

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 28, 2008

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

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, Pro-Tem
Steven E. Knoop, Trustee
George L. Schueppert, Trustee
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Beth Mallen, Trustee
George Lynch, Village Attorney
Joe von Meier, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Dolores G. Trandel, Deputy Clerk
*Elaine Ramesh, (Village Clerk) Trustee

Guests

Dan Strahan, Village Engineer
Carolyn Springer, resident
Lola Coles, resident
Barry LeCompte, resident
Lee Norton, resident
Gerald L. Hirsch, resident
Manian Ramesh, resident
Pam Cools, resident
Frank Cools, resident
Kathy Soeder, resident
Bob Best, Attorney
Maryann M. Bullion, Attorney
Thomas Cafcas, Attorney
Joanne Gumprecht, Comm. Supv.
Tracy Morey, Dispatcher

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

Ayes: 6 (Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 7:50 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2007 with certain corrections. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present, except for Trustee Knoop who abstained, said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Schueppert motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of December 17, 2007. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present, except for Trustee Knoop who abstained, said aye.

Motion Approved

* Elaine M. Ramesh, Village Clerk, arrived at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Abboud opened a thirty-five minute session for public comments at 7:55 p.m.

President Abboud praised Julie McKeivitt for all her hard work. He said that next to the Police Department, Roads & Bridges has the largest expenditure and Trustee McKeivitt did a fine job. The Village Board now needs to consider an appointment to the empty Trustee seat that will last until April of 2009.

President Abboud nominated Elaine M. Ramesh, Village Clerk, to the Trustee position. A motion was made by Trustee Smithe to appoint Ms. Ramesh as Trustee and Trustee Gohl seconded that motion. All present said aye. Trustee Ramesh then joined the board table to finish the meeting.

Motion Approved

President Abboud and Chief Murphy honored Tracy Morey for her accomplishments with the Barrington Hills Police Department. The Illinois APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, Inc.) awarded Tracy Morey a plaque for 2007 Telecommunicator of the Year, 1st Runner Up, in the State of Illinois at the APCO-NENA-ICC conference in Springfield.

Frank Cools: Advised the Village of large pot holes on the northeast corner of Haegers Bend and Spring Creek and on Spring Creek east of the red barn. Mr. Cools said there should be 4 NO U-TURNS signs on Haegers Bend at Spring Creek. Waste Management companies trucks disregarding rules and driving around island. Motorists are using Naumann's driveway, at 11241 Haegers Bend Road, to back up as there are no "NO U-TURNS" signs up.

Kathy Soeder – 25 Little Bend Road – was concerned about recalculating South Barrington's impact fee. President Abboud stated BACOG is in charge of this as a regional issue for the Barrington area. There will be more about EAV (equalized adjusted value) in an upcoming Newsletter.

Dave Hollein – 101 Old Dundee Road (Neighborhood Watch Captain) Mr. Hollein wanted to thank Chief Murphy and Julie McKeivitt for all their hard work this past year in getting Old Dundee Road cleared of brush. He also presented Chief Murphy with a letter requesting the speed limit around Rts. 59 & 68 be reduced from 55 mph to 35 mph to avoid accidents; place signs advising the lower speed limit and a 10 second delay on the lights. He suggested speed cameras at all three Rt. 68 intersections. Chief Murphy is concerned about the cost of administration for this photo enforcement and he will work with IDOT to reduce speed limit at the intersection of Rt. 68 and Old Dundee.

Also, many fire grid signs are missing from residents homes. Chief Murphy will undertake a coordinated sweep of the Village.

As there were no further remarks, the public comments session ended at 8:35 p.m.

FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Treasurer's Report – Trustee Smithe presented the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2007. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Schueppert seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, 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 December 2007 as presented. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Schueppert stated that there is very poor accounting and generally sloppy work on the Police Pension Fund. Lauterbach not consistent with figures and reports are not reliable. President Abboud said we, as the Village, provides all funds through our budget and requested a review by the Village Attorney of its authority over the professional service contracts by the Pension Board.

Presentation of Bills – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the payment of the bills for the month of January to date of \$396,617.63. Trustee Schueppert seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$5,535.50 in overtime expenses for December 1 through 15, 2007 and \$2,593.71 for December 16 through 31, 2007. The reasons for the overtime expenses were discussed. Trustee Knoop seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Village Depository – Trustee Smith motioned approval of Ordinance 08-01 amending the designated depositories for Village funds. Trustee Schueppert seconded. The ordinance supersedes Ordinance 07-22, omitting the name “Suburban Bank Barrington”. All present said aye.

Ordinance 08-01 Approved

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Fritz Gohl

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl indicated that the 2008 Road Program will start with 2.4 miles to be patched and/or resurfaced from Ridge to Old Hart on Oak Knoll and portions of Buckley Road and Cuba Road. Presently a 10 year increment is used to repair roads with an extension to 12 years. Smaller roads will be done every 12 to 14 years, however, through roads such as Ridge would remain at 10 years. Asphalt prices are approximately \$65.00/ton. Bid packages will be taken in May for work to be done in June and July.

Trustee Gohl met with Tom Gooch, Cuba Hwy. Commissioner, regarding the call outs on snowplowing.

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Monthly Report – Trustee Knoop reported other business as:

Development Committee – Trustee Knoop reported that the members requested that this Commission to disband. If the need presents itself in the future, we can re-commission. Trustee Knoop motioned to disband and Trustee Gohl seconded. Attorney von Meier questioned disbanding. He was informed that Commission members have achieved their goals and as it was an ad-hoc commission. Trustee Knoop motioned again to disband. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Otis Woods Lake Subdivision – Trustee Knoop motioned approval of Resolution 08-02, approving the final plat of subdivision for Lake Otis Woods Subdivision. Trustee Smithe seconded. The former von Paulous property forms a four lot subdivision according to this plat. Trustee Schueppert proposed that Trustee Knoop be given the authority to approve or disapprove the Surety Bond. All present said aye.

Resolution 08-02 Approved

Trustee Knoop wants to update our Comprehensive Plan to include such references to Dark Sky, light pollution, landscape lighting and other conflicts with the character of the Village.

Trustee Schueppert brought up the subject of barns used as businesses. Trustee Schueppert will prepare a position paper regarding boarding of horses.

President Abboud requested that Mr. Kosin update him on the house on Oak Knoll Road that has the Frank Lloyd Wright style. Mr. Kosin will report at next meeting.

CN/E J& E Matter – Trustee Knoop motioned approval of Resolution 08-03 objecting to the proposed acquisition of the E J & E West Company by the Canadian National Railway Corporation. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6 (Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 (Schueppert)

Resolution 08-03 Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl deferred to Chief Murphy who presented the Police Report for activity in the month of December, 2008. Members of the police department completed 24 hours of training during the past month. Chief Murphy said tickets issued due to new speed limit in 2006 were 2,569 vs. tickets for 2007 of 3,442.

Major Crash Assistance Team Intergovernmental Agreement - Trustee Gohl motioned approval of Resolution 08-01 authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between Barrington Hills and members of the major crash assistance team. Trustee Smithe seconded. The agreement will allow cooperative investigation of major traffic crashes occurring within the jurisdiction of one of the members of the major crash assistance team. All present said aye.

Resolution 08-01 Approved

President Abboud thanked Chief Murphy for all his hard work regarding Peter Hommerson in the matter of the January 23, 1996 murders of Marvin and Kay Lichtman, Hommerson was found guilty of four counts of First Degree Murder.

BUILDING AND ZONING – George L. Schueppert

Building Permit Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that five building permits had been issued during the month of December 2007. They included permits for one detached garage, two additions and alterations, one septic repair and one site development.

ZBA Report – Trustee Schueppert deferred this report to next month.

Cell Tower Amendment – Trustee Schueppert motioned approval of Ordinance 08-02, regarding radio communication towers. Trustee Smithe seconded. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously in favor of recommending the ordinance to the Village Board. Several public hearings were held on this matter, and public comments were taken into consideration in the production of the ordinance recommended by the ZBA. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Ordinance 08-02 Approved

INSURANCE – George L. Schueppert

Monthly Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that new health care bills are low. Trustee Schueppert wants authorization to negotiate our liability insurance. Renewal would be same coverage. Trustee Mallen motioned to accept his offer and Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Trustee Schueppert presented a Pension Resolution. President Abboud wants Trustees to review this document as Barrington Hills has the best financed system in the State. He requested this Resolution be ready for next months meeting. The Board thanked Trustee Schueppert for putting together this IML Document.

HEALTH, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ENVIRONMENT – Beth Mallen

Solid Waste Management Report – Trustee Mallen reported that approximately 24 percent of the residential waste collected in 2007 was recyclables diverted from landfills.

Strategic Plan for Village Building – Trustee Mallen reported that modifications of the Lock-up area in the Police Department have been completed. Department of Corrections needs to do final inspection, but the facilities can be used in the meantime. Meanwhile, a new sliding glass door was installed in the Communications area, so that the second dispatch area could be more accessible.

ATTORNEY – Joe von Meier

Attorney Wambach stated that matters of litigation had been addressed in Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

Communications Committee – Trustee Mallen reported that a new Village website is being developed. Pam Cools announced that the Village Newsletter will be ready next week.

Other committee appointments will be handled at next months meeting.

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 10:30 p.m. and return to Executive Session. Trustee Gohl seconded.

Meeting Adjourned

Approved _____

Second Public Session

Appointments – Trustee Mallen passed out a letter from Laura Scoville Ekstrom and praised her for her accomplishments and requested that she be appointed to the Communications Committee. Trustee Schueppert motioned to accept the nomination and Trustee Gohl seconded.

Motion Approved.

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn the Second Public Session at 12:10 a.m. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned

Approved _____