxpayers.

Attorney Asprooth stated that they do a one-year contract and there are renewal options but they are not mandatory. If we decided to go with another company or bid this out again, we are only locked in for that one-year term.

Trustee Gunsteen stated that the new law is going to require certified payroll reports and we could see what they are paying their employees.

Attorney Asprooth stated that they upload them directly to the state now and do not provide them to us, but it is something we can check.

Trustee Hopkins stated that going forward we are not paying for the increases they sustained, we are only paying for once this gets approved from that point on.

Attorney Asprooth stated as of January 1, 2024 (when it was effective).

Trustee Hopkins stated that the contract ends in March or does it reset with this contract?

Attorney Asprooth stated that if we do not want to renew, we would have to give them notice pretty soon as there is sixty days to not renew under the contract.

President Wallace stated that they should figure that date for the first meeting in February to make sure we are inside the window.

Trustee LaPorte stated that if you look at their website, they are a nationwide company. Their top Board of Directors are from Goldman Sachs.

Trustee Gunsteen asked if this was a similar company to Safety-Kleen?

Mr. Dinges stated that they take their sludge and find fields to put it on. Their job is finding the fields and being able to apply it to the different farm fields. This new rate will be comparable to what everyone else is paying. He didn't think if they went out to bid they would see a big decrease.

President Wallace stated that when you are doing prevailing wage jobs you have to supply all of your payroll records so they could get access to that and do the math by March.



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ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO BIOSOLIDS DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH SYNAGRO CENTRAL, LLC

AYES: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey, Gunsteen, Hopkins, LaPorte, Suwanski  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Deyne stated that Ordinance 2024-05 an Ordinance Accepting the Public Improvements for 480 Miles Parkway; Ordinance 2024-06, an Ordinance Accepting the Public Improvements for 1303 Jack Court were covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

13. NEW BUSINESS - None

14. QUESTION/ANSWER PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

Trustee LaPorte stated that Aldi will have its grand opening on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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 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 7:38 p.m.

Lorna Giles  
Village Clerk