

BARTON VILLAGE INC.
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
DRAFT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 6 PM

PRESENT: Nate Sicard, Tin Barton-Caplin, Jackie Laurion, Sean Guyette, Denis Poirier, Tim Dagesse, Jennifer Weeks, Greg Swart, Phil Young, Lucas DiMauro, Patty Richards (via zoom), Chris Recchia (via zoom)

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

- A. Changes to Agenda / Additions or Deletions
 - a. None
- B. Meeting Meetings – September 12, 2022
 - a. JL motioned to approve the September 12, 2022 Meeting minutes, JBC seconded. Unanimously approved.
- C. Privilege of the Floor
 - a. Denis Poirier – questions about the electric department
 - i. Saw out of state trucks working on the lines just curious if the Village is working with any sister municipalities.
 - ii. Trustees shared that the Village is in contract negotiations with VPPSA and VPPSA has taken over the emergency services work and in process of finalizing the contract. In that service situation, VPPSA has sub-contracted with municipal utilities and out of state contractors to provide the coverage.
 - iii. The RFP process was only a month long
 - iv. Trustees clarified that was phase 1 of the bidding process where an entity was asked to submit a high level proposal and then phase 2 would have been dialoguing with bidders.
- D. Old Business
 - a. None
- E. New Business
 - a. Driveway Permit Application – Glover Road
 - i. The Board reviewed a driveway permit on Glover Road from Homeland, LLC.
 - 1. JL motioned to approve the driveway permit request for Parcel ID 8-160-527, JBC seconded. 2 – YAYS, 0 – NAYS, 1 – Abstain
- F. Other
 - a. Approval of Bills, Warrants, and previous Warrants signed
 - i. JBC motioned to approve payroll warrant, signed, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - ii. JL motioned to authorize Justin Barton-Caplin to approve and execute any warrants that are generated prior to our next meeting, JBC seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - b. Trustee Mail

- i. Toni Eubanks shared some items for possible review by the Trustees:
 - 1. Pleasant Street – her street has massive frost heaves that haven't subsided. Is there any way to temporarily fix these?
 - 2. Toni wanted to follow up the tree discussion. Trustees are in support of the trees as previously discussed, just need a drawing that Toni and Andy agree.
 - 3. Toni also wanted to explore having a surveillance camera on the Trustee parking lot due to elevated drug. Trustees are supportive of this.
- c. Office / Facilities / Operations
 - i. Highway (6:15 p.m.)
 - 1. Open bids for salt and slab construction
 - a. JP Sicard
 - i. Bid came in over the \$45,000 budget
 - ii. JBC motion to decline the bid, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - 2. Paving Projects Updates
 - a. Pike is coming in next week for High Street
 - ii. Electric Department
 - 1. Operations Update
 - a. Patty provided an update on the status of the VPPSA contract for operational services. Patty and Chris, once finalizing the operations contract, will present a list of priorities to set a 6-12 month work plan.
 - 2. Contracts—discussed in Executive Session
 - iii. Water / Sewer
 - 1. WW Lagoon Project & Consider authorizing interim fall clean out with balance of Village WW reserves (6:30 p.m.)
 - a. Discussion of emergency removal of sludge before winter sets in
 - i. Recommendation to continue with current contractor to remove the high risk lagoon
 - ii. Currently have spent a bit over \$45,000 and expected to spend at another \$100,000 to remediate this fall
 - iii. JBC motioned to authorize Tim Dagesse to P&H Senesac to complete the contract and to complete the lagoon pumping/dredging this fall, JL seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - iv. Tim and AES Northeast will work to finalize costs.
 - v. Trustees will ask Crystal to provide an updated on the ARPA and Wastewater reserve accounts.
 - vi. Phil Young will reach out to Sarah from USDA to explore a grant application for a sludge dredge machine.
 - 2. Water

- a. Flushing Discussion & Consider Equipment for Accurate Flow Measuring
 - i. The water discoloration is a result of treatment of manganese which is treated with a chemical to sequester the manganese. Lucas shared how the color is actually a result of the treatment.
 - ii. Lucas shared that he needs a flow meter to get a more accurate reading so that he can see any increases in flow when there is a break in the Village water system.
 - iii. Lucas thinks the current flow meter taps could be used to support newer technology. Nate thought perhaps it would may not work.
 - iv. Trustees will pick up at next meeting.

3. Electric Dept

- a. Mailing to rate payers
 - i. Trustees did not want reference to the zoom link in the notice.
 - ii. Chris will submit a letter to the editor
- b. Patty reviewed the VELCO transaction
 - i. JBC motioned to approve the VELCO transaction and authorize Nate Sicard to execute the final paperwork, JL seconded. Unanimously approved.
- c. Patty should have a copy of the operation contract sent out by the end of the week.
- d. Land Sale – Chris suggested that selling the land would trigger a FERC license amendment process and could go on for 5 years or so. Chris will definitely is on the side of not selling the property but will have a formal recommendation next meeting or the one after.
- e. Tax Bill – Nate brought up that the Town of Barton tax assessment needs to be partially billed to Orleans for the high voltage lines.
- f. Cash Flow Analysis – Patty shared an update on the cash flow analysis: she’s working with Crystal to get this completed.

iv. Other / Memorial Building/Parks

1. None

G. Executive Session:

- a. JBC motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss personnel issues & contracts related to VPPSA and winter hedge power purchase where the premature disclosure would be put the Village at significant disadvantage with Patty Richards and Chris Recchia, JL seconded. Unanimously approved.

- b. JBC motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:59 p.m., JL seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - c. JBC motioned to authorize Patty Richards to negotiate and executive the finalized Howard Wind contract contingent on a no fee exit clause being included, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - d. JBC motioned to approve the amendment to the EES contract and to authorize Nate Sicard to execute the updated / resulting contracts with Patty Richards (acting as a sole proprietor) & EES, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
- H. Adjourn: JBC motioned to adjourn at 8:46 pm., JL seconded. Unanimous approval.

Date of Next Meetings: October 10, 2022.

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

Attested by Shelia Martin | Village Clerk