

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 24, 2011

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:42 P.M. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, President Pro Tem
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Steve Knoop, Trustee
Beth Mallen, Trustee
Elaine Ramesh, Trustee
Joseph S. Messer, Trustee
Joseph von Meier, Village Attorney
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration

Guests

Eric Peterson, Daily Herald
Jonathon Knight, resident
Alford E. Zick, resident
Bill Kennedy, resident
Dede Wamberg, resident
Patty Meroni, resident
Kelly Mazeski, resident
Janet Agnoletti, resident
Dan Lundmark, resident
Frank & Pam Cools, residents
Karen & John Rosene, residents
Nancy Schumm, guest
Ginger Underwood, resident
Skip Gianopulos, resident
Stephen D'Amore, resident

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, matters of personnel and police at 6:43 P.M. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Messer, 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 7:30 P.M.

President Abboud made an agenda change by moving the BACOG presentation from Administration to prior to public comment and Agenda item 5.3 to follow the BACOG presentation.

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2010. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of December 20, 2010, as corrected. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the disposal of the Executive Session Recording of April 27, 2009. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

BACOG Presentation – Janet Agnoletti announced that Joy Hoeffler, responsible for the GIS at BACOG, has created an award-winning poster depicting the Groundwater program. President Abboud asked Director Kosin to hang it in the meeting room. BACOG covers a 60 square mile area and has studied an area of 600 miles surrounding it as a basis for their groundwater research. Ms Agnoletti described the area of Barrington Hills from Donlea west to the border as a significant recharge area and spoke to the importance of protecting it. The next steps to be taken by BACOG will use the science of their study to create policy and tools to advance their research.

Ms. Agnoletti announced this year's Legislative Breakfast will be held on February 5th.

BACOG held three lobby days last year and their legislative accomplishments include the passage of SB2804 giving municipalities' authority to set speed limits on local roads and lowering speed limits where engineers show lower speed limits are warranted.

BACOG managed the well-testing program held in September 2010, and over 200 residents participated in the program. Ms Agnoletti announced that March 2011 will begin well- testing for this year, and that for \$10.00 residents can have their water tested. Packets can be picked-up at the Village Hall beginning March 7th, or drop off at Barrington High School on March 14th and 16th. Results of this testing, Agnoletti explained, will not only provide residents with information about their water supply, but will also provide the Village with information about the aquifer.

BUILDING AND ZONING – Joseph S. Messer

Proposed Lighting Ordinance – Trustee Messer reported on the proposed Lighting Ordinance and the recommended changes to the text:

The Lighting Ordinance as written will apply to only new, residential properties in Barrington Hills, defined as new, principal building or renovation resulting in an increase of more than 50%.

Trustee Messer explained the proposed text change increases the permissible lighting to include horse, hockey and ice arenas.

Trustee Messer invited comments from the Board, and hearing none, motioned that the draft ordinance be approved by the Board. Trustee Gohl seconded. Trustee Mallen spoke to the amount of work by many people and the ZBA, Trustee Messer, Trustee Knoop, and Trustee Gohl. President Abboud added that the proposed ordinance solves a fundamental problem of the Comprehensive Plan and thanked the committees for their work. Roll Call.

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

Motion Approved

President Abboud suggested the following text change.

The 4th whereas: Comprehensive Plan
Non-essential lighting: strike useful or parenthetic
Security: add “police department established,” then classifies as security
Section 4. J: tennis courts, lighting for outdoor activities including pool areas
Section 5. A: strike

Attorney Von Meier recommended to President Abboud that on page 8, under Section 2E the lumens per acre be increased to 15 lumens per acre.

President Abboud called for a motion. Trustee Messer approved the proposed changes. Trustee Knoop seconded. Roll Call.

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

Motion Approved

Under discussion, Trustees Knoop and Gohl proposed a change to the Ordinance that the lumens per acre be reduced from 15 lumens to 10 lumens.

Trustee Messer motioned that the Board adopt the Ordinance without Section Two. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

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

Motion Approved

Trustee Messer motioned for the Village Attorney to draft the Ordinance 11-01 as approved for execution. Trustee Knoop seconded. Roll Call.

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

Ordinance 11-01 Approved

Trustee Knoop applauded the Plan Commission and the ZBA, saying this was a victory for the Village. He said he was proud that the Village did not succumb to pressure or the accusations from HALO. Trustee Messer said we now have an Ordinance that backs the Comprehensive Plan, which is our vision for the Village.

Building Permit Report -Trustee Messer reported that two new homes were built in the Village in 2010, compared to twenty-seven in 2006.

Record Keeping – Trustee Messer questioned the storage of old building plan records by the Village and the use of imaging to preserve these records. President Abboud announced that the substitute, Wendy Frisen, covering a maternity leave for the Treasurer, Rosemary Ryba, would move to the Building Department as soon as Ms. Ryba returns. This personnel change will enable Ms. Frisen to staff the Building Department as well as to assist in the preservation process. Additionally, she will function as back-up for the Treasurer.

Storm Water Ordinance - Village Engineer, Dan Strahan, reported that he is researching other communities to assist in preparation of a Storm Water Ordinance.

Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge - President Abboud introduced Nancy Schumm, of Schumm Consulting LLC, who presented a proposal to work with the Village and represent it in a feasibility campaign for the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge initiative. Ms Schumm explained the NWR is proposed for Northern Lake and McHenry County and is a 300,000 acre study to result in a 50,000 acre preserve to support sensitive populations of uncommon plants and animals. The initiative is seeking primarily undeveloped land to connect green areas throughout the region. Ms. Schumm recommended the Village get involved now in the study phase to assure being part of the process. Trustee Knoop suggested the proposal be on the agenda for next month.

FINANCE - Walter E. Smithe

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

Motion Approved

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

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$4,300.95 in overtime expenses from December 16, 2010 through January 15, 2011. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Messer, 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 January, 2011, to date for \$842,318.53 including the amount previously approved in December. Trustee Mallen seconded.

Discussion followed regarding the increased amount of proposed bills. Trustee Smithe explained this amount is the result of the delay of Cook County property taxes. Trustee Messer motioned to remove the check from the bills. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve Ordinance 11-02 allowing disposal of the Village's old computer equipment. Trustee Knoop seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes 7 (Messer, Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Ordinance 11- 02 Approved

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Elaine M. Ramesh

Trustee Ramesh reported on the Church and Chapel Road improvements to correct the flooding of Chapel Road and the other planned improvement to reduce reducing the grade of Church Road and Algonquin/River Road.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz Gohl

Trustee Gohl reviewed the 2010 summary police report with the Board, including DUIs, house checks and 911 calls.

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Trustee Knoop reported that the sketch plan for the property on Bateman, near Lake Cook Road, is delayed because the property is entangled in foreclosure.

The Plan Commission discussed the Illicit Discharge Ordinance (IDO) for storm water management. Village Engineer Dan Strahan gave the Commission the history on the Ordinance. Trustee Knoop reported that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires a Storm Water Management Program, some sections of which require an IDO. Discussion followed with Trustee Messer noting that this is another unfunded mandate required by the State.

INSURANCE – Walter E. Smithe

No report.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Beth Mallen

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dan Lundmark, Chairman of the Equestrian Commission, tendered his resignation effective immediately. Discussion followed, ending with President Abboud and the Trustees thanking all parties for their hard work. President Abboud offered to setup a meeting between ZBA Chairman Knight and the Legal Committee. Trustee Knight agreed. After trustee discussion, a motion to recess the Public Session was made by Trustee Mallen, seconded by Trustee Gohl. All present said aye.

Meeting Recessed at 9:35 P.M.

After a ten minute break, President Abboud called the meeting to order at 9:45 PM.

Trustee Mallen referenced a police report on a resident which was provided to her. Discussion followed among the Trustees.

Trustee Ramesh raised the issue of a needed Village Code change regarding elections. President Abboud explained the need to determine whether or not the Village wants to be a non-partisan or partisan election. There is no documentation available that this decision was made during incorporation.

President Abboud said the Village would need to hold a referendum to determine for future elections whether the Village election is partisan or non-partisan. This will need to be done in preparation for the 2013 election.

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 PM. Trustee Messer seconded. All present said Aye.

Meeting adjourned

Approved