

**VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
January 13, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Village of Barrington Hills Board of Health was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Johnston.

Board of Health Members Present: Gwynne Johnston, Chairman
Shirley Conibear, M.D.
Anne Majewski, M.D.

Board of Health Members Absent: Frank J. Konicek, M.D., Vice Chairman

Others Present: Michael Harrington, Village Trustee
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Dan Strahan, Village Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Majewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting of the Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Dr. Conibear and approved unanimously.

SEPTIC CODE AMENDMENT SEC. 4-2-7: Mr. Strahan introduced the topic of the proposed amendments to the septic ordinance, noting that no vote was anticipated prior to preliminary approval of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Mr. Strahan provided background on the rationale for the proposed amendments, noting that amendments required by the Illinois Department of Public Health had resulted in 5 variance applications for at-grade and mound septic systems during the course of the year in 2014. The Board of Health had requested that the Code be amended so that mound and at-grade systems were allowable without the variance. Mr. Strahan then reviewed the primary areas affected by the proposed amendments. It was noted that the draft amendments would be submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health for preliminary review prior to returning to the Board of Health for a recommendation.

Mr. Strahan also noted that a memo had been prepared presenting research that had been requested by the Board of Health pertaining to acceptable flow rates for commercial barns and stables. Mr. Strahan noted based on a review of local and regional septic codes he was unable to find any regulations that specifically prescribed a flow rate for horse barns. After discussion, Dr. Majewski made a motion requesting that the Village Engineer return with recommended guidelines for reasonable flow rates for septic systems for residential, recreational, or commercially used horse barns. The motion was seconded by Dr. Conibear and passed unanimously.

HORSE DENSITY/LIVESTOCK REPORT: Mr. Kosin noted that the Village had requested and received a response from Debra Hagstrom regarding her recommendations regarding horse density standards with the Village. Dr. Majewski noted that the response received seemed biased towards horse owners and did not reflect the purpose for which her opinion was requested, namely horse density and its effects on ground water in Barrington Hills. Mr. Kosin

noted Ms. Hagstrom's background and confirmed that she had not been paid for her opinion. After discussion the report was noted as received and no further action was taken.

GROUNDWATER PROGRAM: Mr. Kosin reviewed the status of the proposed program to test water samples at various public/institutional uses throughout Barrington Hills. It was noted that the test had already been performed at the Village Hall well and results were anticipated shortly. Mr. Kosin noted that the recommendation was received by BACOG to perform testing at a frequency of five years.

Chairman Johnston stated and noted concurrence of the Board that baseline testing was desirable. There was discussion that the recommended frequency of five years was too long of an interval and recommended more frequent testing to track water quality over time and that annual testing was preferred.

Trustee Harrington recommended that the Board make specific recommendations to the Board regarding the proposed testing program. After further discussion, Dr. Conibear made a motion to request approximately \$3,000 be budgeted annually to test and monitor groundwater quality at nine locations throughout the Village. The motion was seconded by Dr. Majewski and passed unanimously.

Chairman Johnston discussed that he and other residents may be likely to volunteer data to supplement the public information gathered. Chairman Johnston asked if the Village Attorney could review the topic of keeping private test results exempt from FOIA. Mr. Kosin noted it would be better to work to provide a context for any test results requested through a FOIA request instead of making efforts to conceal the specific source of the data. After further discussion, Dr. Majewski made a motion to request that the Village Attorney provide some guidance to residents regarding the implications of voluntarily participating in the groundwater testing program. The motion was seconded by Dr. Conibear and passed unanimously.

The topic of groundwater aging was on the agenda but further research was needed prior to presentation to the Board

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Trustee Harrington noted that he had communicated the Board of Health position regarding horse density to the Trustees. Trustee Harrington also noted that he would work with Bob to present the proposed groundwater testing program to the Board of Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Majewski motioned to adjourn at 9:11 PM. Dr. Conibear seconded the motion. All present said aye.