



**VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE
Public Works Committee Meeting - (3/9/26)**

March 09, 2026
4:00 PM

Minutes

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call (If Quorum)

Mayor Patterson – ABSENT, Ms. Beaupry – HERE, Ms. Hefner – HERE, Mr. Richmond – ABSENT, Mr. Engard – HERE, Mr. Bosak – HERE, Mr. Sweat – HERE

III. Public Works Discussion

Council members and Administrator Bender discussed potential options for the proposed public works building development:

Administrator Bender stated that no quotes had been solicited for the project at the time of the meeting, and that he would work with the Mayor to clarify goals with the building.

Ms. Hefner stated that the addition of shower and sleeping facilities should be considered for the project.

Council discussed whether it was appropriate to move forward with a criteria architect for a project of this scale.

Ms. Beaupry stated that the \$20,000.00 fee for a criteria architect was a lot of money, but not if it would be used to do a larger building that would incorporate multiple departments [rather than public works alone].

Ms. Hefner stated that she did not believe that this was necessary. She asked Mr. Engard what his opinion was.

Mr. Engard stated that hiring the criteria architect could be a gamble as the project was not guaranteed to happen.

Administrator Bender stated that a sealed bid would be necessary due to the cost of the project being over \$79,000.00. He stated that the Village could solicit these bids and see what is received.

Mr. Sweat stated that the term “pole barn” had been used throughout the meeting. He disagreed with this classification and felt that the building should be made with a steel frame.

Fiscal Officer Matt Clouse stated that funds for the building could be pulled from the Village’s general fund and JEDD [joint economic development district]. He stated that the general fund currently holds about \$2 Million and the JEDD held an additional \$200,000.00. He stated that the Village could pull \$500,000.00 total from these sources but recommended no more than this amount.

Mr. Clouse stated that short-term loans were likely the only other viable option.

Ms. Hefner stated that the next step would be establishing a clear set of criteria for the building, which Administrator Bender will prepare.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:33 PM.