

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, October 28, 2013

President McLaughlin called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

Martin J. McLaughlin, President
Fritz H. Gohl, President Pro Tem
Joseph S. Messer, Trustee
Karen S. Selman, Trustee
Patty Meroni, Trustee
Colleen Konicek, Trustee (arrived 7:00 p.m.)
Michael Harrington, Trustee

Michael Murphy, Police Chief
Rich Semelsberger, Deputy Chief
George Lynch, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Village Administrator
Dolores Trandel, Village Clerk

Guests

Dennis Kelly, resident
Clark Benkendorf, resident
David Buckley, resident
Jack Reich, resident
P. Denise Israel, resident
David Stieper, resident
Jim O'Donnell, resident
Jim Hammond, resident
Matt Yeterian, resident
Karen Trzaska, resident
Jean Maddrell, resident
Sandy Heinze, resident
Bill Adair, resident
Franke Lueders, resident
Janet Agnoletti, BACOG
Bridget O'Shea, guest
Nicole Strickler, guest
Tarah Thorne, guest
Trudy Barrie, guest

PUBLIC SESSION

Pledge of Allegiance

Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District Review – Tom Rowan, President; Jeff Swanson, Chief Administrator; Trustees Paul Heinze and Thomas Long were present to assure Barrington area residents that emergency services will not be compromised in 2014 when the district operates independently of the Village of Barrington and to answer any questions residents had. After offering a brief history of the district, the officials addressed the key issue of response times. Mr. Swanson stated that it is absolutely critical that firefighters arrive within four to six minutes for any emergency.

Mr. Rowan added that seventeen of the nineteen Barrington firefighters laid off earlier this year have been hired by the district. They also recently approved automatic aid agreements with Lake Zurich and Long Grove fire departments and is looking into more agreements with neighboring municipalities, such as Fox River Grove. Mr. Swanson said each station in the district will be equipped with one fire engine, one ambulance and one tender that can carry up to 13,000 gallons of water.

President McLaughlin asked Mr. Heinze about any extra taxes or fees that may be passed onto residents. Mr. Heinze replied if there are to be increases, they will be nominal. By January 1, 2014, they will fully operational.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim O'Donnell, 1 Ridgcroft – Stated his support for the Hills Are Alive Event and thanked President McLaughlin for all the hard work put into this event.

Karen Trzaska, 230 Otis Road – Read a long statement thanking the Board for the first Hills Are Alive event and saw no poor execution of the Event. Hats off to Anna Paul for all her hard work.

Jean Maddrell, 10 Ashbury Lane – Seconded everything Karen said. She loved the idea of holding the Event at the Riding Center.

Bill Adair, 100 Berron Lane – Stated that on behalf of the Riding Club, they support the riding arena at 170 Old Sutton Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Messer motioned to approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2013. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Messer motioned to approve the Executive Minutes of the September 23, 2013 meeting with changes. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Messer motioned to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of the October 7, 2013 meeting with changes. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

FINANCE – Karen S. Selman

Treasurer's Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for September, 2013. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Police Pension Board Report for September, 2013. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports - Trustee Selman made the motion to approve the Overtime Report from September 16, 2013 through October 15, 2013 totaling \$5,894.10. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Meroni, Selman, Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Bills for Approval - Trustee Selman motioned to approve the bills for the month of September 16, 2013 to October 15, 2013, totaling \$278,304.32. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Meroni, Selman, Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Trustee Meroni questioned Attorney Lynch on the hours spent reviewing municipal bonds, Horizon farms and Mr. Adder ethics requirements regarding contributions to the Hills Are Alive Event. Village Administrator Robert Kosin stated he requested these inquiries. Trustee Gohl proposed to hold out invoice #136218 in the amount of \$5,719.00 until an explanation is received.

Trustee Gohl motioned approval of the bills for September 23, 2013, hold invoice #136218 for Vendor 779, invoice amount \$5,719. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

ROADS & BRIDGES – Patty Meroni

Monthly Report

2013 Road Program - End of season additional patching and tree trimming remain to be completed.

2013 Drainage Program - Completion of the two remaining culverts, the 56 foot long one on Spring Lane that has rusted out and installation of a new, smaller one under River Road to prevent ice and water from overflowing the pavement from a spring uphill, remain to be finished before winter.

Merri Oaks/Ridge Road - Dan Strahan has submitted our grant application to Lake County and will shortly begin preliminary engineering plans for this project. Further meeting with residents who will be impacted by this project will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Long Meadow Parkway -Kane County Transportation Engineers held a second meeting with Bob Kosin, Dan Strahan and me to review the changes they made to address our concerns regarding drainage and flooding at our first meeting. We are scheduling a second meeting with the residents who will be impacted by this project with the Kane County Engineers who will answer their questions before moving on the next engineering phase.

Cuba Road Bridge Status - Dan has received approval of our grant application which allows the village to receive requested funding for the Phase II Engineering process. The total cost of this phase will be \$146,810, with IDOT contributing \$112,448 and the village \$29,362. This engineering phase will begin this fall and if things continue to run as expected, a start date of late summer/early fall 2014 is anticipated.

Haeger's Bend Road – STP Application - McHenry Council of Mayors has announced a Summer, 2014 call for projects. In light of this recent approval by CMAP of a grant to the village for bike path planning, and the agreement with a recent meeting of staff with Algonquin, an IGA with Algonquin is being drafted to include a bike path extension with the Highland Avenue extension and removal of the island at Spring Creek and Haeger's Bend Road, both required for VBH to qualify for the federal funding needed to resurface Haeger's Bend Road.

2014 Road Program - Preliminary plans for 2014 include the usual road maintenance, snowplowing, sign repairs, striping, bridge inspections, etc. and the programmed improvements include: Cuba Road Bridge, Ridge Road north of Merri Oaks, Plum Tree Road east of Ridge Road and Meadow Hill Road.

2014 Drainage Program

1. Ridge Road at Boyle property - culvert
2. Steeplechase Road – 2 culverts and wetland permit
3. Plum Tree Road – 4 culverts
4. Meadow Hill Road – culvert

BACT "Aragona and McDade" Scenic Easement Resolution – Trustee Meroni motioned to approve the BACT "Aragona and McDade" Scenic Easement resolution. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said AYE.

Resolution 13-19 Approved

Rail Tanker Safety Resolution – Trustee Meroni motioned to approve the Rail Tanker Safety Resolution. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Resolution 13-20 Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl presented the monthly report which was included in the Board of Trustees meeting packet.

BUILDING AND ZONING - Joseph S. Messer

Monthly Report – Nine building permits were issued in September, 2013.

65 Windrush Lane – Appears to be operating a kennel. Installed nine very large kennels and a dog run. Ms. Frisen will be checking on it.

11 Barrington Hills Road – No response from property owner, Building Department will notify property owner by certified letter.

350 Old Sutton Road – Building permit issued October 15th and construction continues.

2230 Chapel Road – Citation issued with a October 29th court date and was sent by certified mail after attempts in person were unsuccessful. Certified letter returned unclaimed, but pool was removed as of October 21st.

14 Hart Hills Road – Village Engineer has closed this file.

261 Steeplechase Rd - Judgment issued for \$750.00. Village Prosecutor has been in contact with property owner who is attempting to remove tenant.

109 Remington Drive Update – Owner to request modification of easement.

358 Bateman Circle South Update – Site development permit and certificate of compliance have been issued and permit is now closed.

385 Spring Creek Road Update – No response from Wells Fargo foreclosure attorney. Building Department to research direct contact information for Wells Fargo.

551-553 Cuba Road Update - Continuance granted until December 4th.

8 Jennifer Court Update – Still no plans submitted and property owner has yet to sign contract with civil engineer. Village Prosecutor recommends issuing additional citations.

ZBA Monthly Report – The ZBA held a public hearing on October 21st to consider an application of Mr. Jan-Dirk Leuders for a special use to construct a polo field and accessory indoor arena at 170 Old Sutton Road. After examining the facts as presented and taking into consideration the testimony of all the witnesses, found in a vote of five in favor, none opposed and two absent. The findings have been forwarded to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

There was discussion among the Board as to whether the ZBA heard all evidence and the need to file plans within six months. Trustee Konicek stated there were a large amount of documents to review and she felt the Board was not given enough time. President McLaughlin thought it is a wonderful use of the property, but understands Trustee Konicek's request for more time. Trustee Harrington stated he reviewed all the documents and doesn't know what the problem is. The attorney for the petitioner stated that time is of the essence.

Resolution Granting A Special Use Permit, 170 Old Sutton Road - Trustee Harrington motioned to approve this Special Use Permit. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye. Trustee Messer recused himself.

Resolution 13-18 Approved

PLANNING – Colleen Konicek

Monthly Report: The Plan Commission met on October 16th to review amending Sections 4-2-7 and 6-4-6 of the Village Code relating to the Village Septic Requirements.

CMAP/LTA Grant Award - The Bicycle Pedestrian Path application was successful. Work will begin in the Spring of 2014.

INSURANCE – Michael Harrington

Monthly Report – Met with Lundstrom insurance brokers on October 22nd and still awaiting quotes. Village insurance policy, property and management insurance was reviewed as well as basic coverage.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Michael Harrington

The Roadside Clean-Up Event picked up 48 bags of trash. Mr. Jan Goss was in charge and did an excellent job.

Village Hall fire sprinkler system: The inspection of the well feed and reservoir tank system of the fire sprinklers was conducted October 17th and the system passed inspection without comment.

Village Hall generator: Generator did not appear to be running as smoothly as normal during the weekly exercise. Alternate Power was contacted to check the operation and an adjustment was made to the governor controller due to the drop in the temperature. Generator was exercised and is operating as should be.

Village Hall HVAC: EHMS conducted the seasonal check and adjustments of all heating and air conditioning systems on October 23rd. All equipment is running normal.

Village Hall landscaping: Aspen Lawn and Landscaping and Woodland Landscape Contractors have been notified to cease landscape maintenance for the year.

Village Hall irrigation system: American National Sprinkler is scheduled to complete the draining of the irrigation system for the winter on November 7th.

Village Hall parking lot lights: Research to be undertaken for the conversion of the parking lot lights to LED.

Septic Code Amendment Ordinance - Village Engineer, Dan Strahan stated that the biggest change will be no longer requiring perc test for new homes, instead they will need a soil classification test. Maintenance requirements will begin after January, 2014. Trustee Harrington motioned to approve amending Sections 4-2-7 and 6-4-6 of the Village Code relating to the Village Septic Requirements. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Ordinance 13-16 Approved

ATTORNEY – George Lynch

Pending Litigation – Updates included in Board of Trustees packet.

ADMINISTRATION – President McLaughlin

BACOG Comprehensive Groundwater Monitoring Program Resolution – Janet Agnoletti of BACOG gave a presentation to the Board on the groundwater monitoring program. This work is for the BACOG area where nearly 100% of our wells were in the shallow system, the first 350 feet below ground surface. This program is recommended unanimously by the BACOG Board and will establish a network of dedicated monitoring wells, with equipment taking daily/hourly measurements of water levels. This program has cost, in the first year, \$26,000 which will come from cash reserve. The second year, \$10,000 and the third year, \$10,700. President McLaughlin asked if in years down the line, can we expect monetary compensation for shared materials. Ms. Agnoletti stated that we will be looking for Grants of public money versus private money, using public wells like the ones in the Forest Preserve.

Trustee Selman motioned to approve the Monitoring Program Resolution. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Resolution 13-21 Approved

BCFDP Organizational Review – Guests from Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District in a Town Hall format answered questions regarding the future of the district after separating from Barrington .

Electronic Participation Ordinance - Trustee Meroni motioned to approved the Electronic Participation Ordinance. Trustee Harrington seconded. All present said Aye.

Ordinance 13-17 Approved

Appointments

HEC - President McLaughlin asked the Board for a motion to approve the following persons to the Heritage & Environs Committee; Gary Gabriel, Lisa Gabriel and Jennifer Kainz.

Trustee Meroni motioned to approve the appointment of Gary Gabriel. Trustee Harrington seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the appointment of Lisa Gabriel. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the appointment of Jennifer Kainz. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board - President McLaughlin asked the Board for a motion to approve Chris Krzysko to the Police Pension Board. Trustee Meroni motioned to approve Mr. Krzysko to the Police Pension Board. Trustee Harrington seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

PACE Participation – Tabled to the November 25, 2013 meeting.

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 9:35 p.m. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Meroni, Selman Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President McLaughlin called the second Public Session to Order at 10:25.

Trustee Meroni made the motion to adjourn the Public Session at 10:26 p.m. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present voted Aye:

Meeting Adjourned

Approved _____