

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 22, 2010

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Roll Call

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Steve Knoop, Trustee
Beth Mallen, Trustee
Elaine Ramesh, Trustee
Doug Wambach, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Dan Strahan, Village Engineer

Guests

Patsy Mortimer-Flint Creek Watershed
Kate Deroche, resident
Bruce Pfaff, resident
Jonathan Knight, resident

Trustee Mallen motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 6:42 p.m. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Gohl, Messer)

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Abboud opened the Public Hearing on the Appropriation Ordinance 10-02.

The Appropriation Ordinance sets the upper limit on spending for the Village from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. The Ordinance was posted in the March 10th edition of the Daily Herald.

The Village budget for 2010 is \$8.6 million, and the upper limit for the Appropriation Ordinance is \$12,140,000.

Trustee Knoop asked for clarification of the legal and landscaping line items in the budget. President Abboud explained those line items.

Trustee Smithe motioned to close the Hearing on the Appropriation Ordinance. Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said Aye.

MINUTES

Trustee Knoop motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2009. Trustee Smithe seconded. Present said Aye; Ramesh abstained.

Motion Approved

Trustee Mallen motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of February 22, 2009. Trustee Knoop seconded. Present said aye; Ramesh abstained.

Motion Approved

Trustee Smithe motioned to dispose of the recording of the Executive Session of June 23, 2008. Per state law, these records have been kept for eighteen months. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Abboud opened Public Comment at 7:50 p.m.

Patsy Mortimer of the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership, a thirty-seven mile watershed, presented a proposed resolution on maintaining a phosphorus free environment in order to protect the water in the area. She spoke to the importance of eliminating phosphorus for the benefit of the waterways, in that phosphorus is the limiting factor in algae – more phosphorus, more algae. Measurements taken in the area have shown excessive amounts of phosphorus leading to the proposed resolution. Increased awareness has led other communities to adopt such a resolution, resulting in positive action to control phosphorus. Most detergents and fertilizers are now phosphorus free, and a new state ordinance will ban phosphorus in all dishwashing detergents, effective July, 2010. A new documentary, “Dirt”, has been released and shows the impact of phosphorus on the environment.

Discussion followed this presentation with the Trustees asking for maximum nutrients proposed for streams, versus lakes. Many of the properties in the Village have ponds and streams running through them.

President Abboud invited Ms. Mortimer to return to the next Village meeting, which will allow the Village time to prepare the resolution.

Katie Deroche of 34 Otis Road, spoke to the Board regarding the excessive signs on properties and roadways throughout the Village, creating a cluttered and unsightly look for the Village. She said she had reviewed the current Signage Ordinance and noted that the Ordinance is vague and unclear and fails to address the issues. President Abboud explained that the Ordinance was designed in conjunction with self-policing, which, he agreed, does not seem as effective now as in the past.

Ms. Deroche said her complaint is not about signage content, but about the size of the signs and their duration on properties and roadways. Additionally, she noted that the Ordinance does not clarify the clean-up responsibility, and she recommended that whoever posts the signage should be charged with removing it once the time period is over.

President Abboud said a letter to residents regarding Spring Road Way Clean-Up, which is going out on Monday speaks to the issue of excessive signage in the Village and asks residents to limit the number of signs on their properties. Additionally, both the Legal Committee and the ZBA will look at the issue regarding restrictions. The Village is reviewing neighboring Village's ordinances to determine what improvements may be made to the current ordinance.

An Illinois Resolution (HR0884) sponsored by Rep. Mark Beaubian, recommends that each municipality examine what it, as well as the State can do to reduce light pollution . This resolution passed unanimously out of the House.

President Abboud acknowledged Sarah Kenney, the Village Planning & Zoning Coordinator, responsible for the Record's Management Program, for bringing the Village records into the digital world. To improve FOIA transparency both Kenney and Director Robert Kosin attended a nine-day National Archives training on records management.

FINANCE - Walter E. Smithe

Village Treasurer's Report - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2010. Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board Report - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Police Pension Board's Report dated February 28, 2010. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$2,579.11 in overtime expenses from February, through March 15, 2010. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll call

Ayes – 5 (Mallen, Ramesh, Knoop, Smithe, Abboud)

Nays – 0

Absent – 2 (Gohl, Messer)

Motion Approved

Presentation of Bills – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve payment of the bills for the month of February to date of \$265,374.54. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll call:

Ayes: 5 (Mallen, Ramesh, Knoop, Smithe, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Gohl, Messer)

Motion Approved

Appropriation Ordinance

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the Appropriation Ordinance 10-02. Trustee Ramesh seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 5 (Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Gohl, Messer)

Ordinance 10-02 Approved

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Elaine M. Ramesh

Monthly Report: The Lake Cook repaving of the section from Old Hart to Kane County is scheduled by IDOT for mid-April or the first of May. Trustee Ramesh noted that this might run concurrently with the State Route 62 repaving project.

A meeting was held with the Barrington Hills Country Club regarding the drainage of the concrete culvert and IDOT was notified of its condition.

Private Road Homeowner's Meeting - Trustee Ramesh reported that there will be a Private Road meeting on March 25th for residents of Braeburn Lane, Bow Lane, and Ridgcroft Lane. She reported that the Hawthorn Road meeting last month appeared useful to the residents of that area.

MFT 2010 Road Program

Trustee Ramesh motioned to approve the MFT 2010 Road Program Resolution 10-03 to approve \$160,000 for resurfacing of Old Dundee Road. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call

Ayes 5 (Mallen, Ramesh, Knoop, Smithe, Abboud)
Nays 0
Absent 2 (Messer Gohl)

Resolution 10-03 Approved

Seasonal Road Posting

Trustee Ramesh motioned to approve the Seasonal Road Posting Resolution 10-04 authorizing the posting of signs until the second week of May. Trustee Mallen seconded. All those present said Aye.

Resolution 10-04 Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report – Chief Murphy reported on the Koffman Management Review, an independent personnel assessment process, which evaluates the cognitive ability of decision-makers. President Abboud provided background on The American Institute of Learning, which administers the testing, and their work on the cognitive performance of management and patrolmen. Purchasing their services would cost \$18,500 and would assess the cognitive abilities of all Village operating personnel. Trustee Knoop motioned to purchase the services of The American Institute of Learning. Trustee Smithe seconded.

Discussion followed with several trustees questioning the Institute’s experience with police operations, the cost, the components of the assessments, result reviews, and the lack of resources for comparison. Roll Call

Ayes 2 (Abboud, Smithe)
Nays 3 (Mallen, Ramesh, Knoop)
Absent 2 (Gohl, Messer)

Motion Failed

Social Hosting – This subject was referred to the Legal Committee.

BUILDING & ZONING – Joseph S. Messer

Draft Lighting Ordinance - The ZBA’s next meeting on the Draft Lighting Ordinance will be held at Countryside School on April 21, 2010.

Commercial Boarding– The ZBA public hearing will be May 19, 2010.

Zoning Map 2010 - The Board approved the 2010 Zoning Map, which has been forwarded to the Board for approval.

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the 2010 Zoning Map. Trustee Mallen seconded. All those present said Aye.

Resolution 10-05

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

The Plan Commission met and reviewed the White Paper on commercial boarding. Members clarified issues and discussed the paper among themselves and with representatives of the Equestrian Commission. President Abboud requested that the Health Department also review the White Paper and report back to the Board.

Trustee Ramesh reported on the McHenry County 2030 Plan. She reported that the Plan declares McHenry County as a mixture of Agriculture/Estate communities, adhering to the Smart Growth Model, while ignoring the Barrington Hills five acre farmette model. She testified before and spoke with a member of the Planning Commission, but failed to convince them to amend the Plan.

Trustee Smithe recommended that we request that Barrington Hills be included in the Plan and recognized for what it represents. Trustee Ramesh said there is another meeting of the Commission this week, and all agreed that both she and Trustee Mallen, also a resident of McHenry County, attend. President Abboud recommended that the Village Plan Commission review the 2030 Plan as it impacts the Village at their next meeting on April 12.

Trustee Knoop motioned that the Village spend up to \$2,000 to hire Teska & Associates to review the 2030 Plan and give a professional opinion on how it intercedes with ours. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call

Ayes 5 (Mallen, Ramesh, Knoop, Smithe, Abboud)
Nays 0
Absent 2 (Gohl, Messer)

Motion Approved

A copy of the 2030 Plan will be sent to the Village Plan Commission by April 12th for their review.

Equestrian Commission – Trustee Messer had no report.

INSURANCE – Walter E. Smithe

No report

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDING & GROUNDS - Beth Mallen

Meetings –Although no meeting, the first ever box lunch was held between the Chief and the five fire districts, a step toward improved communications. Director Kosin will send the Fire Department a reminder of the coming inspection. There is no roof leak, and the consultant will define the next phase - sheathing of the saddle area, and then flashing.

The next Beautification Day Pick-Up will be May 1.

Earth Day – April 22nd, marks the fortieth anniversary of Earth Day. President Abboud questioned recognition of this event, and Chief Murphy and Director Kosin will study the idea.

Waste Management – Trustee Mallen received no suggestions for improved waste removal, although Trustee Ramesh said she had sent comments.

Trustee Mallen suggested the Board review the Burn Ordinance to make for stricter enforcement. After some discussion, it was agreed that Chief Murphy and Trustee Gohl would sit down together and review the ordinance.

ATTORNEY – Douglas Wambach

Trustee Smithe raised the question regarding the benefit of the Village using mediation services for some of the individual ordinance violations. It seems there are cases that can be benefitted by such services, especially if both side are willing to sit down together. However, Attorney Wambach noted that with no intention, negotiation services can just build delay into the system, and still leave the more challenging issues of compliance to deal with.

ADMINISTRATION – President Abboud

The Trustee's began receiving their Board information packets electronically.

Director Kosin reported that this is National Library Month. BACOG scanned the original drawings of the Village and will place those records, as well as an original building permit signed by Frank Lloyd Wright for his home on Donlea, into storage at the Barrington Library, to make them available to the public

On April 21st President Abboud and his father will represent the Arab community at an award ceremony to be attended by Mayor Daley and President Obama. Mayor Daley will receive an award from the Arab community.

On March 31st the McHenry County Council of Government (MCOG) dinner will be held at Port Edwards Restaurant in Algonquin.

Communications – Fritz H. Gohl

Trustee Gohl has been attending the meetings of the Communications Committee.

Trustee Smithe motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 10:08 p.m.
Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned

Approved