

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 18, 2009

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, Pro-Tem
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Steven Knoop, Trustee
Beth Mallen, Trustee
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee
Peter Wessel, Trustee
Doug Wambach, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Dolores Trandel, Deputy Village Clerk

Guests

Jonathan Knight, Resident
Charlie Calo, Resident
John Rosene, Resident
Barbara Kemp, Resident
Linda Fox, Resident
Nikki Panos, Resident
P. Denise Israel, Resident
David Martin, Resident
Linda Fox, Resident
Alex Gamota, American Tower

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 6:38 p.m. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 8:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2009. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye

Motion Approved

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of April 27, 2009 as amended. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 11, 2009. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the disposal of Executive minutes Recordings of August 20, 2007. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Abboud opened a thirty-five minute session for public comments at 8:09 p.m.

John Rosene – 208A Braeburn Road – Mr. Rosene asked the Board for permission to advertise in the Barrington Quintessential, September/October magazine issue for the Kalaway Landowners' Cup. All Board members gave approval expect for Trustee Smithe, who abstained as he is an advertiser in the magazine.

David Martin – 6 Acorn Lane – Mr. Martin was upset that he did not receive any prior notice as to the storm sewer project on Merri Oaks. He felt that homeowners, where easements are involved, should be fully informed of any project that would affect their property. Since the project started, silt build-up on his property has been a problem. Robert Kosin will be meeting with Village Engineer, Dan Strahan on Wednesday May 20, to view the property. President Abboud also requested that photos be taken and that Trustee Ramesh and Trustee Wessel also view the property.

P. Denise Israel – Chair, Beautification Committee – Reported that the May 2, Roadside Trash Pickup was a big success. Over 115 bags of trash were picked up along with other roadside debris. In addition to this, 12 more bags of garbage were picked by Boy Scout Troop 152. She was proud to say that all volunteers were as enthusiastic at the end of the pick up as they were at the beginning. The Committee will be meeting on May 19th to determine how to say thanks to the volunteers and determine the date and roads for the next event.

As there were no further public comments, the session ended at 9:08 p.m.

FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Treasurer's Report - Trustee Smithe presented the Treasurer's report for the month of April, 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 April 30, 2009 as presented. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$15,075.39 in overtime expenses for April 16, to May 15, 2009. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 7 (Wessel, Ramesh, Mallen, 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 April to date of \$211,645.29. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Approved

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Peter C. Wessel

Monthly Report – Trustee Ramesh advised that bids for 2009 Resurfacing project have been received. The low bid was \$427,000 from Geske & Sons and the high bid was for \$593,000. Trustee Ramesh motioned to accept the \$427,000 bid from Geske & Sons. Trustee Smithe seconded. All said aye.

Motion Approved

Major Drainage Project – The gas main relocation on Merri Oaks Road is done. The seasonal road restriction was lifted on May 11th. The graffiti on Cuba Road bridge will be removed by Commissioner Gooch. Oak Knoll shoulder repair and Helm Road culvert need to be completed.

Chapel Road Flooding – Village Engineer, Dan Strahan is looking at possible solutions. He met with two homeowners who were not receptive to a relocation of the roadway. Road is still closed.

IDOT Meeting on Rt. 62 Safety Enhancements – IDOT considering in-pavement traffic reflectors and other changes to improve the safety record of State Route 62.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl motioned to accept the Police Departments monthly report. Trustee Smithe seconded. All said Aye.

Motion Accepted

Officer Jeremy Hensler received letters of recommendation from the Mount Prospect Police Department and the Arlington Heights Police Department for his part in NIPAS call-outs for armed and barricaded subjects in those towns. Both incidents were resolved with no injuries.

BUILDING AND ZONING – Elaine Ramesh

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

ZBA Report – 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. Also discussed was the adoption of a special use classification for Animal Shelters.

Motion Approved

Zoning “Housekeeping” Text Amendment Ordinance – Trustee Ramesh motioned to accept this Ordinance. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Ordinance 09-05 Approved

Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance – Concerns were expressed by the Trustees about the use of a Mound Septic System. Where this type of septic system requires much less ground area, it has a higher maintenance. Also being partially above ground, there are possibilities of run off onto other properties. Trustee Mallen motioned this to a vote. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 0

Nays: 7 (Wessel, Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Absent: 0

Ordinance Failed

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Monthly Report – The Ad Hoc Committee of the Plan Commission continues to review standards for the use of artificial lighting, referred to as Dark Sky Ordinance

INSURANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Monthly Report – Trustee Smithe advised that our renewal date on employee health insurance is July 1, 2009 and there is an increase of \$109,000. or 20% for the year. Trustee Knoop believed the Village should check with another broker regarding pricing. Trustee Wessel also offered to check with other sources.

HEALTH, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ENVIRONMENT – Beth Mallen

Monthly Report – Trustee Mallen reported that the HVAC system has been repaired building wide. A gun locker was installed outside the south side back door ramp for the Inverness Police use.

The utility lights on all out buildings have been shaded facing down according to our Dark Sky Proclamation.

Robert Kosin and Sarah Kenney went on tour of the BACOG village halls to view and take pictures of their signs. Our Village sign is extremely difficult to see and we are working on ways to make it more visible and adding Fire Department to the wordage.

ATTORNEY – Douglas Wambach

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

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

Appointments – The following appointments were made by President Abboud.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nancy Masterson appointed to the term expiring April, 2013

Karen Rosene appointed to term expiring April, 2012

George Mullen appointed to term expiring April, 2014

Jonathan J. Knight (Chair) to take the term expiring April, 2011

Joe Messer (Chair Pro Tem) to take the term expiring April, 2014

Judith Freeman expiring on April, 2010

Byron Johnson Expiring on April, 2010

Mark Rossi will leave the ZBA. The President and Board of Trustees wish to thank Mark for his service to the community.

Police Pension Board – The following committee appointments are made to the Pension Board.
Peter Hyland
Lynn White

Both these individuals are currently serving on the Pension Board for the President's appointments.

Amending Committee Membership Ordinance – Trustee Gohl motioned to approve this Ordinance with some changes. Trustee Wessel seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Wessel, Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Ordinance 09-06 Approved

American Tower DAS – Alexander P. Gamota, of American Tower, has a signed letter of intent from AT&T. Their plan is to use existing utility poles and adding a whip antenna on top of the pole. The main station, which can possibly be built on Village Hall land, would use fiber-optic connections. They plan on building it and marketing it to all interested carriers. There are areas in Barrington Hills where utilities are buried, so these areas would not be conducive to this type of antenna. Field survey will occur of twenty one sites in the next week– five are in our jurisdiction. The individual antenna radius is a quarter to one-half mile. President Abboud requested a location map of American Towers.

Trustee Wessel motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 11:10 p.m. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned

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