

BARTON VILLAGE INC.
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
DRAFT MINUTES
March 28, 2022 6 PM

PRESENT: Nate Sicard, Jackie Laurion, Tin Barton-Caplin, Kim Butler (via Zoom), Nancy Malmquist (via Zoom), Andy Sicard, Rebecca Towne (via Zoom), Mike Bursell (via Zoom), Andrea Cohen (via zoom), Joseph Gressor, Bill Cleale

NS called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

- A. Changes to Agenda / Additions or Deletions
 - a. Added Coin Drop under Trustee Mail
- B. March 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - a. JBC motioned to approve the March 14, 2022 Meeting minutes, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
- C. Privilege of the Floor
 - a. Bill Cleale
 - i. Firehouse – Bill came to update the Trustees since he’s been able to inspect the fire house and review land records and was curious to know if the Trustees would still consider an offer to buy the property.
 - b. Trustees expressed openness to sell the property but would need to initiate a public notice process and a submitted written offer for the property.
- D. Old Business
 - a. None
- E. New Business
 - a. Annual Meeting Warning Preparation / Annual Report
 - i. JBC motioned to approve Annual Meeting Warning for May 10, 2022 with the recommended revisions of changing the order of the notice based on the VLCT’s model policy, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
- F. Other
 - a. Approval of Bills, Warrants, and previous Warrants signed
 - i. JBC motioned to approve bills, warrants, and previous warrants signed, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Trustee Mail
 - i. Coin Drop
 - 1. JBC motioned to approve the Coin Drop Application from Lake Region Union High School contingent on submission of the insurance rider and JL working with them to find a new location within the Village.
 - c. Office / Facilities / Operations
 - i. Electric Department
 - 1. Executive Session (7:00 PM) – Meeting with Counsel
 - a. Integrated Resource Plan

- i. JBC will be meeting with VPPSA tomorrow to discuss. JBC will recommend to hold off on developing the IRP until after a vote on the electric department sale.

ii. Water / Sewer

1. Safety Equipment

- a. Review quotes for upgrading Alarm System
 - i. Reviewed quotes from Alarmco. Trustees prefer the quote to fix the system versus doing a full system upgrade.
 - ii. Action noted below.
- b. Review quotes for addition sewer equipment
 - i. JL motioned to authorize Tim Dagesse to purchase the chain inspection (\$250-Reynolds), gas meter (\$4,410.13-Reynolds), and the alarm system repairs (\$2,245.00 minus sales tax-Alarmco), JBC seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - ii. NS will follow up with Tim about the tripod.

iii. Highway

- 1. Review main street sewer issue – re-digging village fix
 - a. Andy updated the Trustees on the status of the ongoing sewer issues on main street property. The issue is that when a sewer main was updated, back in the fall, the property's sewer service was not reconnected. Andy is in process of working thru an insurance claim.
- 2. Timeline for pothole repair
 - a. Andy is consistently applying cold patch to help with the potholes until the weather is better for more repair.
- 3. Backhoe discussion for purchase
 - a. Andy provided two bids for a new backhoe
 - b. JBC motioned to authorize Andy to purchase the CASE backhoe from Beauregard Equipment with a purchase price of \$117,800, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - c. Trustees and staff need to revisit the cost allocation of the remainder of the purchase price that is over the backhoe equipment fund savings account.

iv. Other / Memorial Building/Parks

1. Food Shelf

- a. JL is meeting with the Barton Community Garden group to discuss more the idea of a food shelf in the Memorial Building Garage.

2. Lawn Mowing Bids (3 yr proposals)

- a. Andy reviewed 4 bids secured from 5 vendors

b. JBC motioned to select Jake's Lawn Care for lawn mowing services for the next 3 years, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.

3. Memorial Building Cleaning

a. JL will follow up with Kevin's wife for a possible cleaning contract.

G. Executive Session:

a. JL motioned to enter Executive Session with 7:02 p.m. with Kim Butler and Nancy Malmquist to discuss personnel items and to discuss contracts where the premature disclosure of information would put the Village at significant disadvantage, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.

i. Rebeca Towne, Mike Bursell, and Andrea Cohen joined at 7:30 p.m.

ii. Kim Butler and Nancy Malmquist left at 8:10 p.m.

iii. JBC motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:11 p.m., JL seconded. Unanimous approval.

iv. JBC motioned to sell substantially all of the assets of Barton Electric Department inclusive of any real estate assets, excluding the hydroelectric facility, to VEC at a purchase price based on the netbook value of such assets as of the closing date of the sale using the terms of the negotiated purchase and sales agreement, JL seconded. Unanimously approved.

v. JBC motioned to authorize Nate Sicard to work with counsel to finalize and execute the purchase sales agreement with VEC, JL seconded. Unanimously approved.

vi. JBC motioned to ratify the tentative agreement with IBEW and VEC that details the transition options for Barton Village employees and authorize Nate Sicard to execute the tentative agreement, JL seconded. Unanimously approved.

H. Adjourn: JBC motioned to adjourn at 9:42 pm., JL seconded. Unanimous approval.

Date of Next Meetings: April 11th, 2022

Submitted by Tin (Justin) Barton-Caplin | Board Clerk

Attested by Shelia Martin | Village Clerk