



VILLAGE OF BARTLETT BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gunsteen, called the regular meeting of October 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 Battermann, Deyne, Gandsey, Hopkins, LaPorte (remote), Suwanski (remote), and President Gunsteen

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Economic and Development Coordinator Tony Fradin, Finance Director Matt Coulter, Public Works Director Dan Dinges, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Civil Engineer Nick Talarico, Planning and Development Services Director Kristy Stone, Head Golf Professional Phil Lenz, Chief Ryan Conway, Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth, and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. TOWN HALL: None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

President Gunsteen 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 Hopkins stated that he would like to remove the Bill List from the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Hopkins stated that he would like to remove item B. 1 from the Consent Agenda - MORE Brewing BEDA Application.

Trustee Suwanski stated that she would like to add item E. 1 and E. 2 to the Consent Agenda- Resolution Approving a Reciprocal Reporting Memorandum of Understanding with School District U-46, and the Purchase of a new 2026 Nissan Rogue.



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President Gunsteen 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.

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

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

AYES: Trustees Battermann, Deyne, Gandsey, 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 Battermann.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

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

7. BILL LIST

Trustee Hopkins stated that Chief Pretkelis used to sit on the board of DUCOMM and asked if Chief Conway is now on that board. Trustee Hopkins asked if he has seen an increase in cost and if he's concerned with escalating costs. He also asked if the village was going to look at other options to try to decrease some of these costs or move to a different agency/explore other options. Chief Conway stated that currently it's probably too early to say what the other options are, but that DUCOMM does a great job in providing the service needed for the village. He stated that as far as the cost right now, it's consistent with other agencies in terms of service fees. Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated that last year they did explore other options with Northwest Dispatch to see if they could expand their services to other communities. She stated that at this time they are not able to do that, however they will re-evaluate these services again. Trustee Hopkins stated that maybe we could circle back to notes or memos from Chief Pretkelis since he did vote no on a couple of budgets, he stated it might help to look at this from a fresh perspective. Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated that DUCOMM does have a new director and that's where some of his concerns came in.



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Trustee Deyne moved to approve the Bills List, that motion was seconded by Trustee Gandsey.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE BILLS LIST

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

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Coulter stated that the treasurer's report was for the month of August and that the sales tax received was for the month of May in the amount of \$665,830, which was up \$219,164 or 50% from the prior year. Motor Fuel Tax Allotments for August totaled \$172,782 which was up \$6,836 or 4.2% from the prior year. Mr. Coulter stated that our State shared income tax received in August totaled \$429,173, which was down \$29,093 or 6.3% from the prior year. He stated that overall, for the fiscal year to date, income tax is up \$194,769 compared to last year at this time.

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gunsteen read a Proclamation recognizing Village of Bartlett Administrator and current ILCMA President Paula Schumacher.

Trustee Deyne read the Proclamation for World Polio Day.

10. QUESTION/ANSWER: PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

Trustee Deyne wanted to recognize commissioners on their service.

Trustee Deyne also thanked Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki and Economic and Development Coordinator Tony Fradin for their presentation at Rotary regarding the Lake Street TIF District.

Trustee Gandsey asked Chief Conway if he could provide some additional details regarding the ICE incident last week. Chief Conway stated that they received a call regarding a missing person who was a female subject showing a house on Struckman. He stated that this arrangement was set up via email and upon arriving at the residence, they located her car in the driveway. He went on to say that through Ring Doorbell footage, they observed a white van pull up where several subjects exited the van and escorted her into the van. Chief Conway stated that through contacts at the federal government, it was confirmed that she was detained by ICE and that she was being held at O'Hare Airport. He stated that they were able to get in contact with her parents and notify them where she was.



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Trustee Gandsey wanted to confirm that it was a fake set up to go view a showing of a house to get here out there. Chief Conway confirmed that they did not know who made the showing. Trustee Gandsey stated that she would like the Village to do what other villages are doing regarding a post about the Trust Act just so that residents realize the parameters with the Police Department as well as calling 911 if there is a safety issue.

Trustee Hopkins asked about political signage that people put in their yard and wanted to know if there was any way to limit that to off the property line. Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth stated that Illinois amended zoning law about 15-20 years ago to put in a specific exemption for political signage on residentially zoned property. He stated that the only restrictions that we can place on political signs on residential property are reasonable size limitations and that we can't really control too much beyond that. He went on to say that unless we can come up with a compelling safety reason, we don't have much control over residential property.

Trustee Suwanski wanted to thank Village staff, the board, the Village President and our Village Attorney for their outpouring of support since the passing of her mother.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BUILDING & ZONING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN HOPKINS

Trustee Hopkins stated that Resolution 2025-101-R, Resolution Approving a Tree Variation for 391 South Hickory Avenue was covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN GANDSEY

Trustee Gandsey presented the MORE Brewing BEDA Application stating MORE Brewing Company has requested a \$50,000 Business and Economic Development Assistance (BEDA) grant to support a \$250,000 rooftop patio enhancement at its downtown Bartlett location (121 W. Railroad Avenue). She stated that MORE Brewing proposes installing a louvered roofing system with motorized retractable siding, weather sensors, LED lighting, and electrical integration to make its rooftop patio weather-resistant and usable year-round, addressing a 30–40% seating capacity loss during inclement weather.

She stated that the upgrade is expected to increase revenue by 10–12% through expanded event programming (e.g., private parties, beer releases, corporate gatherings) and support year-round staffing, preventing seasonal layoffs and potentially creating new jobs. The total project cost is approximately \$250,000 after design fees and contingencies, with MORE Brewing funding 80% privately. The \$50,000 BEDA grant (20% of costs) will be reimbursed upon project completion and submission of proof of payments. On July 14, 2025, the Economic Development Commission unanimously recommended approving the \$50,000 BEDA grant, contingent on project completion



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to code and verified payments. She stated that the Committee of the Whole reviewed this request at its September 16th meeting, at which time it was forwarded to the full Village Board for a final vote.

Trustee Gandsey made a motion to approve a \$50,000 BEDA grant for MORE Brewing new rooftop system. Trustee Deyne seconded that motion. Trustee Hopkins stated that he was glad that MORE Brewing was present. He stated that they have received grants and discounts on the property. He went on to say that that he personally doesn't believe BEDA funds are a great use of village resources. Trustee Hopkins went on to say that he wishes them all the best but cannot in good faith vote for something like this.

Trustee Suwanski asked if the BEDA grant was designed to be given to same location more than once. Economic and Development Coordinator Tony Fradin stated that the program allows for an applicant to come back and apply every two years. President Gunsteen stated that he wanted to point out that the program will be undergoing some modifications going forward but under the current structure, this is within the parameters.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE A \$50,000 BEDA GRANT FOR MORE BREWING'S ROOFTOP SYSTEM

AYES: Trustees Battermann, Deyne, Gandsey, LaPorte, Suwanski

NAYS: Trustee Hopkins

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Gandsey presented Ordinance 2025-102, Ordinance Amending the Bartlett Municipal Code Regarding the Community and Economic Affairs Commission, stating that in support of President Gunsteen's initiative to enhance economic development and community engagement, the Board explored the idea of commission consolidation at the September Committee of the Whole meeting. Following thoughtful feedback, the Bike and Run Commission will continue as a standalone entity.

At the same time, there is strong alignment—through the upcoming strategic plan and commissioner input—around the creation of a new committee. This group will provide fresh opportunities to engage the community, support staff initiatives, and advance shared goals. Expanded participation and refined objectives will help ensure its success. The proposed format is outlined below:

OBJECTIVES/FORMAT

Key Details of the New Commission:

- Membership: 12 members, appointed by the Village President with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees.
- Terms: Initial appointments will be staggered (3-year, 2-year, and 1-year terms).



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- Designated Members: All seats must be held by residents, and one seat by the current Village Trustee who chairs the standing Community and Economic Affairs Committee. That Trustee will also serve as Chairperson of the Commission.
- Purpose: The Commission will meet monthly and serve in an advisory capacity to the Village President and Board of Trustees.

It will:

- Review and recommend special events and economic development strategies.
- Plan, coordinate, and promote initiatives to foster community pride and participation.
- Provide community-related data to support sound economic development programs, including business attraction, expansion, and retention.

GOING FORWARD

This commission will meet monthly in an advisory role to the Village President and Board, focusing on special events and economic development strategies. It will help plan and promote initiatives that build community pride and provide data to support business attraction, retention, and growth in Bartlett.

Trustee Gandsey moved to approve Ordinance 2025-102, Ordinance Amending the Bartlett Municipal Code Regarding the Community and Economic Affairs Commission. That motion was seconded by Trustee Deyne.

President Gunsteen stated this revamped commission will also review civic fund applications. He stated that he's excited about this commission and spoke to applicants who are very excited to be engaged with our community. Trustee Suwanski wanted to confirm that this was replacing the EDC, President Gunsteen confirmed that was correct. Trustee Suwanski stated that she was pleased that it was decided to keep the Bike and Run Committee as a standalone.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-102, ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BARTLETT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION

AYES: Trustees Battermann, Deyne, Gandsey, LaPorte, Suwanski

NAYS: Trustee Hopkins

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN LAPORTE

Trustee LaPorte stated that there was no report.

D. LICENSE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN BATTERMANN

Trustee Battermann presented the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce Road Closure Request



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stating that the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting a permit to allow for the closure of W. Bartlett Ave. from Oak Ave. to Tatge Ave. between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. on Saturday, November 1st for a car show event downtown. The event hours will be limited to 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Attached, you will find a map of the road closure as well as the lot to the north which will be used for additional parking of car show participants. This request can be passed pending appropriate insurance is submitted and is reviewed/approved by the village attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE BARTLETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

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

E. POLICE & HEALTH COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN SUWANSKI

Trustee Suwanski stated that Resolution 2025-103-R, A Resolution Approving a Reciprocal Reporting Memorandum of Understanding with School District U-46, and the Purchase of a new 2026 Nissan Rogue were both covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

F. PUBLIC WORKS AND GOLF COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN DEYNE

Trustee Deyne stated that Ordinance 2025-104, An Ordinance Accepting the Public Improvements for True North at 2345 West Bartlett Road, and Ordinance 2025-105, An Ordinance Accepting the Public Improvements for Aldi at 200 E. Devon Avenue were covered and approved under the Consent Agenda.

13. NEW BUSINESS - None

14. QUESTION/ANSWER PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES

Trustee Hopkins asked Public Works Director Dan Dinges to provide an update regarding the railroad track. Mr. Dinges stated that the pipeline had a delay, but they are scheduled to reopen by November 3rd. He stated that they are also working to try to get the track crossing repaired prior to that opening. Trustee Hopkins also asked about the Streetscape project in downtown Bartlett. Mr. Dinges stated that they've poured the runnel and had the cure before they could put the coating on it. He stated that they need some dry weather as the moisture content has to be 6% and that they're hoping to get the coating down as it takes three days to get that completed.



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15. ADJOURNMENT

President Gunsteen 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 Hopkins.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Jackie Cardoza
Executive Assistant