

Minutes of September 27, 2011
Barrington Area Council of Governments Executive Board Meeting
at the Barrington Hills Village Hall

Members present: K. Darch, Barrington; R. Abboud, Barrington Hills; G. Dawson, Barrington Township; D. Nelson, Cuba Township; D. Raclaw, Lake Barrington; A. Pino, North Barrington; F. Munao, South Barrington; K. Leitner, Tower Lakes.

Staff present: J. Agnoletti and J. Losinski. Others present: R. Casey, BACOG Treasurer; J. Schaefer; L. Pavin.

Member absent: Deer Park.

The Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Leitner at 7:11 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes of the August 23, 2011 meeting were distributed with the packet. Nelson moved and Dawson seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report for September 2011 was distributed with the packet and Casey reviewed the reports. Nelson moved and Darch seconded to approve the September 2011 treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Guest: Illinois State Representative Edwin O. Sullivan

Agnoletti reported Representative Sullivan was called to a committee meeting in Springfield and will not be attending the meeting tonight.

Legislative Committee Report

The Legislative Committee met prior to the board meeting and Dawson reported on the meeting. The committee discussed issues to watch for in veto session and a possible Lobby Day in Springfield during veto session. The committee also discussed issues to consider for the 2012 Legislative Platform.

Chairman's Report on Designated Alternates and Committees Roster

A roster listing the FY2011-12 BACOG designated alternates was included with the packet. Abboud moved and Darch seconded to approve the FY2011-12 BACOG designated alternates. Motion passed unanimously. Leitner reported on four major BACOG committees: Finance, Legislative, Emergency Management Planning, and Water. The board discussed who would act as the lead contact(s) for these committees: Finance (will ask Richardson, alternate Nelson); Legislative (Dawson); Emergency (Munao, with Pino & will ask Kellerman); Water (Abboud, with co-chair Darch & also Leitner).

Water Resources

- BACOG Well Water Testing Event in November: Agnoletti distributed information on the Level 1 Water Quality Testing Program at the meeting. Members agreed all village and township offices will sell test kits at their locations, in addition to the BACOG office, during November 7-10. The collection event for residents to drop off water samples will be November 14th at the Barrington High School between 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. BACOG will provide the members with the test kits and test kit forms and instructions. Agnoletti reported on the "Ask a Hydrogeologist" program now available on the BACOG website.
- Northwest Water Planning Alliance: Darch reported the NWPA passed their bylaws.
- Donnelley Foundation Grant -- Status Report: Abboud reported he is working on collecting funds for the grant.

- Water Resources Committee -- Public Education Recommendations: A copy of the Water Resources Committee Recommendations report dated August 1, 2011 was included in the packet. Agnoletti noted the board had approved the theme, "Know Your Water Source", at the August board meeting. Abboud talked about detaining stormwater as long as possible to help with recharge and the need for public education in this area. Darch suggested a workshop on rain gardens. There was less interest from the board on conservation education activities because other regional groups are providing this information, and perhaps more focus on decreasing impervious surfaces, use of innovative materials, incentives, etc. The consensus of the board was to refer setting of directions to the new committee of the board.

Emergency Management Planning

Munao distributed information collected based on questions he asked the board on emergency management planning last month and asked the members to review and make necessary corrections/additions.

Group Purchasing of Commodities with MCCG: Status Report

Agnoletti reported on the survey regarding group purchasing for fuel, water chemicals and possible power generators. McHenry County Council of Governments will handle the project and bids for water chemicals and fuels will be completed first. Bids for power generations will be worked on in a few months. Barrington Hills and North Barrington are interested in small portable generators. Tower Lakes and Barrington Township are interested in large building-sized generators.

Emerald Ash Borer: White Paper

Agnoletti reported on a meeting with Brian Borkowicz and Charlie Keppel. They offered to prepare a white paper at no cost on best management practices for the BACOG area regarding EAB. The window of opportunity for management of EAB is the next one to two years. The board agreed that the portion of the paper that reports on what the BACOG communities are currently doing about EAB should be separate from the recommendations on management and that there be a preface from BACOG that makes our role clear. Consensus from the Board was to proceed with the white paper.

Annual Dinner: Status Report

Losinski reported the annual dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 6:30 p.m. at McGonigal's. Invitations will be sent out soon and responses are due by October 26th.

Director's Report

Agnoletti reported on the following:

- Water Resources Committee members have offered to help at the private well water quality testing event on November 14th at the Barrington High School.
- BACOG distributed information on groundwater research and sold private well water test kits at the Kalaway Cup Polo Match in Barrington Hills on September 10th.
- Water Level Monitoring Program: The Village of North Barrington will participate in the water level monitoring program and there is a potential site in Deer Park and in the Village of Barrington. These sites are in addition to the Barrington Hills well monitoring site.
- Legislative: There have been home office visits with six of the nine BACOG-area legislators. Agnoletti attended the Illinois Municipal League (IML) conference on September 16th.
- The judging committee for the Donald P. Klein award met twice in September to review the five nominated projects.
- She noted a letter from the US Postal Service about potential closings of Chicago-area post offices. The information will be sent to all board members.

Presidents' and Supervisors' Reports

- *Cuba Township:* Nelson reported on the Fall Festival at Cuba Township on October 22nd from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- *Barrington:* Darch reported Heinen's Supermarket will open where Staples used to be located. Darch also reported on other restaurant openings in the village.
- *South Barrington:* Munao reported they finished drawings on the Village Hall addition.
- *Barrington Hills:* Abboud reported working on the village 2012 budget.
- *Barrington Township:* Dawson reported on the "Cash Dash" (state unclaimed property) program on November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Information will be in the Barrington Township newsletter.
- *North Barrington:* Pino reported on completed road repairs and a new culvert at Signal Hill Road.
- *Lake Barrington:* Raclaw reported on the 3rd Annual Barn Stomp on Saturday, October 1st.
- *Tower Lakes:* Leitner reported on completed road repairs to West Lake Shore Drive.

Adjournment of Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. after a motion by Abboud and second by Dawson. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie S. Losinski
BACOG Secretary*