

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 27, 2009

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, Pro-Tem
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Steven E. Knoop, Trustee
Beth Mallen, Trustee
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee
Joe von Meier, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Lt. Joseph Colditz, Acting for Chief
Dan Strahan, Village Engineer
Dolores Trandel, Deputy Village Clerk

Guests

Jonathan Knight, Resident
David Martin, Resident
Debra Rykoff, Resident
Patrick & Maureen Logue, Residents
Barbara Kemp, Resident
Dan Lundmark, Resident
Charlie & Susan Calo, Residents
Evan Harris, Resident
Nancy Harbottle, Attorney
Donna McDonald, Attorney
Tom & Cathy Pyra, Residents
Kathy Zachar, Resident
P. Denise Israel, Resident

Peter C. Wessel, Trustee, was absent.

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 6:43 p.m.
Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6 (Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 (Wessel)

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 7:40 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2009. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye. Trustee Knoop abstained.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of June 22, 2009 as amended. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said aye. Trustee Knoop abstained.

Motion Approved

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session of October 22, 2007. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Abboud opened a thirty-five minute session for public comments at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Ramesh motioned that we revisit the Animal Rescue Shelter issue. Trustee Smith seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Animal Rescue Shelter – Trustee Ramesh reported that the language to establish an Animal Rescue Shelter as a special use, has been unanimously accepted by the ZBA.

William Tuck, Barrington; Maureen Logue, B.H; Connie Carris, Brookfield; Debra Kilborn, Streamwood; all complimented Dr. Rykoff for all her work.

Kathy Zachar, B.H. – Stated that she is an animal lover, but understands noise level. We need to protect surrounding homeowners and place reasonable restrictions.

Sandy Ferguson – questioned noise level in decibels.

Sharon Hussain, South Barrington – Happy she lives in South Barrington. No noise level there.

David Hollein – Proud to be a resident.

Marion Wilcox, Barrington – Neighbors need to work together.

Tom Claren, unknown area – Has used Dr. Rykoff's services. Wants to grandfather shelter.

Sharon Kircheimer, Hanover Park – A shelter worker, asked where do you take the animals if you don't have a rescue facility.

Donna McDonald, Hoffman Estates – Barrington Hills is a unique village and it needs Dr. Rykoff's shelter. The railroad goes through the Rykoff property and provides plenty of noise.

Dr. Debra Rykoff, B.H. – Thanked all the people who attended this meeting in support of her shelter. She works very carefully with animals on her ten acres and tries to work with her neighbors

Charlie Calo, 130 Old Dundee Road - He is against a special use permit for a rescue shelter. He respects Dr. Rykoff for what she is doing, but he just feels this does not belong in a residential neighborhood because of the noise, traffic, property values, health and welfare issues, animals escaping. This shelter belongs in a commercial area.

At this time, President Abboud asked for the Trustees comments.

Trustee Mallen – The Ordinance we have been given through the ZBA is comprehensive and workable.

Trustee Ramesh – I was elected by the residents of Barrington Hills. Although several supporting statements have been made by non-residents, what is most important to me are the comments of our residents. I also live next to a shelter, so I understand the noise issues.

Trustee Smithe – The ZBA needs to keep in mind what Trustee Ramesh said, do you want to live next to a shelter facility.

Trustee Knoop – If a special use permit is issued, it can pulled it if any violation occurs. I felt this is a well drafted code.

Trustee Gohl – I am not questioning Dr. Rykoff as a veterinarian, we are looking into this for an animal shelter. Questioned acreage requirements for shelter.

President Abboud – Thanked all for coming and Jonathan Knight, Chairman of the ZBA for all the hard work put into this. President Abboud would like to limit this ordinance to equine facilities only. Trustees disagreed. Roll Call

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

Nays: 1 (Abboud)

Absent: 1 (Wessel)

Ordinance 09-07 Approved

David Martin – Now that the piping project has been halted, he would like to have the ribbons removed off the trees that were to be cut down. He would also want notification if the project starts up again. He would like the Village Engineers to keep in contact with the neighbors.

As there were no further public comments, the session ended at 8:40 p.m.

FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe

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

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$12,046.19 in overtime expenses for June 16, to July 15, 2009. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 6 (Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Wessel)

Motion Approved

Presentation of Bills – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve payment of the bills for the month of June to date of \$286,566.51, and manual bills for \$21,954.86. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 6 (Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Wessel)

Motion Approved

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Peter C. Wessel (absent)

Monthly Report – In Peter Wessel's absence, the monthly report was given by Dan Strahan.

River Road Phase II Rebid - On Wednesday, July 22, at 2:00 p.m. bids for the 2009 Drainage Program, River Road Phase Two Drainage Improvements were received, opened and read aloud at the Village Hall. This project was previously bid and awarded to Neri Brothers, but Neri Brothers withdrew their bid prior to accepting. Neri Brothers will be paying a penalty of \$2,000 to cover costs of re-bidding this project. The Village Engineers recommend that the Village Board award the 2009 Drainage Program work package to R.A. Mancini, in the amount of \$161,611.00.

Trustee Ramesh motioned to accept R.A. Mancini's bid. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

ATC ROW - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept this agreement with American Tower Corporation with the amended document including four fiber strands instead of three. Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said Aye, Trustee Ramesh abstained.

Resolution 09-15 Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl presented the Police Departments monthly report. We need to keep eyes open for mailbox damage. President Abboud cautioned officer safety first, in case of any fireworks in the mailbox.

If anyone had any articles for the Communication Committee, they need to get them in now.

BUILDING AND ZONING – Elaine Ramesh

ZBA Report - Trustee Ramesh reported that there were two requests for variances. 112 Braeburn Road – homeowners were asked to reconsider their request; and at 411 Caesar Dr. – large home using all floor area ratio needed to place a barn in order to sell the house on a corner lot. Needed 300 sq. ft. – the variance was granted by the ZBA.

A special meeting was held on July 22, 2009 for the modification of agriculture use. There was limited participation from the audience. Another special meeting is planned on August 23rd.

Building Permit Report There have been nine building permits issued this month, one for a single-family residence.

FEMA Map Update – Trustee Ramesh motioned to accept the update. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

Ordinance 09-08 Approved

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Monthly Report – Trustee Knoop reported that the Plan Commission approved a draft for the lighting ordinance.

BACOG Groundwater – Janet Agnoletti, Executive Director of BACOG, gave a presentation on potential water shortage in the future on shallow aquifer.

INSURANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Monthly Report – Trustee Smithe indicated that there is nothing to report at this time.

HEALTH, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ENVIRONMENT – Beth Mallen

Monthly Report – Trustee Mallen reported that the outdoor bulletin board is now in place. Our well monitoring device is still being installed. Village Engineers are working to correct the problem. We have presented with a plaque from the Department of Natural Resources. Entrance sign has been corrected to show the Fire Department along with the Police Department. Still more work to come.

ATC Blockhouse MOU – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve this Memorandum of Understanding. Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said Aye, Trustee Ramesh abstained.

Resolution 09-16 Approved

ATTORNEY – Joseph von Meier – Items covered in Executive Session

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

Appointments – President Abboud nominated Martin Robins to the Legal Committee. Trustee Gohl motioned to accept the nomination and Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

President Abboud nominated William and Carolyn Springer, Donato and Barbara Cantalupo, Janet Sheppard, Elizabeth Bramsen, Lorraine Briggs and Anne Horwath to the Beautification Committee. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the nominations and Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

President Abboud appointed Trustee Knoop to the Finance Committee. Trustee Ramesh motioned to accept the nomination, Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

President Abboud recommended the appointment of Mike Zachar to the Communication Committee. Trustee Gohl motioned to accept this appointment. Trustee Smithe seconded. All said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Mallen asked for the re-appointment of Pam Cools to the Communications Committee. President Abboud responded that he and Trustee Gohl were looking at all appointments and would make a decision.

Trustee Smithe motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 11:30 p.m. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned

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