

# **VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting August 23, 2010

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Roll Call

## Present

Robert G. Abboud, President  
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee  
Beth Mallen, Trustee  
Steven E. Knoop (arrived at 7:50 p.m.)  
Joseph S. Messer, Trustee  
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee

Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief  
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration  
Karen Selman, Village Clerk

Absent – Fritz H. Gohl, President Pro Temp and Trustee Knoop

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

Ayes: 4 (Ramesh, Mallen, Smithe, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Gohl, Knoop)

## Guests

Jon Knight, resident  
Anthony & Ross Morizzo, residents  
Karen Rosene, resident  
Mike McCloughlin, resident  
Chris Nelson, Comcast  
Dan Strahan, Village Engineer

**Meeting Adjourned**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

President Abboud called the Public Meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Messer motioned to approve the minutes of July 26<sup>th</sup>, as corrected. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye; Trustee Knoop abstained.

### **Motion Approved**

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of July 26<sup>th</sup> with corrections. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said Aye; Trustee Knoop abstained.

### **Motion Approved**

Trustee Mallen motioned to dispose of the recording of the Executive Session of November 24, 2008. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

### **Motion Approved**

President Abboud moved agenda item #2 from **ADMINISTRATION**:

Comcast – Chris Nelson, began a discussion regarding the Comcast services being received by the Village residents by polling the audience present. All appeared happy with the current Comcast services. Trustee Abboud raised concern regarding residents who want to connect and find the cost is prohibitive. Trustee Knoop noted that to bury winter drops takes an excessive amount of time. Mr. Nelson explained the Comcast universal business model, which assumes thirty homes per cable mile, makes the large parcels in the Village challenging. President Abboud advised that the Board would review the issue. Attorney Wambach suggested Comcast return in September. Trustee Messer asked Attorney Wambach to give the board the pros and cons of the issue. Attorney Wambach will send a memo to the trustees with both.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Anthony Mazetto, 7 West Lake Drive, South Barrington, is a twenty-two year resident of South Barrington. Mr. Mazetto and his son are funeral directors and owners of Lawrence Funeral Home in Chicago. Property owner Arnold Klehm expressed his interest in selling the ten-acre parcel his family owns at the NW corner of State Routes 59 and 62 to Mr. Mazetto and his son for the purpose of constructing a funeral home. President Abboud suggested the parties look at the Village's long history of changing R1 Zoning to Commercial Zoning. Director Kosin explained it would require a text amendment as well as a map amendment. President Abboud said he just wanted the parties to be aware of the process that would be required for this proposal to receive consideration.

**FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe**

Treasurer's Report - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2010. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Police Pension Board Report - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Police Pension Board's Report for July 31, 2010. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Overtime Reports - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Overtime Report from July 16 to August 15, 2010 totaling \$8,331.64. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call –

Ayes 6 (Messer, Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Abboud)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Gohl)

**Motion Approved**

Bills For Approval - Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the bills for the month of August 2010, totaling \$249,762.63. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll call –

Ayes 6 (Messer, Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Abboud)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Gohl)

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Smithe announced that the next Finance meeting will be in late October to plan for the budget.

## **ROADS & BRIDGES – Elaine M. Ramesh**

Storm Drain Bids - Trustee Ramesh presented the storm drain bid for the second half of Three Lakes Road and the culvert replacement this fall. Trustee Ramesh motioned to accept the Neri Brother's bid packet for \$85,378.55. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll call:

Ayes – 6 (Messer, Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Abboud)

Nays – 0

Absent – 1 (Gohl)

### **Motion Approved**

Trustee Ramesh reported that culvert replacement will be spread out over three to four years and that any new culverts will be concrete.

Cuba Township Snow Removal - Trustee Ramesh motioned the acceptance of Resolution 10-16 the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Barrington Hills and Cuba Township for snow removal within the Village. Trustee Smithe seconded.

After discussion, it was agreed to remove sentences 1 and 3 in Section B, paragraph five.

Trustee Ramesh amended her motion to include these changes.

Attorney Wambach advised that the Agreement includes a thirty-day cancellation clause.

President Abboud noted the Village has reduced chloride use during the salting season. Attorney Wambach advised that Clause F in Section 3 should be deleted, and President Abboud agreed, saying the price should reflect this deletion, bringing it to \$139, not \$145. All present agreed. Roll Call:

Ayes 6 (Messer, Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Abboud)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Gohl)

### **Resolution 10-16 Approved**

Trustee Ramesh reported that she has continued to pursue a program with Cuba Township to clean out the culverts and to establish a schedule for culvert cleaning in the future.

Private Roads - Trustee Ramesh has been meeting with residents living on private roads within the Village. At year-end Trustee Ramesh is proposing to invite all the residents to a meeting whereby they would collect a consensus of all the issues and then bring those forward to the Board.

ComEd Vegetation Management – Director Kosin reported that he will be meeting with ComEd regarding their inspection of weeds in the transmission lines within the Village. President Abboud asked if they could speak about the growth retardant they use, which devastates both evergreen and deciduous trees, as well as their fixed schedule of spraying, which does not correspond with the growth cycle of trees.

Driveway Access – Director Kosin reported that in reviewing Driveway Standards in the code, he is suggesting adding MSAG to the Driveway Standards.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl**

Monthly Report – The Police Department received re-accreditation at the end of July. Additionally, they tied for third place in the Chief’s challenges, which include leadership, buckling-up, and safe-driving.

Purchase Police Vehicles Resolution - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the resolution to purchase a Crown Victoria car for the police department, as well as replacement vehicles. Trustee Messer seconded. After discussion where several voiced concern regarding the need to compromise on expenses for this fiscal year, the vote was taken.  
Roll Call:

Ayes – 3 (Messer, Knoop, Abboud)  
Nays – 3 (Ramesh, Mallen, Smithe)  
Absent – 1 (Gohl)

### **Resolution 10-17 Failed**

Discussion continued on Resolution 10-17, with Trustee Messer questioning the purchase commitment process and the roll of the Board. Chief Murphy noted the vehicles were needed and Director Kosin added that these purchases were approved in the budget. Trustee Ramesh voiced that the Village should see how other towns are managing forecasted expenses. President Abboud explained the rational of patrol and the stress on the vehicles. Roll call:

Ayes – 4 (Messer, Knoop, Smithe, Abboud)  
Nays – 2 (Ramesh, Mallen)  
Absent – 1 (Gohl)

### **Resolution 10-17 Approved**

The Police Department will hold an Open House on Sunday from 11a. m. to 2 p. m.

**BUILDING AND ZONING – Joseph S. Messer**

Monthly Report – Trustee Messer reported that there were two building permits issued in the past month.

ZBA – Trustee Messer reported that the ZBA had concluded deliberations on the proposed Lighting Ordinance. ZBA Chairman Jon Knight reported that the preliminary draft was given to the Village attorney prior to being submitted to the Board. President Abboud said that when he receives it, he will send a letter with the draft and will post it for the public. At the final Village Board meeting, public comment will be time-limited.

Trustee Knoop noted the paper quoting the increased foreclosure rates in Barrington Hills up to 20%. President Abboud acknowledged the tendency of owners missing as few as two payments to abandon their mortgage commitment.

Permit Records – Discussion followed regarding the maintenance and preservation of permit records. With limited space, the question was the best way to preserve these twenty plus year old records, what is the best medium to use and the cost? Trustee Knoop noted that the Village maintains the only records. It was agreed to get estimates on preserving these records.

Contractor Registration – Discussion centered on the need to develop registration requirements for contractors. The intent is to have contractors as a condition for obtaining a building permit to register with the Village. Trustee Mallen agreed that such registration is a good idea. Trustee Messer and President Abboud will discuss the idea with Attorney Wambach.

Cook County Forest Preserve District – Trustee Ramesh met with the CCFPD and suggested a cooperative agreement be formed to share resources when appropriate. Dennis White of the CCFPD agreed to consider such an agreement to cooperate with the Village regarding issues of shared interest. Attorney Wambach will draft such an agreement.

**PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop**

There was no Planning Committee meeting. Trustee Knoop recommended that the Village have representation at the Spring Creek Partners meeting, the newly formed Spring Creek Water Shed program under Nancy Schumm-Burgess.

Trustee Smithe motioned that Beth Mallen be appointed Village ambassador to the Spring Creek Partners. Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

**INSURANCE – Walter E. Smithe**

No report

**HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDING & GROUNDS - Beth Mallen**

Trustee Mallen reported that the sidewalk alterations would be defer until August 30, because of the up-coming Open House.

The Fire Station repairs have been completed, with only the painting of the surface on the left to complete.

The power stations on the parking apron will be deferred to next year, which will afford more time to research the plug-in configuration.

Director Kosin, Sarah Kenney, and Beth Mallen attended AMCOL International Corporation Headquarters, and Trustee Mallen and Trustee Ramesh visited the recycling center. Trustee Messer raised concern regarding the question of composting manure and said that Prairie Land composts all manure collected. When this claim was questioned, President Abboud asked that Sara Kenny check out manure composting for the Village.

Trustee Ramesh has sent a letter to the McHenry County District 1 representatives, Anna May and Mark Maretto and asked that they meet with us and the Algonquin assessor. She further posed that they could be invited to the Finance Committee meeting. Trustee Smithe said the next meeting would be a special meeting and that the appeal period is in November.

**ATTORNEY – Doug Wambach**

No report

Trustee Ramesh questioned if there was an update on District 300? Attorney Wambach responded that there was no new information. The Village of Bartlett had pursued a amendment of statutory requirements for a change of district boundaries. The analysis of the Village Attorney remains the same, in that boundary changes is up to residents and the state education board.

The State Septic Code is proposed to be amended and included among the various provisions, eliminating percolation test, and requiring routine inspections by the owner. By consensus, the matter is referred to the Board of Health for their opinion

**ADMINISTRATION – President Abboud**

President Abboud will be speaking with Trustee Gohl regarding committee assignments.

Trustee Ramesh noted that the Legal committee has not met in some time. President agreed and said the committee needs more people. Trustee Knoop noted several expired terms that need appointments. President Abboud agreed.

Trustee Mallen motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 10:32 p. m. and Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said aye.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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Approved