

## VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 28, 2011

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:37 P. M. Roll Call

### Present

Robert G. Abboud, President

Fritz H. Gohl, President Pro Tem

Walter E. Smithe Trustee (arrived 7:03 p.m.)

Steven E. Knoop, Trustee

Beth Mallen, Trustee

Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee

Joseph S. Messer, Trustee

George Lynch – Village Attorney

Robert Kosin, Director of Administration

Karen Selman, Village Clerk

Patrick Branken, Attorney

John Rosene, resident

Joan & Dan Wolfgram, resident

Steven D'Amore, resident

Jean Maddrell, resident

Jim O'Donnell, resident

Jack Reich, resident

Jonathan Knight, resident

David Stieper, resident

J. Leonardo, visitor

D.C. St. Peter, visitor

Skip Gianopulos, resident

Dan Strahan, Village Engineer

Ted Gagen, resident

Walter Hardy, resident

Ginger Underwood, resident

Trustee Messer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, matters of personnel and police at 6:37 P.M. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 (Smithe)

**Meeting Adjourned**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 7:54 P.M.

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of January 24<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Ramesh seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Trustee Ramesh seconded. All present said Aye.

Trustee Knoop abstained.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Ramesh motioned to approve the minutes of Executive Session of February 23, 2011. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Ramesh motioned to dispose of the Executive Session Recording of June 22, 2009. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the ascension of the Executive Session topics as amended. Trustee Ramesh seconded.

Discussion followed regarding the cumbersome ascension process. Director Kosin said he was working on alleviating the burden by implementing a paperless procedure. All present said Aye. Trustees Smithe and Messer abstained.

**Motion Approved**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

ZBA Chairman Jon Knight requested thirty minutes to make a request to the Board. President Abboud suggested Mr. Knight wait until the Building and Zoning item on the agenda.

## **FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe**

Treasurer's Report - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2011. 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 February, 2011. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Overtime Reports - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Overtime Report from February 16 to March 15, 2011 totaling \$2,774.04. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

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

Nays 0

Absent 0

**Motion Approved**

Bills For Approval - Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the bills for the month of March 2011, totaling \$283,574.31. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll call.

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

Nays 0

Absent 0

**Motion Approved**

## **PUBLIC HEARING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FY 2011**

President Abboud opened the Public Hearing on the proposed Appropriation Ordinance.

Trustee Smithe reported that the total appropriation proposed for 2011 is \$11,782,000. Director Kosin explained that this amount is an expectation of all revenues to be received by the Village in 2011, thus it's an overstatement.

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

The Public Hearing on Appropriation concluded.

Appropriation Ordinance - Trustee Smithe motioned to approve Appropriation Ordinance. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

**Ordinance 11-04 Approved**

Cuba Road Bridge Fund - Trustee Smithe motioned to approve a resolution establishing the Cuba Road Bridge Fund. Trustee Mallen seconded.

President Abboud explained the history of creating such a fund and complimented Trustee Ramesh on completing the ground work toward the fund establishment. Roll Call.

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

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

**Resolution 11-03 Approved**

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

Trustee Ramesh reminded the Trustees that the Roads and Bridges report is in their Board packets.

The Barrington Countryside School Zone marking will be removed by IDOT. President Abboud provided the background on IDOT's decision to the Board. Discussion followed.

Seasonal Road Posting - Trustee Ramesh motioned to accept a resolution on seasonal posting for weight limit on Village Roads. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

### **Resolution 11-04 Approved**

Trustee Ramesh reported on the MFT Audit Report. She advised the Board that the state may retain all those funds and that the Village did not budget for this revenue.

BACT Duchossois Scenic Easement - Trustee Ramesh motioned to accept the BACT Duchossois Scenic Easement resolution. Trustee Mallen seconded.

Discussion followed with Trustee Gohl proposing that the Resolution be tabled until the new Board is seated in May. All present said Aye.

### **Resolution 11-05 Approved**

Director Kosin announced the BACT Great Oak's program.

Trustee Ramesh and Director Kosin attended a meeting with new Cook County Forest Preserve Superintendent Randall. They spoke with him regarding making the Forest Preserve borders contiguous with Village borders, and preparing a collaborative emergency response for possible CN spills.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl**

Trustee Gohl reminded the Board that the Public Safety report is in their Board packet.

Trustee Gohl thanked both Trustees Knoop and Smithe on their years of service to the Board and to the community, saying they had done a great job.

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

Monthly Report - Trustee Messer noted that there have been few building permits issued in the Village this year. At the February 28<sup>th</sup> Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, Trustee Messer reported that the Special Use Permit for Polo was approved; the Oak Knoll Pond permit was dropped because the applicant did not show at the hearing on the permit; and the updated Zoning Map was approved. The Horse Boarding issue was moved to March 21<sup>st</sup> because it lacked a text amendment. The ZBA could have taken public comment, but Chairman Knight thought it better to move the discussion to the May meeting.

Zoning Map 2011 - Trustee Messer motioned to adopt the updated Zoning Map resolution. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said Aye.

**Resolution 11-06 Approved**

Trustee Messer introduced the Storm Water Ordinance Report. President Abboud asked Trustee Messer to attend the BACOG meeting on the report.

Polo Club Special Use Amendment - Trustee Messer recused himself from the Special Use Permit for the Polo Club, since he had represented the first Polo permit application and asked Trustee Ramesh to present the Amendment Special Use Polo resolution. Discussion followed with Trustee Ramesh presenting the history of the text amendment to Trustee Messer.

Trustee Ramesh motioned to approve granting an amendment to the Special Use Permit for the Polo Club. Trustee Gohl seconded.

Discussion followed with Trustee Ramesh motioning to approve the following changes:

- #4 – remove restrictions
- #10 – change 2015 to 2020
- #10 – change from one to two public events

Trustee Gohl seconded.

Discussion followed with members of the audience making several comments regarding the proposed text changes. Polo Club representative, John Rosene said he was satisfied with the resolution as written. The question was called.

- #4 – remove restrictions – All present said Nay.
- #10 – change 2015 to 2020 – All present said Nay except Trustees Ramesh and Gohl voted Aye.
- #10 – change from 1 to 2 public events – All present said Nay.

Returning to the main motion, Roll Call.

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

**Resolution 11-07 Approved**

Chairman Knight read from a prepared statement regarding his complaint concerning the recent change of Attorney von Meier as counsel to the ZBA, and other perceived interferences by the Village President in the ZBA process.

President Abboud reiterated his letter to the Board apprising them of the change in assignment for Mr. Von Meier. President Abboud assured Chairman Knight that he had not called for Mr. von Meier's removal, as evidenced by his letter to the Board and that Mr. von Meier was not fired, only reassigned by his firm for services elsewhere.

President Abboud responded to Chairman Knight, saying the Village would launch an appropriate investigation into the other charges being made, and that the results would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop**

Trustee Knoop reported there was no Planning Commission meeting this month.

#### **INSURANCE – Walter E. Smithe**

No report

#### **HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Beth Mallen**

Trustee Mallen reported that she and Director Kosin had toured the outbuildings. A camera will be used to check the drainage of the storm sewer. The fire station roof is on and no complaints have been reported. A quarterly status report will be filed going forward regarding the fire station.

Lorraine Briggs has resigned as the landscape chairwoman. The Library digital display to honor her will be available to see at the next meeting.

#### **ATTORNEY – George Lynch**

Attorney Lynch reported that all issues were covered in Executive Session.

#### **ADMINISTRATION – President Abboud**

Boards and Commission Organization Ordinance - President Abboud presented the Boards and Commissions Organization Amendment ordinance. Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the ordinance. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

**Ordinance 11-05 Approved**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Ramesh requested updates on current issues affecting the Village.

The meeting between McHenry and Cook County Treasurers brought no new information to be presented regarding this issue.

Lobbying in Springfield regarding de-annexation: President Abboud reported that 50 municipalities have joined to reset case law regarding 20 acres and a border to de-annex being changed to make it a more fair process by giving standing to private property owners surrounding the proposed de-annexation.

The Mayor's Caucus to get a message to Governor Quinn regarding the resetting of school boundaries to coincide with municipal boundaries: President Abboud said the issue will move forward through BACOG and the Mayor's Caucus.

Trustee Mallen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 P. M. Trustee Knoop seconded.  
Roll Call.

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

Nays- 0

Absent - 0

**Meeting Adjourned**

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**Approved**