

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, February 22, 2012

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, President Pro Tem
Joseph S. Messer, Trustee
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee
Karen S. Selman, Trustee
Patty Meroni, Trustee
Harold Gianopulos, Trustee

Guests

Karen Rosene, resident
Lou Anne Majewski, resident
Jonathan Knight, resident
Pauline Boyle, resident
Joanne Dalessandro, Relay for Life
Michael Hill, ATC
Janet Agnoletti, BACOG
Nancy Schumm, Consultant
Daniel Strahan, Village Engineer

Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Richard Semelsberger, Deputy Chief
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Doug Wambach, Village Attorney
Dolores G. Trandel, Village Clerk

Trustee Meroni motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 6:37 p.m. Trustee Selman seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Gianopulos, Selman, Meroni, Messer, Ramesh, Gohl & Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and explained that Public Comments will be at the end of the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Gianopulos motioned to approve the Minutes of the January 23, 1012 meeting. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Selman made the motion to approve the January 23, 2010 Executive Minutes, Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl made the motion to dispose the Executive Minutes Recording of the Meeting of May 24, 2010. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

FINANCE – Karen S. Selman

Treasurer's Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for January, 2012. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Police Pension Board's Report of January, 2012. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present voted Aye.

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports - Trustee Selman made the motion to accept the Overtime Report from January 16, 2012 through February 15, 2012 totaling \$4,568.98. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Gianopulos, Meroni, Selman, Messer, Ramesh, Gohl & Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Bills for Approval - Trustee Selman motioned to approve the bills for the month of January 16, 2012 to February 15, 2012, totaling \$300,809.52. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7(Gianopulos, Meroni, Selman, Messer, Ramesh, Gohl & Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

ROADS & BRIDGES – Patty Meroni

Monthly Report – Trustee Meroni reported on the 2012 Road Construction Program. Design details are in progress on the Caesar Drive and Dana Lane project. The Jesuit Retreat Center is acceptable to allow the construction. A temporary construction easement with the Center is being prepared. A drainage ditch on the east side of Caesar Drive in the area which is constantly dealing with flooding issues over the pavement will instead flow into a culvert.

Plans to pave over the center grass island at the end of the Dana Lane cul de sac are the result of requests by the residents as it is a tight turnaround and is frequently damaged by trucks turning around.

The MFT funding request will be submitted for approval in March.

Bids will be let in April for the 2012 construction projects and bids will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval at the April 23rd meeting.

Chapel Road - The flashing light signal will be delivered on February 21st.

Solar Mobile Speed Sign - The Village's mobile speed sign is in for maintenance.

Seasonal Posting of Roads - Historically Barrington Hills has posted the weight limits on its roads during the spring thaw, however due to our unusually warm winter the Village Engineer and Robert Kosin have questioned whether this will be necessary this year. After reviewing the data and the weather statistics for this winter and still having over a month of winter left, a decision was deferred. The Village President can activate the road restrictions at any time and the vote would be held at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Private Road Coordinators Meeting - The Second annual Private Road Meeting was held Tuesday, February 21st at the Barrington Library. A presentation to address road maintenance issues was prepared by Dan Strahan, Village Engineer. Ken Bosworth, Chairman of the Plan Commission was also in attendance to answer residents' questions. The meeting was successful and residents plan on starting a website page for private road owners.

PUBLIC SAFETY – FRITZ H. GOHL

Monthly Report - Trustee Gohl presented the monthly report.

Relay for Life – Joanne Dalessandro made a presentation on the upcoming charity event to be held in Barrington. A brochure was left with additional information.

BUILDING AND ZONING - Joseph S. Messer

Building Permit Report - Trustee Messer reported that one building permits had been issued in the past month.

ZBA Report - The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on February 13th addressed the two variances that were on its published agenda.

287 Donlea Road - The variance on the requirements of a side yard was granted for a pool shelter.

324 Old Sutton Road – The variance was postponed to the March 19th meeting due to a death in the family.

Fur Keeps Animal Shelter, 142 Old Dundee Road – The extension of the Special Use Ordinance was acted upon with the provision that the signed return Certified Receipt green cards be submitted to the Village Clerk. These cards were not submitted as Dr. Rykoff only had the mailing receipts. This Special Use now will be re-introduced to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the April 16, 2012 meeting.

Trustee Messer motioned to authorize the Zoning Board of Appeals to draft a text to (1.) create a way to license contractors doing work in the Village and (2.) determine the legality of denying a permit to residents who have not received conclusion in court on a Building Code Violation. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye. Trustees Gianopulos and Ramesh said Nay.

Motion Approved

363 Bateman Circle – Property owner cut down and sold Heritage trees without a permit. Court date set for February 23, 2012.

Building Code – Mr. Hoffman recommended:

In regards to the Groundwater Conservation Model Ordinance, Mr. Hoffman, Chairman of the Legal Committee individually recommended the Board consider the adoption of the ordinance and during its deliberation consider the information by CMAP and the identification by BACOG groundwater study of recharge areas both within and adjoining the Village of Barrington Hills

In regards to the licensing of Contractor, Mr. Hoffman recommended the Board give consideration to a bond, test and registry of those contractors or tradesman doing business in the Village for work governed by the ordinance of the Village.

In regards to the Vacant Housing Ordinance of Cook County, Mr. Hoffman recommended that the Board give consideration of adopting the Ordinance to effect its application within the limits of the Village.

In regards to the International Building Code, Mr. Hoffman recommend that the Board of Trustees give consideration of adopting the Property Maintenance Code were not in conflict with the provisions, if so adopted, of the Vacant Housing Ordinance of Cook County.

In regards to the existing Building Codes of the Village, Mr. Hoffman recommended the Board of Trustees, with review by the Village Engineer, give consideration to the adoption of the IBC Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code and Residential Code.

Mr. Hoffman expressed that his Committee will be available to provide clarification of actions and reference material to the Board of Trustees.

Vacant Building Cook County Ordinance – The Board of Trustees agreed to discuss this item at the March 22, 2012 meeting.

PLANNING – Elaine M. Ramesh

Monthly Report - No meeting was held this month. The Chair's renewal of Chairmanship and commission term will be up for consideration by the Village Board within the next few months. The Village Board may also consider whether the Plan Commission should explore planning for one of the various areas set out in the Comprehensive Plan.

Community Gardens - The Village of Barrington Hills has a parcel on the east side of State Route 25, south of Algonquin Road which has not been put to a public purposes. A public program is the activity known as a community garden. Plots of land on public property are permitted to be cultivated for landscape or vegetables. Examples exist in Elgin and Crystal Lake as well as in Dundee Township.

As this Village parcel is within Dundee Township, the intent is to pursue a collaboration with the township for the creation of a community garden program.

It was determined that at this time, the cost and responsibility of such a project was not feasible. Chief Murphy requested the use of this five acre land for night vision training. No action was taken.

INSURANCE – Harold Gianopulos

The insurance committee met twice since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees.

January 26th Insurance/Roads & Bridges Joint Meeting - The Insurance Committee and the Roads & Bridges Committee reviewed potential strategies of reducing the cost of insuring the Cuba Road Bridge with Lundstrom Insurance and the Village Engineer. The idea was discussed of posting a weight limit in order to save insurance premium expenses. A letter and report was prepared and sent to Lundstrom Insurance summarizing the relevant facts and level of risk associated with Cuba Road Bridge. Scottsdale is reviewing the materials.

February 15th Insurance Benefits Meeting - The Insurance Committee met with Lundstrom Insurance to determine what portion of the benefit cost is picked up by a typical municipal employer versus the cost VBH pays on behalf of its employees. The VBH currently pays about \$725,000 to cover medical and dental benefits for its employees. Chief Murphy has surveyed the Villages of Algonquin, Barrington, South Barrington, Carpentersville, and Hoffman Estates. From an initial review, it appears that the following benefit level seems to be typical:

- An average deductible of \$825 paid by the employee
- 13% of the employee insurance cost is paid for by the employee
- 32% of the family coverage is paid for by the employee

The Insurance Committee believes that Village of Barrington Hills should migrate to a more typical benefit level over a period of 4-5 years but do so in a way that does not create unintended consequences as benefits are one element of compensation. Other aspects of compensation are pay and pension benefits.

Trustee Gianopulos motioned to consider investigating ways to share deductible plans with employees. Trustee Ramesh seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Harold Gianopulos

Solid Waste Management Report - A fourth waste hauler, Allied Waste is believed to be operating within the Village. It appears they have limited customer base. Communication Committee and the Village Administrator have been notified.

ATC Lease Amendment - At the January BOT meeting, it was reported that ATC was favorably disposed to paying for the video equipment and also to cover the monthly web hosting fees for the video recorded meetings. Also, ATC appeared willing to pay for up to one half of the cost of a new electrical feed across Algonquin Road. Furthermore, they would consider participating in connecting the Barrington Area Library with the NIU Hoffman Estates Campus via the existing

fiber network. This connection would have had value to VBH in a variety of ways including road surface monitoring. We asked for a cash payment instead and they have responded with an offer of \$500 per month.

Beautification Committee Report - The BC is interested in moving forward to plan a rededication of the Civil War monument at Old Sutton and Rt. 68 (the site of the New Wesleyan Korean Church). The monument is the property of Barrington Township and it sits on the New Wesleyan Korean Church property. The BC would like to replace the flag pole and add a solar powered light. The cost of this project is approximately \$1,000. Once a source of funds has been established, we will resume working with Barrington Township and the New Wesleyan Korean Church in order to permit Village volunteers to access the monument and cemetery.

The E-Scrap day will be held on April 21st and will coincide with the spring trash pick-up day and Earth Week.

Pay Phones will be removed from Village Hall. The lobby phone is no longer necessary and the lock-up phone will be replaced with a disposable cell phone.

BOT discussion is difficult for some residents to hear at the back of the MacArthur room. Amplification options will be investigated.

Schumm Consulting – Nancy Schumm reported that on February 10th, a meeting was held at the Barrington Hills Village Hall with Commissioner Goslin and other members of the Cook County Forest Preserve regarding jurisdiction of forest preserve property. Ms. Schumm also reported on the Spring Creek Watershed plan and asked for a donation to continue with this program.

ATTORNEY - Douglas Wambach

Pending Litigation - Covered in Executive Session.

Personnel – No report.

ILRB S-CA-10-189 – The Village and MAP both finished their presentations to the Arbitrator and now briefs explaining both sides "Final Offers" are being completed and will be presented to the Arbitrator. The Arbitration Panel consisting of the Village President, MAP, Ray Garza, and the Arbitrator, Ray McAlpin will meet to vote on items not agreed to. The Village is having issues with whom the contract is with. Who signs the contract other than the Village and MAP. It will be six to seven months before we see a contract and then the contract will go before the Board of Trustees for a vote.

ADMINISTRATION - Robert G. Abboud

Appointment – President Abboud proposed the appointment Village Administrator, Robert Kosin as FOIA Officer. Trustee Meroni motioned to accept this appointment. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Appointment Approved

BACOG Office Space Lease Resolution – The Village Attorney has drafted a Lease Agreement resolution for BACOG to occupy space at the Village Hill. Trustee Gohl motioned to accept this resolution with minor changes to the lease agreement. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6 (Gohl, Ramesh, Messer, Selman, Meroni, Abboud)

Nays: 1 (Gianopulos)

Resolution 12-04 Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lou Ann Majewski went to the Legal Committee meeting on Thursday, February 16th. Requested minutes of the January 19th meeting. She was told by the Chairman that she had to FOIA her request for the minutes. She is questioning many of the Chairman’s findings and conduct.

Pauline Boyle was also at the February 16th meeting and agreed with Ms. Majewski.

Jonathan Knight stated that at the December 11, 2011 meeting when he asked “what type of government does our Village follow”, President Abboud did not respond, Attorney Wambach answered.

Trustee Selman made the motion to adjourn the Public Session at 11:45 p.m. Trustee Gianopulos seconded. All present voted Aye:

Meeting Adjourned

Approved