

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 23, 2009

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:39 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
Beth Mallen, Trustee
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee
Douglas Wambach, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Dolores Trandel, Deputy Village Clerk

Guests

Barry LeCompte, Resident
Pamela Cools, Resident
Frank Cools, Resident
Harold K. Richter
Ken Bosworth, Resident
John Rosene, Resident
Ruth & Dieter Tannenberg, Residents
Jonathan Knight, Resident
Patrick McKeivitt, Resident
Jason Elder, Resident
Karen Selman, Resident

Trustee Smithe motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 6:39 p.m. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 7:38 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2009. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of January 26, 2009 as amended. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Abboud opened a thirty-five minute session for public comments at 8:56 p.m.

John Rosene – Stressed the importance of the Barrington Hills Polo Club, the issue of the use of Deepwood Road and it all needs to be expedited. Polo school starts the first week of April and the Polo Club's hands are tied. They cannot do any scheduling until this is resolved. The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Special ZBA meeting on Monday, March 2, 2009 to further discuss the Special Use Amendment and motion to reconsider the wording on the motion passed at the February 18, 2009 meeting.

Jason Elder – Wants to resolve the definition of the word “agriculture”. His concern was that Barrington Hills is “Horse Country” and should not be restricting the residents enjoyment of their horses.

The public comments session ended at 8:56 p.m.

FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Treasurer's Report - Trustee Smithe presented the Treasurer's report for the month of January, 2009. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Mallen 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 January 31, 2009 as presented. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$5,037.96 in overtime expenses for January, 2009. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Presentation of Bills – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve payment of the bills for the month of January to date of \$280,795.58 and manual payments of \$32,638.82. Trustee Schueppert seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Trustee Smithe questioned the amount of money paid to Aspen for shoveling and salting the Village parking lot and sidewalks. Robert Kosin, Village Administrator stated this was due to the excess amount of snow falling consistently for 4 days. This service was necessary for the well being of our officers, staff and residents' safety. Trustee Smithe suggested that perhaps we get bids for next years winter clean ups.

Trustee Smithe suggestion that the Board consider the formation of a Delinquent and Deficient Property Committee was deferred to the March meeting

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Elaine M. Ramesh

Monthly Report –Trustee Ramesh reported for our January snow removal, we were charged \$16,600 for excessive cost of salt, but no addition call out charges. The extra salt fee will be paid out of MFT funds. Tom Gooch, Cuba Township Road Commissioner, estimates another three weeks of bad weather. He believes he has enough salt to cover roads during that time. Trustee Ramesh went on a drive along this past Saturday with Mr. Gooch on the snow plow truck and felt it was a very good education of what the snow plow driver's experience.

In addition to Cuba Township's plowing costs, Plote's January charges for plowing and salting the Village Hall facility was \$9,000 and Aspen charged approximately \$5,000 for snow blowing and shoveling sidewalks around the Village Hall.

A meeting is set with Canadian National, regarding the Hawley Lake Dam structure. The River Road and Merri Oaks road projects will continue in the spring. Three Lakes Road projects on the culverts are scheduled for 2010. Mr. William Olic is requesting that the Village continue to repair his driveway. This issue is being addressed by Trustee Ramesh and Village Engineer, Dan Strahan. Oak Knoll need some resurfacing – there is rutting on the shoulder and will be addressed. We are now preparing to accept bids for road resurfacing projects in April.

Barrington Hills Road Vacation – The Board has no objection to vacating this land to the two homeowners sharing the land as there have been no improvements on it paid for by the Village. Trustee Smithe suggested that in view of this, the homeowners should cover any costs of vacating this parcel. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl motioned that the Police Department monthly report is accepted. Trustee Smithe seconded. All said Aye.

Motion Accepted

Officer Dominic Caputo – Chief Murphy presented a Life Saving Award to Officer Dominic Caputo for his outstanding efforts to stop a suicidal subject.

Ron Furst, of 4 Jane Lane, sent a letter via email regarding the advertising signs located throughout the Village. He was asking the Board to consider some sort of penalty to be paid to cover the cost of removing illegally places signs. Chief Murphy agreed that they are a nuisance. Where a roadside problem, such signs are collected and disposed of unless retrieved. It would be a waste of time trying to contact these people and trying to collect a fine through a court hearing..

East Dundee IGA Resolution 09-03 – Trustee Gohl motioned to accept this ordinance. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Resolution 09-03 Approved

Inverness IGA - The Village of Barrington Hills and the Village of Inverness have begun initial discussion of sharing public safety resources such as radio frequency and lock up facilities. Chief Murphy advised that the discussions of Barrington Hills dispatching for Inverness is still open.

BUILDING AND ZONING – George L. Schueppert

Building Permit Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that the number of building permits issued this year continues to be far below expectations. Only nine building permits have been issued in the last month.

ZBA Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that this month’s ZBA meeting was a public hearing regarding proposed amendments of the Village’s zoning code, including the definition of agricultural use. Comments were received from residents of Deepwood and the Polo Club and the February 18th ZBA meeting lasted to 1 a.m. A Special ZBA meeting is planned for Monday March 2, 2009 to reconsider the Motion on their decision on the Polo Club petition to amend the Special Use..

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Monthly Report – Trustee Knoop reported that the Chairman of the Plan Commission reviewed the draft of the Lighting Ordinance.

INSURANCE – George L. Schueppert

Monthly Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that we have moved past the projected \$80,000 less expenditure when we moved to Blue Cross/Blue Shield. We spent \$100,000 less this past year than when we were with Great West.

HEALTH, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ENVIRONMENT – Beth Mallen

Monthly Report – Trustee Mallen reported that the newsletter has been mailed out and well received. P. Denise Israel, Chair of the Environmental Committee has targeted April for a clean-up project. Trustee Mallen questioned when vehicle stickers would go on sale. The Village vehicle sticker design, as proposed by Village Administrator, Robert Kosin, was questioned when he announced the International Year of Astronomy poster picture would be the design. Chief Murphy will be bring the designs to the Special March 6, Board of Trustees meeting so the Board can make a final decision.

ATTORNEY – Douglas Wambach

Attorney Wambach stated that all matters of litigation and personnel had been addressed in Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

Appointments - President Abboud introduced John J. Pappas, Sr. to the Board for consideration of appointment to the Equestrian Commission. Trustee Gohl motioned to appoint Mr. Pappas and Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

Canadian National Railway (CNR) – Trustee Knoop noted a change in the rail traffic on the EJ&E.

Off Track Betting – The proposed off track betting facility at Kelsey’s Road House in Lake Barrington was discussed in regards to traffic. President Abboud requested that members of our Plan Commission go to Lake Barrington’s Plan Commission meeting on March 12, and report back. Trustee Mallen recalled that this group was operating in Wauconda and lost their lease. It appeared that the Village was very pleased with them. Trustee Ramesh inquired into a master list for border agreements when they expire. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Mallen motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 9:55 p.m. Trustee Smith seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned

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