

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, September 23, 2013

President McLaughlin called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

Martin J. McLaughlin, President
Fritz H. Gohl, President Pro Tem
Joseph S. Messer, Trustee
Karen S. Selman, Trustee
Patty Meroni, Trustee
Colleen Konicek, Trustee
Michael Harrington, Trustee

Michael Murphy, Police Chief
Rich Semelsberger, Deputy Chief
Doug Wambach, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Village Administrator
Dolores Trandel, Village Clerk

Guests

Emily McHugh, resident
Jim O'Donnell, resident
Donato Cantalupo, resident
David Stieper, resident
Arnold Cernik, resident
Elaine Ramesh, resident
Brian Cressey, resident
Lou Flannery, resident
Ginger Underwood, resident
Mark Konicek, visitor
Dan Strahan, Village Engineer
Rosemary Ryba, Village Treasurer

Trustee Harrington motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Meroni, Selman Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President McLaughlin called the Public Meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Stieper, 10304 Braeburn Road – States he was here to request the minutes of the July 22, 2013 meeting be amended under Public Comment, specifically referring to Mr. Adair’s remarks where it states: Bill Adair wanted to address the fact that David Stieper has publically professed his prospective that the Village is not an Equestrian Community and that if he is strongly committed to that, I think it is a real negative concern for the community and should be taken into consideration as a candidate for the ZBA. The way this is written assumes there is a fact out there that I publically professed I am Anti-Equestrian. Mr. Adair actually stated: as I understand it, M. Stieper has publically professed the fact that that the Village is not an Equestrian Community. This is different than there is a fact out there and I think the more accurate reading of these minutes would be – Mr. Adair opined without offering any facts, that Mr. Stieper has publically professed that the Village is not an Equestrian Community. The way it is written here assumes that it is a fact and this fact is non-existent. I would ask that the Board reconsider and amend the Public Comments to reflect what Mr. Adair said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Harrington motioned to approve the Minutes of the August 26, 2013 meeting with changes . Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Meroni motioned to approve the Executive Minutes of the August 26, 2013 meeting with changes. Trustee Harrington seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

FINANCE – Karen S. Selman

Treasurer’s Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report for August, 2013. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Police Pension Board Report for August, 2013. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports - Trustee Selman made the motion to approve the Overtime Report from August 16, 2013 through September 15, 2013 totaling \$7,647.68. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Meroni, Selman, Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Bills for Approval - Trustee Selman motioned to approve the bills for the month of August 16, 2013 to September 15, 2013, totaling \$826,800.10. Trustee Harrington seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Meroni, Selman, Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Rose Ryba, Village Treasurer, gave a synopsis of the Village's Budget process. A review of the submissions and finalization of the 2014 Budget will occur at a tentatively scheduled October 24th 2013 Finance Committee meeting.

ROADS & BRIDGES – Patty Meroni

Trustee Meroni announced that Robert Hamilton has been chosen Civil Engineer of the Year.

2013 Road Program - The re-surfacing of Spring Creek and Three Lakes Roads has been completed. There will be additional patching done to complete various potholes around the Village.

2013 Drainage Program - While the previously scheduled drainage program has been completed, an unexpected discovery of a completely rusted out metal culvert 56 feet long on Spring Lane which was installed in 1978 requires replacement as the road is starting to collapse.

Merri Oaks/Ridge Road - Dan Strahan, Bob Kosin and I met with the residents at Oak Lake Road and Merri Oaks where an easement runs to Oak Lake. After discussing the drainage and water problems in the surrounding area, a determination was made to do a study of the entire area, north and south of Merri Oaks, to Ridge Road to determine a practical and acceptable solution for the residents and to control flooding on Ridge Road.

I have had a meeting with Nick Sauer, our Lake County Commissioner to discuss this issue and he will be assisting the village to shepherd our grant request through Lake County. Dan will be preparing the preliminary engineering report to file the grant application by the October 11, 2013 deadline.

Penny Road Jurisdictional Transfer - Dan, Bob and I met with Cook County Highway Department Chief Engineer (a Lake Barrington resident), his replacement and another engineer to discuss this proposed transfer. Further investigation on future land use in the area as well as Cook County regulations and requirements will follow.

Long Meadow Parkway - On Thursday, September 12, 2013, Kane County Transportation Engineers (7 of them), met with Marty, Dan, Bob and I to review the Longmeadow Parkway plans and primarily drainage and its effect on Barrington Hills. Another meeting with the residents will be scheduled for this Fall to bring them up to date.

Cuba Road Bridge Status - We are still awaiting IDOT's approval of preliminary engineering.

2014 Preliminary Outlook - Programmed Improvements and Deferred Roads:

Cuba Road Bridge

Ridge Road north of Merri Oaks

Plum Tree Road east of Ridge

Steeplechase Road

Meadow Hill Road

As the budget is finalized there may be changes.

Cuba Township - I did meet with Dave Nelson, Supervisor of Cuba Township to discuss IGA for road projects, trimming, signs, etc. and establishing a menu of items and charges.

BACT “Boshell” Scenic Easement Resolution – Trustee Meroni motioned to approve the BACT ‘Boshell Scenic Easement resolution. Trustee Konicek seconded. All present said AYE.

Resolution 13-14 Approved

IDOT IGA Old Dundee Road Traffic Signal Upgrade Resolution – Trustee Meroni motioned to approve the IGA with IDOT regarding the Old Dundee Road Traffic Signal Upgrade. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye.

Resolution 13-15 Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl presented the monthly report which was included in the Board of Trustees meeting packet.

Surplus Property Ordinance – Trustee Messer motioned to approve the Surplus Property Ordinance. Trustee Selman seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Meroni, Selman, Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Ordinance 13-15 Approved

Barrington Honor Ride & Run Resolution - Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the Annual Barrington Honor Ride and Run Resolution with one change. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye. Trustee Konicek abstained.

Resolution 13-16 Approved

Presentation of 20 Years of Service Award – Chief Murphy presented Bill Walsh with a Plaque for his twenty years of service to the Village of Barrington Hills.

BUILDING AND ZONING - Joseph S. Messer

Monthly Report – Nine building permits were issued in August, 2013.

11 Barrington Hills Road – Village Engineer advised of grading improvements, unrelated to residential demolition, exceeding the site development permit threshold. Left message for property owner to cease grading and obtain permits.

350 Old Sutton Road – Swimming pool being installed without permit. Spoke with owner who thought pool was included in residence permit. Owner provided permit documents for review and was advised to cease work until building permit is issued.

2230 Chapel Road – Pool has not been removed. Attempted to serve owner citation, no answer. Will attempt again next week, if no answer, will send citation by certified mail.

14 Hart Hills Road – No change at this time.

261 Steeplechase Rd - Awaiting September 25, 2013 court date.

109 Remington Drive Update – Awaiting completion of the restoration.

358 Bateman Circle South Update – Certified letter mailed on September 5th advising documents required to issue building permit.

385 Spring Creek Road Update – Certified letter signed for on August 16th. Wells Fargo has until September 30th to submit plans and timetable.

551-553 Cuba Road Update - Awaiting September 25, 2013 court date.

8 Jennifer Court Update – Spoke with owner on September 19th. They will submit plans by September 26th.

ZBA Monthly Report – The September 16th ZBA meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda.

PLANNING – Colleen Konicek

Monthly Report: The Plan Commission meeting of September 9th had been cancelled due to lack of agenda.

INSURANCE – Michael Harrington

Monthly Report – Met with Lundstrom insurance brokers on September 3rd and awaiting quotes.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Michael Harrington

Village Hall Landscaping – In the Village’s first effort to remove ash trees, seven emerald ash borer diseased trees have been taken out and five replacement trees are being planted in their place. These trees; Catalpa, Paw Paw, Kentucky Coffee and Swamp White Oak trees were purchased at the Citizens for Conservation native plantings sale.

Schedule Septic Ordinance Amendment Hearing – Trustee Harrington motioned to approve a Public Hearing at the Plan Commission meeting of October 16th. The Illinois Department of Public Health on septic amendments is effective January 1, 2014, only affects new construction or modifications to existing septic’s. Perc tests are no longer acceptable as Soil Investigations need to be done.

Trustee Harrington motioned to have an open forum for the new Septic Code at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Trustee Messer seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

ATTORNEY – Doug Wambach

Pending Litigation – Updates included in Board of Trustees packet.

ADMINISTRATION – President McLaughlin

Comcast Franchise Resolution – Trustee Meroni motioned to approve the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement. Trustee Harrington seconded. All present said Aye.

Resolution 13-17 Approved

President McLaughlin's Calendar Report - The HILLS are ALIVE, scheduled for October 13th information has been provided in the packets. The objective of this event is to expose residents to the wonderful organizations in our community. Events will be: Animal Show, Chicken Beauty Contest, Pony Rides, Composting demonstration, Music, Balloon Animals, Pony Club Demonstrations, Hay rides and Pumpkin Painting. I would also like to thank the Park District who is providing the venue which is the Riding Center on Bateman Road. We are trying to make this revenue neutral to our residents so we sent a letter out to a number of our vendors, who some of them have already graciously donated.

Trustee Selman asked if we had a status report. President McLaughlin replied that five or six vendors have provided for food, music, stage, pony rides, waste receptacles, the Onion Pub is providing free beer and wine. Trustee Gohl asked if we had a liquor permit for the beer and wine. President McLaughlin replied yes. Trustee Messer asked if the Village had a dram shop license. Trustee Gohl asked if we have a cost estimate for the event. President McLaughlin replied it will be \$5,500 to \$6,500. Trustee Meroni asked if we had any money in hand, and President McLaughlin replied we have commitments at the moment.

Trustee Meroni referred to the liquor licensing ordinance regarding Special Class D licenses. She also stated that according to the order we placed with Meeske's, we had levels of 300, 400 and 500 people and anticipated over 200 cars. Based on this information, the Village will need additional insurance and a liquor license.

Trustee Messer stated we need more information on the dram shop insurance that the Onion Pub has and does it cover more than just the Barrington area.

Trustee Meroni questioned if we need the Health Department to do an inspection as we are serving food.

Trustee Harrington stated he liked the idea, but the execution seems to be awkward, because the Board wasn't included up to this point. He would like President McLaughlin to explain his intentions.

President McLaughlin stated that the event was to provide a venue for the residents in a relaxed atmosphere to introduce them to some of the wonderful organizations in the Barrington area. He looked at it as an exposition for the residents to view a number of the charitable organizations. He felt it was not too much to ask of the Village, one day a year, to have a Fall Festival, also making it revenue neutral and hopefully making this an annual event that bridges a lot of gaps in our community.

Trustee Messer asked about what organizations will be there and how will they be set up. President McLaughlin replied that there will be a large tent donated by Algonquin Township with tables set up for each organization, for them to give out information and also recruit. If it rains, we will set up inside the riding arena which is quite large.

Trustee Messer asked what do we do if we can't raise the funds and the Village has to make an expenditure and we don't have a meeting before the event. What is the threshold on Village expenditures with Board approval. This event has no authorization until the Board makes that determination. When you get to a number where you need the Village Board to approve, you're skating on thin ice. How are the vendors going to be paid if the funds had not been approved.

President McLaughlin stated that if we are light by \$2,000, then there can be a nominal charge for parking or attendance.

Trustee Konicek asked why not just eliminate the items that are not sponsored. President McLaughlin replied that this can be done.

Trustee Meroni stated that the Park District always asks for a certificate of insurance and asked if they waived that for us. President McLaughlin replied no, the Park District is providing their facility. The Board needs to have a conversation with Fred McMorris, who is President of the Park District and also an attorney.

Trustee Meroni stated that having chaired the Village's 50th Anniversary in 2007, having done a number of events over the course of the year, every single event had to have Board approval for the events and insurance. We are still paying off the bond for the accident on Rt. 62 many years ago. Trustee Messer agreed we were under-insured at that time and he is concerned about serving liquor at this event.

Trustee Gohl addressed Ms. Ginger Underwood, as she has held events in the Village (Ignite the Night) and how did she handle the liquor licensing. She replied that the price of the ticket is \$45.00 and that includes all the liquor they want. They do not sell liquor at the event as it is included in the ticket price. They need a State, County and Village Liquor License and need proof of insurance before a license is approved.

Trustee Meroni stated the Board needs to have a Special Meeting to approve this event or it cannot go ahead. Date to be determined as President McLaughlin and Trustee Harrington would be out of town on the suggested date of September 30th.

Trustee Harrington thinks it is a great idea, demerits for execution but A+ for the idea of getting everyone to come together. He also inquired how we tackle how to control non-residents for attending. President McLaughlin replied that this is not only our event, it is also sponsored by the Park District.

President McLaughlin asked Village Administrator, Robert Kosin, to provide the Board with all the details regarding insurance, liquor and other information needed.

HEC Roads for Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th is also "Make A Difference Day" P. Denise Israel requested volunteers from the audience and advised that sign-up is at 8:30 at the Village Hall.

BCFDP Town Hall Meeting - Our next Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for October 28th will have guests from Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District in a Town Hall format to answer questions regarding the future of the district after separating from Barrington.

President McLaughlin announced that a flyer is going to be sent to the residents announcing the Event as well as the Roadside Cleanup, BCFDP Town Hall meeting and BACOG Private Well Testing.

Trustee Harrington made the motion to adjourn the Public Session at 10:13 p.m. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present voted Aye:

Meeting Adjourned

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