



**Minutes of the Barrington Hills Village Communications Committee
Meeting Number 9, March 27, 2006
Final**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Beth Mallen called the ninth meeting to order on March 27, 2006, at 5:41 p.m. in the Barrington Hills Village Hall Training Room.

2. Roll Call of Members

Present:

Beth Mallen, Chairman

Barbara Kemp, Recording Secretary, Member (arrived 5:50 p.m.)

Lucinda Hanover, Member

Vicky Kelly, Member

Maureen Prettyman, Member

Nikki Panos, Member

Walter E. Smithe, Village Trustee, Sponsor

Bob Kosin, Village Administrator, Sponsor

Neal Waltmire, Planning and Zoning Coordinator

Visitors:

Kevin Colosia, Resident and Cellular Technology Subject Matter Expert

Lt. Joe Colditz Member of the Police force for Chief Murphy

Absent:

Dan Mjolsness, Member

3. Approval of Minutes

Barbara sent and brought the Draft February 27, 2006 minutes for review. Lucinda motioned to accept the amended minutes as Final for February. Maureen seconded the motion. They will be converted to Final and sent to Neal Waltmire for posting. Approved: 6-0-1

4. Updates: Kosin and Smithe

Walter Smithe: The trustees are working on the budget and selecting a new accounting firm. They are also looking for new ideas for the village logo replacement. Trustee Horne is leading that effort. Trustees Horne and Gohl also agreed to provide memorabilia from their youth for the Village Hall display.

Bob Kosin: The Communications Committee needs to be reappointed to our positions for another 12 month term. All Committees will address this requirement. The new terms start May 15 at the beginning of the fiscal year. McHenry ZBA Duda hearing meetings: Bob has the April and May dates which were sent in email by Neal Waltmire after the meeting. Barrington Farms, McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals: All meetings are on Thursdays, start at 1:30 PM, and are held at the following location: 2200 North Seminary Ave (Ware Rd.), Administration Building Room B, Woodstock, IL. April 13th, 20th, 27th and May 4th, 11th, 18th. Post cards continue to be mailed to McHenry County Residents of Barrington Hills.

Lt. Joe Colditz for Police Chief Murphy: The Chief is in the process of tabulating results from the survey he sent to residents. The response was good.

5. Old Business

- Web Site - Village and Committee
 - Vicky and Dan met with North Star personnel. The new non governmental Website for the Village will be available soon. There is a requirement to be very cautious about content. The new website name is www.vbhcomm.info.
- Duda Hearing
 - Barbara provided a synopsis of the Duda McHenry County ZBA meetings in Woodstock. The meetings have gone on longer than residents anticipated. There are several Duda witnesses left, and the hearings have prescheduled dates through May (See dates in the Kosin comments above.)
 - Residents are having a big impact on the hearing process. The post cards are very appreciated by everyone to keep momentum going. It is important to keep the voice of the residents in the meetings. The ZBA has respected the input.
 - The Village attorneys are now deferring their cross examination until after the residents speak. Many of the attorneys' objections have been overruled. They continue to ask important questions on behalf of the village and all residents.
 - The ZBA members have the first opportunity to ask questions and their questions were detailed, especially after the Marsha McCutcheon water and septic testimony.
 - The election results (Barnes and Miller) were a positive sign mentioned by the residents in attendance at the meetings and the news articles reflecting the proceedings appear to be balanced based on resident informal comments.
 - The McHenry County Defenders have had a person in attendance for the last two (2) meetings and he asked some solid questions pertaining to the environmental impact.
 - Algonquin has had a Planning Committee member in attendance at most meetings and offline she indicated that the Algonquin Trustees are following this action and taking a neutral position.
 - There was discussion in the last Communications Committee meeting on having a few concise speakers to present questions at future ZBA meetings during the public Q&A period. That did not occur. Anyone speaking should be present during related testimony to be effective. The residents have gotten better at not repeating questions previously asked and making excellent coordinated comments.
 - Many questions about schools have not been answered. The last witness was the Traffic Engineer and his cross examination will be done at the first April meeting.

- The Village attorneys indicated they plan to put on a case after the Duda presentations and witnesses are done.
 - Water and Septic Highlights – One resident asked good questions about the spray septic field and her plans for Organic Farm status. Another resident asked about safety concerns for children who may play near the 3 septic ponds. According to their witness, Illinois does not allow food to be eaten that is grown on land sprayed by the treated effluent water. Signs have to be posted to ward people from walking through the 5 foot high spray areas at night. Mr. Parker on the ZBA asked about the impact of converting prime agriculture land to the planned development.
 - Bob Kosin added comments that individual letters to the ZBA and Board members have been well received, may have a positive impact and should be encouraged. ***“There are 460 families in McHenry County in the Village. If all put their issues in writing it could have a powerful impact.”***
- Budget - Due March 24 (addressed March 27 for submission)
 - Budget from the Communications Committee Members:
 - Newsletters – Four (4) per year number, 2006-2007 fiscal year: ~ \$2100 for printing and ~ \$1500 for postage each Newsletter. Total estimate: \$10,500. Nikki and Vicky
 - Annual Resident Parties – Estimate only for total costs for the Holiday party was \$750 which will be a benchmark for the 2006-07 budget: Lucinda and Maureen
 - The Village will celebrate 50 years in formal existence as Barrington Hills in May 2007 and much discussion (see new business) resulted in an estimate of ~\$5000 for deposits in the 2005-2006 year. There will be final expenses in the 2007-08 fiscal year when the actual party takes place : Beth, Bob and Walter
 - Cellular Technology- meetings and notices, documentation, possible cost sharing alternatives costs, at a minimum with suggestions if the Village desires to pursue alternatives in the following fiscal year. No foreseen extraordinary cost in 2006-07 .- Barbara, Dan, Bob and Kevin Colosia
 - Website – New dot info website – annual fee \$25 – Vicky and Dan

Communications Committee	Budget Request Summary	Fiscal Year 2006 2007
1. Newsletters	\$10,500	Nikki, Vicky
2. Annual Holiday Party	750	Lucinda, Maureen
3. Village 50 Year Deposits	5,000	Beth, Lucinda, Maureen
4. Website – vbhcomm.info	25	Dan, Vicky
5. Technology - Cellular	0 in 2000-07	Barbara, Dan
Total Request	\$16,275	Communications Committee

6. New Business

- Newsletter-
 - The next Newsletter will be mailed in early May. Deadline for articles to Nikki and Vicky is April 24. This allows for time for the Trustees to review and approve.
 - Trustee Updates - whatever is new and important per Trustee.
 - The deferred article on Treasurer Joanne Sladek
 - Follow up on the Police Equine training with pictures by Beth Mallen.

- The Police department investigating new camera technology. This will be an important topic to share with the residents to ensure support for this safety measure. There have been four (4) fatalities in the Village already in 2006 and at least one near fatal accident involving a resident at Bateman and Route 62. President Abboud spoke out about the plans in a recent article printed in the Courier. State legislation is pending in April to allow for villages and towns smaller than Chicago to use this type of technology for both surveillance and enforcement.
 - Status of the Duda Hearings
 - Neighborhood Watch meeting in May, include notice
 - The Police Annual Open House is May 21; get pictures from the last event into this newsletter
 - Grigsby Land Conservation News – Ted Horne.
 - Election results critical to school districts 220 and 300 and the Duda plans.
 - Petition being prepared for the Barrington Hills School District 300 residents to be allowed to become part of District 220. Results of meeting of 300 residents with Bob Abboud on April 7. April meeting planning: Soeders and Cools
 - Pictures requested of horses being ridden by residents along Spring Creek Road and Chapel Road – provide to Beth Mallen
 - Forest Preserve actions – tree removal; change to Prairie to protect Hinkle Sparrow – resident issues – identify a good writer to address this issue
- Barrington Hills 50th Anniversary Party Planning (Session 1)
 - Lucinda led an idea generation session. Some ideas to be investigated include:
 - Consider a week of events targeted in early September 2007
 - Determine if the Riding Center is one venue for planned activities – Maureen
 - Contact the Presidents of various Committees and Organizations in the Village and/or area to have them host specific events that week. Host a kick off meeting – Lucinda
 - Historical Tour of the Village
 - Balloon Rides, tethered at an event to see over the Village - Barbara
 - Pony Rides, Polo – LaComp’s field potentially – Maureen and Vicky
 - School Events – get the children involved, art contest - PTOs
 - Churches in the Village – seven of them
 - Dinner Dance – possible benefit
 - Dance Companies, Gymnastics, Sporting Events
 - Garden Club Showcase
 - Bands – Local
 - “Taste of Barrington Hills”
 - Police Department Activity
- Art Donation Feedback – Communications Team members will directly contact long time residents to solicit pictures that can be copied with originals returned.
 - Walter Smithe contacted Ted Horne and Fritz Gohl – in progress
 - Lucinda Hanover to contact the Swodicks
 - Beth Mallen to contact Toots
 - Barbara Kemp to contact Margaret Stanton
 - Maureen Prettyman to contact Dave Buckley
- Technology - Cellular Coverage

- Bob Kosin, Neal Waltmire, Kevin Colosia, Dan Mjolsness and Barbara Kemp held the first Technology internal meeting March 14. Barbara provided informal draft notes to the committee members.
- Carrier meetings will have a common format. Introduction and Background: Bob Kosin, Carrier Coverage and future plans per Carrier, Open Discussion and Path Forward. Meetings will be held in the Village Hall and initial invitations are being developed and calendars will be set. Members of the Committee will be advised in case they wish to attend. (Limit 2 total at a time)
- Bob invited members of the Technology sub team to the Camera Cellular demo March 15 in the Police Roll Call Room.

7. Dismissal:

Beth Mallen entertained a motion for dismissal at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, April 24, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. Nikki motioned and Lucinda seconded. Motion Approved (6-0-1).

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Approved and Converted to FINAL May 22, 2006 Meeting, ready for posting.