

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, January 27, 2014

President McLaughlin called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:33 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 (arrived 6:35 p.m.)
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

Jack Reich, resident
Jean Maddrell, resident
Jim Hammond, resident
Dan Strahan, Village Engineer

PUBLIC SESSION

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jack Reich, 110 Brinker Road – Thanked the Board for changing the Agenda to have Executive Session at the end of the meeting. Talked about Longmeadow Parkway and the confusion of what is actually going on. He also wanted to know what is going on at Horizon Farms. He wanted clarification on a possible livery.

Jean Maddrell, 10 Ashbury Lane – Thanked President McLaughlin on his synopsis of the Union negotiations in the Winter, 2013 Newsletter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Harrington motioned to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 19, 2013 with a change. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye. Trustee Messer abstained.

Motion Approved

Trustee Harrington motioned to approve the Executive Minutes of the Meeting of December 19, 2013 meeting. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye. Trustee Messer abstained.

Motion Approved

FINANCE – Karen S. Selman

Treasurer's Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for December, 2013. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

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

Motion Approved

Trustee Harrington stated that it is frequently mentioned in conversations and in some blogs, that our employees do not contribute to the Police Pension Fund, when in fact they do and have contributed \$186,000 to the Fund in the last fiscal year.

Overtime Reports - Trustee Selman made the motion to approve the Overtime Report from December 16, 2013 through January 15, 2014 totaling \$8,390.26. 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 December 16, 2013 to January 15, 2014, totaling \$189,616.32. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Trustee Selman announced that the Communication Committee agreed to move forward with a new format of the Village Newsletter to create a more unified voice for the Village.

ROADS & BRIDGES – Patty Meroni

Monthly Report

Longmeadow Parkway - A second meeting was held on January 8, 2014 with 27 people present to review the answers submitted by KDOT to questions posed by residents at the December meeting as well as to have residents examine the KDOT Exhibits earlier presented. Comments, suggestions, preferences were expressed as well as comment forms submitted that night and emailed to me later.

All these comments have been compiled by the Village Engineer and forwarded to IDOT with a request by the Village for a meeting to discuss the impact of the Longmeadow Parkway on Rte. 62. IDOT has responded to this request with a meeting scheduled on Friday, January 31st. Topics for discussion include IDOT plans for widening Rte. 62 from Rte. 68 to Rte. 25, lowering the speed limit at the proposed intersection of Longmeadow Parkway and Rte. 62, Regan Blvd. and Royal Way access.

Trustee Meroni, President McLaughlin, Village Engineer, Dan Strahan, Robert Kosin and a resident residing on Algonquin Road who is also an professional engineer, who did an analysis on what KDOT gave to us, met to discuss what needs to be done. They will be meeting with IDOT on January 31st. There is no provision by IDOT to synchronize the stop lights and Algonquin Road is not slated by IDOT for any action until 2019 and based on the current proposal from Kane County, they are starting construction in 2015. The projection on Longmeadow Parkway is based on a premise that the project will be funded by Kane County by Bonds and that it will be a Toll Bridge over the Fox River and the Illinois Tollway Authority has agreed to let Kane County to utilize the I-PASS as an automated Toll at each side of the Bridge.

Trustee Konicek asked who is invited to the meetings concerning Longmeadow Parkway. Trustee Meroni replied that the initial meeting in December was requested by Kane County with the residents immediately affected with drainage issues.

President McLaughlin and Trustee Meroni have approached the Communication Committee on the best way to approach our residents to give them the history of this project. The Village has passed Resolutions 06-06 and 07-10. We need to let the residents know what we have been saying, why we were saying it at that time, and what our position is today. He stated that the Village will post the comments received from our residents directly affected so that all our residents can know what is going on. He also stated that we are in Phase II and once in Phase II, we are in a two year window of funding and financing.

President McLaughlin stated that he spoke to Christopher Lauzen, Chair of the Kane County Board. A year ago Mr. Lauzen came out with his intention to seek a referendum for Kane County residents which was not supported in the Kane County Board. His intention was to take a poll to see if people supported the Bridge.

Trustee Konicek questioned why there were no public meetings as stated in the Resolutions as the timeline seemed to be more aggressive than 2030 based on what the Resolutions say. Trustee Selman replied that there were Public Meetings. Former Trustee Ramesh held one or two meetings and her response when she asked about the meetings was that no one came. It was in a 2009 Newsletter.

Trustee Selman asked about two marked equestrian crossings on Algonquin Road that were mentioned in those Resolutions, in the meeting with IDOT would it be worth mentioning. President McLaughlin stated that an overpass by Old Sutton Road would be a viable suggestion.

Additional topics for discussion include IDOT approval for repairs to the Rts. 59 and 68 intersection which resulted from an accident on September 2, 2013. It was suggested that the Village could contact the person who caused the accident and get their insurance to pay for the repairs. Other topics are having IDOT remove downed signs along roads, some of which have been down 2 years, and trimming trees that have overgrown warning and speed limit signs at several locations.

Haeger's Bend Road - McHenry Council of Mayors have announced their call date of August for projects. The Village Engineer will be working on Phase I Engineering and Project Development to meet their deadline.

Oak Lake Drainage Project - A tentative consent has been received from residents for an easement to Oak Lake and Dan Strahan, Bob Kosin and I will meet next week to discuss so that the project can move forward and preliminary engineering can begin.

Cuba Road Bridge - Phase Two Engineering is anticipated to begin in February. Bids will be let in August/September.

2014 Road Program - In order to more closely monitor the costs since the village has the Cuba Road Bridge project scheduled for fall 2014, bids will be let in June/July for resurfacing in September/October.

2014 Pavement Inventory - This project will begin when we lose our snow cover.

Cook County Watershed Ordinance – As the Village has previously adopted the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO) to apply in all four counties, we do not recommend that the letter of intent be pursued. However, the Cook County WMO does include a section regarding “Dual County Municipalities” (Section 207), which requires that if the Village seeks to continue to enforce the Lake County WDO within the limits of Cook County, the Village would need to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD).

Our Village Engineer has had preliminary discussions with the MWRD about that process, but would request that the Board affirm the Village's intent to continue this process prior to pursuing it any further.

It should be noted based on the final WMO, there are certain activities for which the MWRD will retain permitting authority regardless of whether the Lake County WDO may regulate said activities. The three areas that most likely affect the Village would include the following:

- Development proposing new or reconstructed sewer, drainage, or detention outfalls to the waterways or Lake Michigan, within Cook County; (*GHA note: this would include a project as nominal as a culvert discharging to Flint Creek or Spring Creek*)

- Development proposing reconfiguration of existing major or minor stormwater systems which alters the service area of a permitted or existing detention facility;
- Development proposing modifications to a permitted or existing detention facility.

Trustees agreed to accept the Village Engineers recommendations. All present said Aye.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

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

Purchase of Two Police Vehicles Resolution – Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the purchase of two police vehicles. Trustee Harrington seconded. Roll Call

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Resolution 14-01 Approved

BUILDING AND ZONING – Joseph S. Messer

Permit Report – Twelve building permits were issued in December, 2013.

Enforcement Report

335 Ridge Road Update - Village Engineer has approved septic system replacement plans.

11 Barrington Hills Road Update - Property owner has submitted application for permit.

261 Steeplechase Rd Update - Village Prosecutor spoken with property owner's attorney and has been advised the property owner has a 01/29/14 court date for eviction proceedings.

109 Remington Drive Update - 01/13/14 Plan Commission meeting for vacation of easement continued to 02/10/14.

385 Spring Creek Road Update - No further response from property manager but Building Department will send certified letter for compliance.

551-553 Cuba Road Update - Property owner still out of state, Code Enforcement Officer will continue to schedule meeting with property owner to walk the property and specifically identify what needs to be done to be in compliance.

8 Jennifer Court Update - Village Prosecutor will file next week in housing court for property owner to complete plans and correct the issues.

ZBA Report – The Zoning Board of Appeals met on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. The ZBA approved a variance from the gross lot area requirement for a lot with an area of 4.55 acres as opposed to the required 5 acres for Robert and Nicole King at 241 Steeplechase Road.

President McLaughlin advised that there is a For Sale sign at 190 Penny Road, unincorporated Cook County. The sign states that this land can be used for a gas station, retail or bank. This land is between State Route 59 and the Penny Road Pub.

PLANNING – Colleen Konicek

Monthly Report – The Plan Commission met on January 13, 2014. The vacation of the drainage easement for 109 Remington Court was kicked to the February 10th Plan Commission meeting as Mr. Gerage did not appear.

INSURANCE – Michael Harrington

Monthly Report – Nothing new to report.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Michael Harrington

Monthly Report - Nothing to report on Buildings & Grounds.

E-cycling by Universal Recycling – Trustee Harrington motioned to approve E-cycling, which is recycling of electronics. A bin, provided by Universal Recycling, will be placed by the barn. This is at no cost to the Village and would be a one year contract. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Water Well Testing Program - The Village of Barrington Hills is participating as a private well water testing bottle pick-up location with the Lake County Health Department. Our participation makes it less time consuming for our residents to be able to test their well water and comes at no cost to the Village. Previous to this program, a resident would need to drive to Libertyville to pick up a sterile sample bottle, drive home, fill the bottle and then drive again to Libertyville to turn in their sample. The cumbersome process can discourage residents from testing their water. Now residents can pick up sterile testing bottles at Village Hall so they only need to drive to Libertyville to drop-off their samples for testing.

A reminder that BACOG does a once yearly testing event eliminating the need to drive either way and residents who miss this event they now have a convenient alternative

ATTORNEY – Doug Wambach

Pending Litigation – Updates included in Board of Trustees packet.

ADMINISTRATION – President McLaughlin

MCCG Legislative Platform 2014 - The McHenry Council of Governments has circulated its legislative platform among its members for comment and concurrence. It also contains a transportation component which includes the regional support for the Longmeadow Parkway project. The Village of Barrington Hills, as a member of MCCG, has been requested for its position at its last business meeting. The Village can comment in whole or in part to the platform and provide its own explanation on one or more elements of the platform.

Trustee Harrington motioned to accept the MCCG Legislative Platform 2014. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye, Trustee Gohl and President McLaughlin abstained.

Motion Approved

Appointment – President McLaughlin asked for a motion to appoint Trustee Konicek as a member of the BACOG Legislative Committee which included participation in matters of local interest in State and Federal legislation. Trustee Harrington motioned to appoint Trustee Konicek to this position. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

President McLaughlin asked for a motion to appoint Anna Paul to the position of Deputy Clerk and OMA Officer as the distribution of the digital record of minutes and agenda's is proposed to occur through these positions. Trustee Konicek motioned to appoint Anna Paul to these positions. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Selman made the motion to adjourn the Public Session at 8:32 p.m. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 8:40 p.m. Trustee Meroni seconded.

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President McLaughlin opened the second Public Session at 9:32.

Trustee Meroni motioned to adjourn the second Public Session at 9:33. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye.

Meeting Adjourned

Approved_____