

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 22, 2008

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, Pro-Tem
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Steven E. Knoop, Trustee
George L. Schueppert, Trustee (*arrived at 7:05 p.m.*)
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee
Douglas Wambach, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Kathleen Soeder, Village Clerk

Absent

Beth Mallen, Trustee

Guests

Gerald Hirsch, Resident

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Abboud opened a thirty-five minute session for public comments at 6:46 p.m.

As there were no public comments, the public comments session ended at 6:46 p.m.

FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Treasurer's Report – Trustee Smithe presented the Treasurer's report for the month of November, 2008. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board Report – Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the financial report of the Police Pension Board through November, 2008 as presented. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Upon his arrival, Trustee Schueppert reported that he is still having difficulty balancing the Police Pension Board fund. It appears that the Village has paid \$12,058 more than it should have. The overpayments seem to be related to the Chief Clauser family payments. Reconciliation is expected with the December payment.

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$14,766.69 in overtime expenses for November, 2008. Trustee Gohl seconded. Recent storms have caused increased overtime to be spent. The Police Department will conduct another roadside safety checkpoint on Friday night December 27th. Money for the detail will be recovered from Federal grant dollars. Roll Call.

Ayes: 5 (Ramesh, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Mallen, Schueppert)

Motion Approved

Presentation of Bills – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve payment of the bills for the month of November to date of \$577,591.24 and manual payments of \$105,705.93. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 5 (Ramesh, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Mallen, Schueppert)

Motion Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Purchase Authority for Digital Audio and Video Equipment Resolution 08-25- Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the purchase of additional audio and video equipment for increased security. Equipment will include additional cameras in the front of Village Hall. Trustee Smithe asked how reliable this equipment is and if we could consider not purchasing the maintenance plan. The conclusion was to limit the maintenance plan to cover the police lock-up facility only since cameras are required there by law. Without working cameras, the cells and the interview room are not able to be used. The current video system would serve as backup. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 5 (Ramesh, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Mallen, Schueppert)

Resolution 08-25 Approved

BUILDING AND ZONING – George L. Schueppert

Deerwood Farms – In Trustee Schueppert’s absence, Director of Administration Robert Kosin reported that the Building Officer issued three violation citations to Donna Hirsch of Deerwood Farm. A court date is scheduled for January 5th at 9am. Trustee Smithe confirmed that the neighbors’ concerns were being addressed. The judge could issue a maximum fee of \$750 for each citation.

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

Canadian National Railway (CNR) – President Abboud reported that a meeting to discuss mitigation has been scheduled for December 23rd.

As a follow up to last meeting’s IGA 2008 Proclamation, Trustee Knoop reported that Death Valley, California aims to be the first dark sky National Park.

Trustee Smithe motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 7:12 p.m. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned

Approved _____