

These minutes are merely a summary and an attempt to reference comments that took place on the Board.

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, March 9, 2015

President McLaughlin called the Meeting to order at 6:32 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

Rich Semelsberger, Chief  
Joseph Colditz, Deputy Chief  
Mary Dickson, Temporary Village Attorney  
Robert Kosin, Village Administrator  
Dolores Trandel, Village Clerk

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Guests

Brian Cecola  
Arnold Cernik  
Mary Naumann  
Jack Reich  
D. Ryan & R. Ryan  
JoAnne Gumprecht, BHPD  
Jim O'Donnell  
Pauline Boyle  
Barbara Kemp  
Emily McHugh  
Linda Cools  
David Stieper  
Jonathan Knight  
Tom Fitch  
Pam Cools  
Kari Magnus  
Tibor Gomory  
Robin VanCastle  
Lou Anne Majewski  
Katie Rose Tseronis  
Michelle Maison  
Bridget O'Shea, Pioneer Press  
Chet & Eve Perry  
Leslie Coolidge  
Linda & Bill Adair  
Ted Gagen  
Paula Jacobsen

President McLaughlin stated that this Special meeting has been called by Trustee Messer & Trustee Harrington, the Agenda put together by Village Administrator, Robert Kosin and distributed by the Clerk.

PSAP Consulting Solutions Proposal – Trustee Harrington stated that on a previous vote, the Board voted no to outsourcing, however, he feels that it was more of a not now vote. There were too many questions and he feels that these questions should be answered. We need to address it more thoroughly and make a definitive commitment.

He wants to go back to the PSAP consultants and have them address the open issues. Chief Semelsberger went to PCS and asked them to look at this issue. Trustee Harrington helped him draft a scope of the project as to consider the choice between outsourcing to Quadcom and keeping it internally. They submitted a proposal that was included in the Board package.

President McLaughlin asked if there were other PSAP's that were not included in the study. Trustee Harrington replied that he wanted to keep the scope of the project narrow, given the time and constraints, and our telephone system is wired into Dundee.

Trustee Konicek stated that she doesn't see anything on this study that wasn't already done. Trustee Harrington replied that it relates to debt and open litigation that we might be responsible for. Trustee Harrington put together a list of top ten questions that he wanted addressed. These will be attached to these minutes.

President McLaughlin asked that since we already paid for the study and these questions apply towards that study, we shouldn't have to pay again.

Trustee Messer stated that much of our equipment is outdated and unstable. Windows XP is no longer supported by Microsoft. What needs to be done to bring the equipment up to speed?

President McLaughlin replied that Chief Semelsberger, Deputy Chief Colditz and Communications Supervisor Gumprecht, pulled six vendors to do an emergency back-up, cloud storage and a hard back-up. Chief Semelsberger stated that the process has started and should be done in a week or two. President McLaughlin stated that the Lake County Board President sent a letter to the Governor's Office saying that Lake County is looking at Consolidation of safety services, specifically dispatch services and 911 as a way of savings.

Trustee Selman is concerned about what happens over the weekend. She feels that the residents are not going to like talking to a recording, press one for this and two for that.

Trustee Meroni stated that she was uncomfortable going forward as there were too many discrepancies. We need to see precisely what we need in the department, evaluate it, have someone come in who knows the equipment and see what we're talking about. She is concerned about being able to locate residents, it is a big issue. Our residents

want their safety and she does not feel that we know enough to comfortably make a decision.

President McLaughlin asked if the Board has a level of confidence in PCS expertise. Trustee Harrington replied that their credentials are top notch. They said they can come back by March 27<sup>th</sup> with the analysis completed and their recommendations. The Board will be able to review this and make decisions at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Messer motioned to engage PCS, not to exceed the original amount of \$7,930. for additional services and evaluation as it relates to the PSAP situation. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6 (Harrington, Konicek, Meroni, Selman, Messer, McLaughlin)

Nays: 1 (Gohl)

Absent: 0

### **Motion Approved**

Select Special Counsel to represent Barrington Hills in the Drury v. Barrington Hills Lawsuit – Trustee Messer stated that he wanted to discuss Items 4 and 5 in Executive Session and we can come back into Regular Session to discuss those items. President McLaughlin stated that the only issue with that is that the Village already has Special Counsel that was retained in May of 2014 to handle any issued relating to LeCompte, Drury and Horse Boarding, which was Patrick Bond from Bond-Dickson. They have not been dis-engaged in Special Counsel representation. He asked if the Board is looking for additional Counsel?

Trustee Harrington motioned that the Board take this discussion relative to counsel to Executive Session. Trustee Meroni seconded. President McLaughlin stated that his only issue with that is we have approximately fifty people here for the Public Comment session and he would like to open that prior to us entering Executive Session. Trustee Harrington rescinded his motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public Comments were given by the following:

Barb Kemp  
Linda Cools

David Stieper  
Jan Goss

Pamela Cools

Audio on these comments can be located at the Village web site – [www.vbhil.gov](http://www.vbhil.gov). Any written comments handed to the Village Clerk will be posted as an attachment to the Agenda.

Trustee Harrington motioned to recess into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(C)1 for Personnel and Pending Litigation at 7:25 p.m. Trustee Messer seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6 (Harrington, Konicek, Meroni, Selman, Messer, Gohl)

Nays: 1 (McLaughlin)

Absent: 0

### **Motion Approved**

President McLaughlin opened the second Public Session at 8:45 p.m.

President McLaughlin stated that the Board would like to make a few statements relative to Items 4 and 5 on the Agenda. The Board will be evaluating, over the next few weeks, the best option to vigorously defending the Village in the current lawsuit. The

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Board should have further information for the public at the March 30, 2015 Board meeting.

The next issue, Item 5 is a bit premature. We have not received the declamation or acceptance from the insurance carrier so at this time, the Board will not be making any decision on Item 5.

President McLaughlin wanted to make a public comment that as Village President of Barrington Hills, he has not had any conversations with any parties with the Drury/LeCompte Lawsuits, specifically Mr. Drury and he wanted to go on record to that effect as it relates to anything before the Village in a legal capacity

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn the second Public Session at 8:46 p.m. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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