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## VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting October 5, 2010

President Abboud called the Special Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Roll Call

### Present

Robert G. Abboud, President  
Fritz H. Gohl, President Pro Temp  
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee  
Steven E. Knoop  
Beth Mallen, Trustee  
Joseph S. Messer, Trustee

### Absent

Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee

### Guests

Dave and Stieper, resident  
Darla Stieper, resident  
Alford Zick, resident  
Peer Lykke, resident  
Dan Lundmark, Resident  
Tony A. Solano, Pioneer Press  
Diane Wamberg, resident  
John Rosene, resident  
Jon Knight, resident  
Karen Rosene, resident  
Bobby Ferguson, resident  
Dawn Davis, resident  
JR Davis, resident

Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief  
Doug Wambach – Village Attorney  
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration  
Karen Selman, Village Clerk

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

President Abboud reviewed the agenda for the Special Meeting, noting that the Village attorney, the Chair of the ZBA, and Chair of the Plan Commission would speak followed by Trustee discussion; then public comment would be taken. President Abboud gave a summary of the issue, including Trustee Smithe’s text amendment of the Lighting Ordinance, and a schedule of the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Village Attorney Wambach advised that State Statute must be followed to place a referendum on the ballot. The provision requires approval by a majority of members of the board, and the action must be taken 61 days prior to April 5th. It requires that the Clerk provide a copy of the

Board discussion continued with Trustee Mallen directing her comments to both Chairmen Knight and Stieper. She acknowledged their hard work and time spent on the proposed lighting ordinance and thanked them. She added that she did not think that all people were heard at the ZBA hearings and that now common sense must prevail.

Trustee Messer reiterated his concern, stated when he seconded Trustee Smithe's original motion, that the residents would not have the necessary information to make an informed decision. He acknowledged the difficulty with wording the question and added that he thinks the Trustees have a responsibility to at least "take a crack" at the Draft Ordinance. Trustee Messer noted that the draft ordinance does not appear overbearing in that it proposes a lot of light per acre.

Trustee Knoop suggested that the proposed motion before the Trustee Board is about zoning and whether or not the current character of the Village should be maintained, not about whether we should have more or less government. He noted that he ran on a platform to defend the Village character and its five-acre zoning and that he stands up for that.

Trustee Gohl asked Attorney Wambach if the language for the referendum was drafted. Attorney Wambach said he would have to draft the language. Trustee Gohl said he believed the ZBA had done a good job and that there had been opportunity for public comment. He added that he would not be bullied by any individual or group.

President Abboud gave a brief history of the Village's past referendums and noted that the current draft lighting ordinance had undergone a two and one-half year process of committee assessment and public comment. He added that he believes that the character of the Village and the Comprehensive Plan must be defended. He cited neighboring communities whose characters have been drastically altered because they did not.

The question was called. Roll call:

Ayes- 4 (Messer, Knoop, Gohl, Abboud)  
Nays -2 (Mallen, Smithe)  
Absent - (Ramesh)

**Motion Failed**

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

President Abboud announced three new appointees to Commissions, Boards and Committees.

Kelly Mazeski is appointed to the Plan Commission to replace Peter Grande, whose term expired in April, 2008.

Trustee Gohl motioned to accept President Abboud's appointment. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

**Appointment Approved**

Dara Valin is appointed to the ZBA to replace Byron Johnson, whose term expired in April, 2010.

Judy Freeman is reappointed to the ZBA from 2010 to 2015.

Bruce Pfaff is appointed to the Equestrian Committee to replace Dara Valin.

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the appointments. Trustee Smithe seconded. After some discussion, Trustee Gohl changed his motion to vote on these candidates individually.

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve Dara Valin's appointment to the ZBA. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll call:

Ayes - 4 (Messer, Knoop, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays - 2 (Mallen, Smithe)

Absent – (Ramesh)

**Appointment Approved**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve Judy Freeman's appointment to the ZBA for a five-year term. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

**Appointment Approved**

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve Bruce Pfaff to the Equestrian Committee. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

**Appointment Approved**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the four appointments to the Equestrian Commission of Dan Lundmark, Emily McHugh, Jane Clement and John Pappas. Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said Aye.

**Appointments Approved**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the Board of Health appointment of Gwynne Johnston, Frank Konicek, Anne Majewski, Shirley Conibear and Chet Ryndak. Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said Aye.

**Appointments Approved**

Trustee Knoop motioned to approve the ETSB E-911 Board appointment of George Moser, Fritz Gohl, Walter Smithe, Patrick Hennelly and Joanne Gumprecht. Trustee Messer seconded. All present said Aye.

**Appointments Approved**

Trustee Mallen motioned to approve the appointments to the Communication Committee of Linda Fox, Barbara Kemp, Victoria Kelly and Mike Zachar. Trustee Gohl seconded.

Discussion followed regarding Trustee Mallen's wish to include additional members to the Committee. President Abboud agreed to talk to the additional candidates. All present said Aye.

**Appointments Approved**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the appointments to the Beautification Committee of P. Denise Israel, Anne Horwath, Betsey Bramsen, Jan Sheppard, Donato Cantalupo and Lorraine Briggs. Trustee Mallen seconded. Trustee Mallen noted that Bill and Carolyn Springer had resigned and been replaced with Chuck Prettyman and Patti Fahey. All present said Aye.

**Appointments Approved**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the reappointments to the Legal Committee of Alan Hoffman and Frank Cools. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

**Appointments Approved**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no business for Executive Session.

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 8:16 p. m. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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