

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting August 22, 2005

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, Pro-Tem
Theodore L. Horne, Trustee
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Julie McKeivitt, Trustee
Steven E. Knoop, Trustee
George E. Schueppert, Trustee
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Elaine M. Ramesh, Village Clerk
Douglas Wambach, Village Attorney
Frederick Clauser, Chief of Police

Guests

James Kelly, Attorney
Cheryl Quick, Resident
David Russo, Resident
Marla Russo, Resident
Beth Mallen, Resident
Emily McHugh, Resident
Dieter Tannenbergh, Resident
Todd Gordon, Village Engineer

MINUTES

Trustee Knoop motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2005. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye with Trustee McKeivitt abstaining.

Motion Approved

Trustee Horne motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of July 25, 2005 as presented. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye with Trustee McKeivitt abstaining.

Motion Approved

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 11, 2005 with corrections as follows: on page 2, paragraph 3, replace "Authorization of CDG and MKM for Negotiations with Hoffman Estates" with "Authorization of CDG for Negotiations with Hoffman Estates"; and on page 2, paragraph 3, replace "engagement of CDG and MKM" with "engagement of CDG". Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee McKeivitt motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Executive Session of August 11, 2005 as presented. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made.

FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Treasurer's Report – Trustee Smithe presented the Treasurer's report for the month of July 2005. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Schueppert seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKevitt, Smithe, Gohl, Horne, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board Report – Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the financial report of the Police Pension Board through June 2005 as presented. Trustee McKevitt seconded. The Trustees reviewed the report and made suggestions as to the presentation of the statements. Concerns were expressed about actuarial assumptions made, as well as how the plan was audited. Questions were also posed as to the investment policy for the funds and whether or not the Village should over fund the plan for a period of years. President Abboud requested that Trustees Smithe and Schueppert review the existing audit procedures for the Pension Fund and bring their recommendations to the Board. Trustee Smithe will also assess the Village's relationship with Lauterbach & Amen. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKevitt, Smithe, Gohl, Horne, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Presentation of Bills – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the payment of the bills for the month of August to date totaling \$189,846.96. Trustee McKevitt seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKevitt, Smithe, Gohl, Horne, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Fuel Costs - Chief Clauser informed the Board that the Public Safety Department is over budget for fuel supplies. President Abboud asked if measures to keep fuel costs down, such as buying gasoline in bulk and storing it, had been considered. The Chief indicated that purchasing gasoline in bulk and storing it had been considered, but that it was not practical for the Village to do so.

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$3,890.93 in overtime expenses for July 16 through 31, 2005 and \$3,439.33 for August 1 through 15, 2005. Trustee McKevitt seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKevitt, Smithe, Gohl, Horne, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Julie McKevitt

Monthly Report – Trustee McKevitt reported on the status of road repair projects on Meadow Hill Road, Kresmery Lane, Cuba Road, and Chapel and Healy Roads. She also reported that sewers and culverts on Honeycutt Road would be cleaned this year, with a resurfacing project to be planned for 2006.

President Abboud inquired about the condition of other culverts in the Village, and thought it would be helpful to have an inventory of all of the box culverts.

Trustee McKevitt obtained an estimate for the cost of traffic counts on county roads. President Abboud requested that Trustee McKevitt review the budget to see if money is available for the counts and present her recommendation at the next meeting.

Cooperative Snow Removal – Trustee McKevitt motioned to approve the resolution authorizing and approving an intergovernmental agreement for cooperative snow removal and ice control by and between the Village of Barrington Hills and the Township of Cuba Road District, with the following correction: replacement of the term “TORMA” with the term “TOIRMA” on page 4 of the document. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKevitt, Smithe, Gohl, Horne, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

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PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl deferred to Chief Clauser who presented the Police Report for the month of July 2005. Noting the number of wireless 911 calls received, President Abboud indicated that spotty cellular coverage is a potential health and safety issue for the Village.

The Police Department received recognition of the excellence of its Comprehensive Traffic Safety Plan. Among items received were a trailer which can be outfitted as a mobile office, a portable breathalyzer, and collapsible road cones. An achievement award for the Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign was also received.

Chief Clauser also reported on the Police Department’s activities related to the follow-up of the capture of murder suspect Pete Hommerson.

BUILDING AND ZONING – George L. Schueppert

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ZBA Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that, at its most recent meeting, the ZBA had begun to re-evaluate rules on permitted uses of property. The Equestrian Committee will be invited to attend the next ZBA meeting at which discussion of permitted uses will continue. The Chairman of the ZBA, John Quick, will resign, as he is moving from the Village, so a new chair and new committee member must be appointed.

Building Permit Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that 18 building permits had been issued during the month of July 2005. They included permits for five residences, four additions, two renovations, one garage, one stable, four pools and one septic repair.

Communications Committee Report – Trustee Smithe reported that two meetings have been held and that the next Village Newsletter is in preparation.

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Monthly Report – Trustee Knoop reported that the Planning Commission continues to work with Teska Associates on revising the Comprehensive Plan. An additional meeting will be held August 29, 2005 to facilitate this project. Teska Associates continues their work on draft plans for parcels of land in the northwest portion of the Village.

Noting that the majority of vegetation including many small trees along Spring Creek Road, which had screened the Paloma Point subdivision, had been removed, Trustees Gohl and McKevitt inquired whether or not such removal could have been prevented. President Abboud requested that Trustee Schueppert ask the ZBA to take public comment on the problem of excess vegetation removal along subdivision perimeters. In conjunction with discussion of this problem, it was suggested that perhaps a review of the Village Code should examine requirements for the setback for construction.

INSURANCE – George L. Schueppert

Monthly Report - Trustee Schueppert is continuing his review of the Village's insurance policies. A report on healthcare options for Village employees prepared by Trustees Smithe and Schueppert was provided for the Board's consideration. The Board will review the materials and then discuss the options at the next meeting. Trustee Schueppert also reported that the Village would send a representative to a training program to be held in Elgin on September 11, 2005 on the management of municipal risk.

HEALTH, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ENVIRONMENT – Theodore L. Horne

Monthly Report – Trustee Horne reported that the Village continues to experience severe drought conditions, and that better resolution for the new GIS-based map for the MacArthur Room has been requested.

President Abboud requested that Trustee Horne inspect the Village garage and tractor and provide recommendations regarding current conditions and anticipated use at the next meeting.

Solid Waste Management Report – No report was given.

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Monument to Honor the Immediate Past President –Trustee Horne is in the process of identifying a site for the monument.

ATTORNEY – Douglas Wambach

Attorney Wambach stated that matters of litigation would be addressed in Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

Recognition – Trustee Gohl motioned to add the recognition of Marla Russo to the Board's agenda for the evening. Trustee McKeivitt seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

President Abboud presented a plaque to Marla Russo in recognition of her service to the Village as Village Clerk from 1989 to 2005.

ZBA Chairman Appointment – President Abboud requested that the Board approve his nomination of Jonathan J. Knight as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective upon current Chairman Quick's departure. Trustee Horne motioned approval to appoint Jonathan J. Knight as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Legal Review Committee Chairman Appointment – The Legal Review Committee will consist of five members and will focus on review and evaluation of the Village's counsel in various matters. President Abboud requested that the Board approve his nomination of Alan C. Hoffman as Chairman of the committee, for a term ending in April 2006. The Trustees asked questions regarding Mr. Hoffman's legal background, experience in municipal matters, and length of residency. Trustee Smithe motioned approval to appoint Alan C. Hoffman as Chairman of the Legal Review Committee. Trustee McKeivitt seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Open Burning – Dieter Tannenberg addressed the Board about his concerns with open burning in the Village. The resident stated that he appreciated the letter that had gone out to the residents on the subject, but felt that there was a lack of voluntary compliance with the existing ordinance. In response, the Board requested that a reminder about the ordinance be issued by the Communications Committee in an upcoming newsletter. Additionally, President Abboud requested that the Police Chief review Mr. Tannenberg's suggested alternatives to address the problems caused by open burning.

Repayment of E911 Loan - A loan had previously been taken out from Cambridge Bank to pay for equipment for 911 services. After discussion of the terms of the loan, Trustee Schueppert motioned that the Village, pending advice from the Village attorney, either repay the loan or purchase the note and have the 911 Fund repay the Village. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call.

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Ayes: 6 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKevitt, Smithe, Horne, Abboud)
Nays: 1 (Gohl)
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Creekside Meadows Subdivision – Representatives of the Riding Club updated the Board on the status of development of equestrian trails in new subdivisions. Trustee Smithe and President Abboud may meet with the developer regarding this matter.

Trustee Smithe motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 10:15 pm. Trustee Knoop seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKevitt, Smithe, Gohl, Horne, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 11:48 pm.

Trustee Horne motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 11:49 pm. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned

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