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## **VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees November 21, 2011**

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

#### Present

Robert G. Abboud, President  
Fritz H. Gohl, President Pro Tem  
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee  
Joseph S. Messer, Trustee  
Karen S. Selman, Trustee (arrived 6:38 pm)  
Patty Meroni, Trustee  
Harold Gianopulos, Trustee

Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief  
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration  
Doug Wambach, Village Attorney  
Marlene Mugavero, Recording Secretary

#### Guests

Paddy McKeivitt, resident  
Ahsha Ure, resident  
David Stieper, resident  
Jonathan Knight, resident  
Jean Beacom Integrys Representative  
Kevin Rider, Integrys Representative  
Dean Nicol, Integrys Representative  
Jean Mandrell, resident  
Jack Reich, resident  
P. Denise Israel, Beautification Com  
Lou Flannery, resident  
Michael De Caluve  
John Nania  
Daniel Strahan, Village Engineer

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 6:36 p.m. Trustee Ramesh seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6 (Gianopulos, Meroni, Messer, Ramesh, Gohl & Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 (Selman)

**Meeting Adjourned**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

President Abboud called the Public Meeting to order at 7:50 p.m., and explained that Public Comments be moved to the end of the Agenda.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the Minutes of the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trustee Meroni seconded. Corrections were made. All present said Aye to the corrected minutes.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Meroni made the motion to approve the October 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Minutes, Trustee Gohl seconded. Corrections had been noted in Executive Session. All present said Aye to corrected minutes.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Gohl made the motion to dispose the Executive Minutes Recording of the Meeting of February 22, 2010. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

**Beautification Committee** – Chairman P. Denise Israel reviewed the history of civil war veteran recognition in the Village, that included a boulder and grotto located on the west side of the existing New Friends' Korean Wesleyan Church. She said that a new flagpole needs to be installed with a solar light to shine perpetually on the flag, and a stone path dug in next Spring to accommodate walkers to the monument. The Committee's aim is to spread the word to Village residents so they too will appreciate those civilians from the area who stepped forward to the Call. She distributed enlarged photos of that area as well as a local cemetery containing remains of Civil War veterans.

Ms. Israel extended an invitation to any relatives of those veterans to join the Committee at Miller's Grove, Barrington Center Memorial Day, 2012. She also asked to spread the word about the significant history in the Village.

A subsequent discussion was held about the necessity to obtain an IGA or agreement with the Township to assure access to the boulder and cemetery. The suggestion was also made to GPS those areas.

## **FINANCE – Karen S. Selman**

**Treasurer's Report** - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2011. 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 October 2011. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present voted Aye.

**Motion Approved**

**Overtime Reports** - Trustee Selman made the motion to accept the Overtime Report from October through November 15, 2011 totaling \$3,998.74. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

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

**Motion Approved**

**Bills for Approval** - Trustee Selman motioned to approve the bills for the month of October to November 15, 2011, totaling \$381,080.68. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

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

**Motion Approved**

**Budget FY 2012** – After Village Treasurer Reba clarified some data, Trustee Selman motioned to accept the 2012 Budget. Trustee Gianopulos seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

**Energy Aggregation Referendum Ordinance** – Integrys representatives Jean Beacon, Dean Nichols and Kevin Rider reviewed a presentation explaining aggregation. They said it essentially allowed municipalities to combine residents into a buying group, resulting in increased buying power and more competitive prices for its residents. According to their research, the saving in Barrington Hills would be over \$1,082,000 in annual electric costs. They went on to discuss their company's qualifications, experience and stewardship. They advised that the deadline for submitting a request for a referendum in the March 20, 2012 primary election would be December 2011 and in the November 6, 2012 general election would be August 20<sup>th</sup>.

After a discussion of the matter and the sense that the Board would prefer to have such a referendum sooner than later, Trustee Selman made the motion to accept the Aggregation Referendum Ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of a proposition at the primary election to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012 on whether the Village of Barrington Hills shall have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program. Trustee Gianopulos seconded the motion. Roll Call.

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

**Ordinance 11-13 Approved**

**BTVK Audit FY 2011** – Trustee Selman made the motion to accept the BTVK Audit proposal. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present voted Aye.

**Motion Approved**

## **ROADS & BRIDGES – Patty Meroni**

**Construction Updates** - Following the October Board Meeting approval to go forward with as much advance work as possible on the 2012 Road Projects in order to utilize the appropriated

funds in 2011 which were remaining following the cancellation of the Church and Chapel Road project this year, patching and area resurfacing has been done totaling \$50,000. Gewalt Hamilton had an initial meeting with IDOT on November 4 to discuss the Phase I and II Engineering for Haeger's Bend and the Cuba Road Bridge projects. Phase I engineering has begun on Haeger's Bend Road further utilizing remaining 2011 appropriated funds.

This additional work was done in 2011 in order to maintain the Roads and Bridges budget to a level that would not increase the 2012 tax levy.

Chapel Road signage and signal light have been ordered.

The repair on rutting on Plum Tree Road as well as minor yard damage on Caesar Drive caused by construction equipment have been completed.

Adopt-a-Road Program - There have been several requests by both individuals and groups to adopt a road in Barrington Hills.

Various other items were explored with the Village Attorney Doug Wambach. The state has a program in place with a number of guidelines and requirements which might become unnecessarily cumbersome to the Village, so a locally administered program is being pursued, along with the various legal requirements and waivers which might be required.

Any individuals or groups wishing to adopt a road belonging to either the State or County would have to apply to that particular entity and conform to their requirements.

The Village of Barrington Hills would administer only on Village roads. Further investigation and planning will be ongoing.

Tree Trimming. - On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Village Engineer, Dan Strahan and Trustee Meroni met with Bob Miller, Supervisor of Algonquin Township. The Village has requested that tree trimming along designated roads by the "boom mower" which gets overhanging and protruding growth, leaving a hedge like appearance, be done this fall to clear viewing at intersections and overgrown signs. Spring growth will fill in the landscaping left by this trimming.

Winter Planning - As winter approaches, meetings occur with both Algonquin and Cuba Townships to review certain roads that need special attention or more plowing and salt. Intergovernmental contracts are in place.

**NICOR Franchise Ordinance** – Trustee Meroni presented the NICOR Franchise Ordinance. Trustee Gohl motioned to approve. Trustee Gianopulos seconded. Trustee Gianopulos asked that the word "production" in Section One be stricken from the draft. There followed a discussion about the possibility of requiring in this proposed ordinance that NICOR pay at its expense the cost of supplying a gas line along any Village road. Trustee Gohl amended his motion, asking that consideration of this ordinance be postponed until the next meeting of the Village Board. Trustee Messer seconded that second motion. All present voted aye.

**IDOT Signalization IGA Resolution** – Trustee Meroni motioned to approve a resolution authorizing and approving an intergovernmental agreement by and between the Village of

Barrington Hills and the State of Illinois Department of Transportation. Trustee Selman seconded the motion. All present voted Aye.

**Resolution 11-31 Approved**

**IDOT Haeger's Bend IGA Resolution** – Trustee Meroni motioned to approve a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement for the upgrade of the intersection of County Line Road and Haegers Bend Road by and between the Village of Barrington Hills and IDOT. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

**Resolution 11-32 Approved**

**Chapel Road Easement Resolution** – Trustee Meroni presented a resolution regarding the adopting of an easement of use for Chapel Road. Trustee Meroni motioned to approve this resolution. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye.

**Resolution 11-33 Approved**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – FRITZ H. GOHL**

Monthly Report - Trustee Gohl presented the monthly report. It was recommended that at least once a week during the Holidays residents be cautioned about potential burglaries and scams, on CTY, in newsletters and notification by Block Captains.

Surplus Property Disposal Ordinance – Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the Surplus Property Disposal Ordinance. Trustee Ramesh seconded. All present voted Aye.

**Ordinance 11-14 Approved**

**BUILDING AND ZONING - Joseph S. Messer**

Building Permit Report - Trustee Messer reported that nine building permits had been issued in the past month, bringing the total year to date to fifty-nine permits. He then went on to describe the type of violations that the Village is addressing.

261 Steeplechase – There is a fence constructed that is too high and in violation of the Ordinance. No response has been received from property owner in response to attorney's letter. A citation will be prepared.

2 Tricia – An attempt has been made to get the resident to demolish a couple of barns that are in violation of the floor area ratio. Resident said that would present a financial burden. He was told they have to be removed.

416 County Line Road – This property is subject of many complaints. The Village has been able to obtain some compliance in regard to the loose roofing material removed by contractor but roof now needs to be painted. Building also is not secured and the property owner was asked to secure it.

324 Sutton Road – A barn was constructed without issuance of a building permit. Property owner has been cited, with a court date set for December 7<sup>th</sup>. They want to seek a variance from the ZBA, but still will have an obligation with respect to the current fine.

ZBA Report - The ZBA met on November 14<sup>th</sup>, at which time a variance for 287 Donlea Road Powers Residence was continued to the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The shed too close to the property line was allowed. The twenty by thirty foot pavilion was continued to the December meeting as petitioner did not provide sufficient evidence for the need of a pavilion. There is a burned out building at 106 Brinker for which the current condition and owners future plans should be determined.

The ZBA is also in the process of discussing a proposed Horse Boarding Ordinance, with consideration being given to a draft for a text amendment. Attorney Wambach has been asked to draft their comments.

### **PLANNING – Elaine M. Ramesh**

Monthly Report - No Planning Commission meeting was held this month.

Kane County – Trustee Ramesh attended the Quality of Kane Open House on Tuesday, November 15. They are working on a master plan which is to combine the elements of land use with transportation, health issues and a planning cooperative. The Health Department is still taking input for its 5 year Community Health Improvement Plan. Input can be made through the website [www.kanehealth.com](http://www.kanehealth.com). As far as land use, the plan designates our village as an urban corridor on its conceptual land use strategy map. This county does intend to retain estate zoning for unincorporated areas. With regard to the transportation portion of the plan, the county is recommending to the state that Rt. 62 be made a 4-lane road through our area. More information can be found at [www.qualityofkane.com](http://www.qualityofkane.com).

The Kane County Forest Preserves is in the process of updating their five year master plan, and are currently taking comments about specific sites at [www.kaneforest.com](http://www.kaneforest.com).

McHenry County - McHenry County's consultants have not yet removed their recommendation for the elimination of estate zoning in the UDO. The first draft of the new rules is expected in December.

The McHenry County Board voted to increase their budget by 1.5%. Two of our District 1 representatives voted to reject the increase (Miller and Nowak) but the rejection vote failed as it resulted in a tie. The subsequent vote to approve the budget with an increase passed; this time with none of our District 1 representatives opposing.

Trustee Ramesh visited the Camp Algonquin site as a first step in MCCD's site master plan development process. Barrington Hills has been designated as a stakeholder in the site master plan development process and a first meeting has been scheduled for stakeholders in January. The current expectation is to have a completed plan by for future use of the 300 acre property by the end of 2012.

Cuba Township needs a new trustee and has requested that applications for the position be made by December 5.

Lake County WDO Resolution - Trustee Ramesh motioned to approve this Resolution. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

**Resolution 11-34 Approved**

**INSURANCE – Harold Gianopulos**

Monthly Report - Trustee Gianopulos was proceeding with the process of getting information on insurance renewals, which he will have shortly. Options were discussed with the possibility of employees participating in the funding.

**HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Harold Gianopulos**

Monthly Report – Trustee Gianopulos advised that he was in the process of soliciting bids from those interested in providing video and audio of the Board’s monthly meetings, and should have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Solid Waste Management Report - Trustee Gianopulos advised of recent legislation banning throwing away of any electronic waste (E-waste) effective January 1st. As a result, he has initiated conversations with the residential services for a dumpster to be provided for this purpose to be located on the grounds of the Village Hall. Prairie Land has offered such a dumpster free of charge.

Insurance 2012 – Trustee Gianopulos reported on the current employee insurance plan. President Abboud called for further market evaluations and comparisons on the subject.

Municipal Property – Trustee Gianopulos reported that the Village owns three properties in the Village on State Route #25, Foxmoor Crossing and Surrey Lane East. President Abboud pointed out that these will be an extremely valuable asset to future Boards and also provides the Village with standing in each of the four Counties. He offered to attempt appealing the taxes on these properties.

**ATTORNEY - Douglas Wambach**

Pending Litigation - Covered in Executing Meeting

Personnel – No report.

Union Negotiations – President Abboud discussed a letter received from Mr. Tracey (sp), Secretary of MAP, in which he advised the release of a portion of the transcripts from the arbitration hearings that are now included on their website. As a result of that action, it was President Abboud’s intention to release all of the transcripts and include them on the Village’s website.

**ADMINISTRATION - Robert G. Abboud**

Appointment – President Abboud proposed the appointment of Bruce Goodhart to the Legal Committee to fill a one-year term ending April 2012. Trustee Gohl made the motion to accept President Abboud’s recommendation. Trustee Meroni seconded. A voice vote was taken. Six Trustees voted Aye; Trustee Gianopulos voted Nay.

**Motion Approved**

Meeting Calendar 2012 – Mr. Kosin advised that the proposed calendar will be distributed among the Boards & Commissions, as corrections needed to be made to this be brought back to the Board in December for approval.

Trustee Selman advised of letter included in their packets from Friends of Spring Creek Forest Preserves in which they describe their “Natural Vision” and ask that the Village consider becoming an “Affiliate of the Friends of Spring Creek.” It was agreed that the request would be referred to the Plan Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jean Mandrell, 10 Ashbury Lane, asked President Abboud about whether he had the authority to fire employees. He replied yes, by authority of State Statute. She was of the opinion it was too much power to any President of the Village. She also was of the opinion there needed to be more balance among commission and committee members with respect to their being non-equestrian vs. equestrian residents.

Paddy McKeivitt said Barrington Hills is an equestrian Village, but many residents do not consider themselves equestrians, even though they may even belong to the Riding Club.

Trustee Selman made the motion to adjourn the Public Session at 12:18 a.m. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present voted Aye:

**Meeting Adjourned**

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Approved