



Village of Barrington Hills
112 Algonquin Road
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Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2012

To: BH Village Board Members

Subject: Housing for BACOG

Fellow Board Members:

The Executive Board of BACOG has been looking over its budget and work scope as we contemplate our future needs. The current BACOG budget is some \$247,000. The Board looked hard for savings to reduce our respective municipal and township dues. The concern for cost management was of such a magnitude that it threatened the future of BACOG. As you know, BACOG has been enormously valuable to our village over the last decade helping us with issues of land use and zoning, ground water, and legislation covering speed limits, foreclosures, and municipal revenues.

After reviewing the various line items in the BACOG budget, it became clear that the housing costs represented the largest area of potential savings. This includes rent, utilities, and IT costs representing some \$25,000 / year.

In the interest of realizing these savings, I offered the Board that BH would consider housing BACOG in our Village Hall utilizing the minimally used space of the MacArthur Room Annex and associated back offices. With our digitization of records, storage space in the Village Hall is now minimally required. Housing of BACOG would entail no additional costs to the Village.

In the past, the Executive Board wanted to maintain the maximum possible independence of BACOG by housing separately from any village. However, the unusual economic downturn has forced the BACOG Board to reconsider housing independence in the interest of lower costs and the survival of BACOG. It will be the responsibility of our Village to maintain the independence of BACOG while housing in our Village Hall. At such time that BACOG revenues improve, or BACOG interests change, BACOG may move back to independent housing. I expect that BACOG would be housed in our Village Hall for at least the next 4 years.

Applying these housing savings and some other changes to the BACOG work scope, the new budget will be in the range of \$185,500. The Barrington Hills dues will be lowered from \$34,103 to approximately \$24,064, or more than \$10,000 in savings.

I will have this issue on the agenda for the 01/23/2012 meeting for discussion and an associated resolution. I look forward to your discussion on assisting BACOG.

Best Regards,

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