



# VILLAGE OF BARTLETT BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2025

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

On behalf of President Wallace, Village Clerk Lorna Giles called the regular meeting of January 21, 2025, 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, Hopkins, Suwanski

ABSENT: Trustee Gunsteen, LaPorte, and President Wallace

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant to the Village Administrator Sam Hughes, Assistant Finance Director Matt Coulter, Director of Public Works Dan Dinges, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Civic Engineer Nick Talarico, Planning & Development Director Kristy Stone, Paul Peterson Food and Beverage Manager, Chief Pretkelis, Village Attorney Kurth Asprooth, and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

## ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT TRUSTEE SUWANSKI AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

AYES: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey, Hopkins, Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Gunsteen, LaPorte, and President Wallace

MOTION CARRIED

Temporary Chairman Trustee Suwanski then called the regular meeting of January 21, 2025, of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date.

## ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey, Hopkins, Suwanski

ABSENT: Trustee Gunsteen, LaPorte, and President Wallace

## 3. INVOCATION – Pastor Simon Guevara from the Bartlett Bible Church

## 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 5. TOWN HALL

### **Austin Hopkins, 976 Chippendale**

Mr. Hopkins stated that he currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Bartlett 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee. He stated that the Committee was informed by the Bartlett Police that they would like them to close the carnival early on Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>. He went on to



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say that the request only applies to the carnival but not to bands or food vendors. Mr. Hopkins stated that they were advised by the Police Department that there are safety concerns regarding the carnival remaining open until 11pm, which is the typical closing time. He went on to say that at the last meeting, it was mentioned by the Police that the concern on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and on the 5<sup>th</sup> is a lack of available law enforcement resources. Mr. Hopkins stated that this has led to some confusion and wanted clarification as to whether this is just a resource issue or a resource issue causing safety concerns. He went on to say that given this new information and the potential impact on revenue for the fest, the committee believes it is in the best interest of the Village Board to make a final decision on the matter. He stated that it is essential for our elected officials to be fully informed and that he anticipates further discussion on this topic at their next Committee meeting scheduled for Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the Board for their attention to this matter.

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Temporary Chairman Trustee Suwanski stated that all items marked with an asterisk on the agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. She 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. She 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 Deyne stated that on behalf of Trustee Gunsteen, he would like to add item A. 1 to the Consent Agenda – Ordinance 2025-06 An Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit and Variation of a Fitness and Recreation Center at 810 East Devon Avenue.

Temporary Chairman Trustee Suwanski 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. She then stated that she would entertain a motion to Amend the Consent Agenda, and the items designated to be approved by Consent therein.

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

### ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS THEREIN

AYES: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey, Hopkins, Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Gunsteen, LaPorte, and President Wallace

MOTION CARRIED

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

### ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS THEREIN

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AYES: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey, Hopkins, Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Gunsteen, LaPorte, and President Wallace

MOTION CARRIED

7. MINUTES – Covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

8. BILL LIST – Covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Assistant Finance Director Matt Coulter 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 \$499,933 up 54% from the prior year. For Motor Fuel Tax, they received \$166,026 which was down 2.6% from the prior year but is the highest monthly total for the fiscal year so far. For income tax sharing, we're up to \$4,304,749 for our fiscal year to date, which would be \$6,653,399 if we were receiving the full 10%.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - None

11. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

Trustee Gandsey stated that she was impressed with the content that has been flowing with our campaign as well as the Restaurant Week segment that was on TV. She went on to say that it was great to see people sharing that content and that with our branding campaign, it's key to continue to create content and keep pushing it out.

Trustee Deyne recognized Commissioners on their anniversaries.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BUILDING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GUNSTEEN

Trustee Deyne on behalf of Trustee Gunsteen stated that Ordinance 2025-06, An Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit and Variation of a Fitness and Recreation Center at 810 East Devon Avenue, was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GANDSEY

Trustee Gandsey stated that there was no report



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### **C. FINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN LAPORTE**

Temporary Chairman Trustee Suwanski on behalf of Trustee LaPorte stated that there was no report

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

Trustee Hopkins presented Ordinance 2025-07, An Ordinance regarding the Applicability of the Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance. He stated that the Paid Leave for All Workers Act ("Paid Leave Act") was enacted by the State of Illinois in 2023. The Paid Leave Act, generally, requires employers to provide employees with paid leave at a rate of one hour for every 40 hours worked, including part-time employees. The Paid Leave Act specifically and expressly excludes park districts from complying with the mandatory paid leave requirements.

The Village of Bartlett ("Village") adopted Ordinance 2023-117 on December 19, 2023, opting out of compliance with the Paid Leave Act for Village employees pursuant to the Village's home rule powers. Thus, the Paid Leave Act does not apply to the Village.

Trustee Hopkins moved to approve Ordinance 2025-07, An Ordinance regarding the Applicability of the Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance. That motion was seconded by Trustee Deyne.

Trustee Gandsey wanted to clarify with Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth how this came about and whether the Park District came to him and are paying the Village to utilize his services.

Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth stated that the Park District's Attorney reached out to him and stated that the Park District was requesting that the Village use its home rule authority to exempt them from having to comply with Cook County's Ordinance. He went on to say that all other Park Districts statewide don't have to comply with the paid leave obligations because the State Act exempts Park Districts from the Cook County paid leave ordinance. There was a lot of debate about whether they were going to mirror the State's Ordinance or not. He stated that ultimately, they decided not to. He stated that Park Districts within Cook County are not exempt and have to comply with Cook County's paid leave regulations. He went on to say that the Bartlett Park District has facilities in both Cook and DuPage County. If they were only in DuPage County, then this would not be an issue. He stated that the Park District wouldn't have to comply with any of the State's laws or Cook County's laws.

Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth stated that the Park District came to the Village and asked if we could use our own rule authority like we did for Village employees to exempt them from having to apply Cook County's paid leave obligations. That way there would be no difference between how they treat employees at the Aquatic Center (DuPage County) versus how they treat them at Villa Olivia (Cook County).

Trustee Gandsey asked how many communities in Cook County are home rule and whether there are any that would not be taking this route.



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Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth stated that there are some non-home rule communities that are taking the position that they can exempt Park Districts and School Districts from compliance. He went on to say that there's many home rule communities that have done the same tactic and exempted Park Districts from having to comply. He reiterated that if they were wholly in DuPage County, this wouldn't even be an issue. He stated that a home rule municipality does have this power and that we certainly have the power to do it with the state law when we exempted Village employees from the paid leave obligations last year.

Trustee Gandsey wanted to confirm that it would be up to the Park District to figure out how they want to stay competitive.

Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth stated that was correct and that this would essentially keep the status quo as it is now.

Trustee Suwanski wanted to verify that Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth's hourly time was being billed to the Park District. Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth confirmed that it is not.

Trustee Hopkins asked why that wasn't the case. He went on to say that when someone submits an application or a developer submits something, they have to pay a fee. Trustee Hopkins asked if the Park District would be reimbursing us for Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth's time drafting this Ordinance.

Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated that they are not being billed as the Law Firm has done this for several other municipalities, so the cost was not significant.

Trustee Hopkins stated that the Memo stated that this would impose a significant financial burden on the Park District. He asked what that burden was.

Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated that based on her conversations with the Executive Director, it would require them to provide additional staffing to cover those that time off to meet their minimum standards.

Trustee Hopkins asked if they discussed an actual dollar amount. Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated that she did not.

Temporary Chairman Suwanski asked if there was anyone from the Park District present representing this Ordinance. There was none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-07, ORDINANCE REGARDING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE COOK COUNTY LEAVE ORDINANCE**

**AYES:** Trustees Deyne, Gandsey

**NAYS:** Trustees Hopkins, Suwanski



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ABSENT: Trustee Gunsteen, LaPorte, and President Wallace  
MOTION FAILS

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 there was no report.

13. NEW BUSINESS – None

14. QUESTION/ANSWER PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

Trustee Deyne thanked Trustee Suwanski for running the meeting today and commended her on a job well done as Temporary Chairman.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Chairman Suwanski stated the meeting will adjourn. There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Deyne moved to adjourn the meeting, that motion was seconded by Trustee Gandsey.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

AYES: Trustees Deyne, Gandsey, Hopkins, Suwanski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Gunsteen, LaPorte, and President Wallace

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Jackie Cardoza  
Executive Assistant