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VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting April 25, 2011

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, President Pro Tem
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Trustee Steven E. Knoop (arrived 6:40 p.m.)
Beth Mallen, Trustee
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee
Joseph S. Messer, Trustee

George Lynch – Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Karen Selman, Village Clerk

Guests

Alford Zack, resident
Sue Lehde, resident
Bob Lehde, resident
Skip Gianopulos, resident
Austin Doree, resident
Ellen Doree, resident
Ten Abila, resident
Lou Flannery, resident
Tedd Gagen, resident
Joanne Melessado, N. Barrington
Karen Trazska, resident
Alisha Ure, resident
Paddy McKeivitt, resident
Jim O'Donnell, resident
Jonathan Knight, resident

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, matters of personnel and police at 6:37 P.M. Trustee Smithe seconded. Roll Call.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 (Knoop)

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION:

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 7:40 P.M.

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28th, as corrected. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of March 28th. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye. Trustee Knoop abstained.

Motion Approved

Trustee Knoop motioned to dispose of the Executive Session Recording of July 27, 2009. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

President Abboud presented Service Plaques to outgoing Trustee Smithe, eight years, Trustee Knoop, six years, and Trustee Mallen, four years, and thanked them for their years of volunteer service to the Village.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joanne Delessadro gave a presentation on the up-coming Relay for Life event and urged public participation for the event.

Rick Hardy distributed the transcript of the November 2010 ZBA meeting refuting Chairman Knight's public accusation at the last Village Meeting that Mr. Hardy had withdrawn his petition under pressure from President Abboud.

Sue Lehde announced that the Barrington Hills Boy Scout Troop #927 has thirty-five Scouts from the BACOG area. President Abboud will pass this information on to P. Denise Israel for the benefit of the Beautification Committee.

FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Treasurer's Report - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2011. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board Report - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Police Pension Board's Report for March, 2011. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Overtime Report from March 15 to April 15, 2011 totaling \$5,143.87. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

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

Motion Approved

Bills For Approval - Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the bills for the month of April 2011, totaling \$284,489.19. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

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

Motion Approved

Trustee Ramesh requested that the Freedom of Information Act costs be broken-out on a monthly basis. President Abboud directed Director Kosin to comply with that request.

Audit Fiscal Year 2010 - Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2010. Trustee Gohl seconded. Trustee Smithe reported that the Auditor told him that the Village is in very stable financial condition. President Abboud thanked Wendy Frisen and Rosemary Ryba, Treasurer, for their work. Roll Call.

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

Motion Approved

Local Government Distributive Fund - Trustee Smithe motioned to approve a resolution opposing reduction of state collected revenues due municipalities. Trustee Gohl seconded. Trustee Smithe explained that the State of Illinois is proposing to withhold the Municipalities' ten percent share of the State Income Tax in order to balance the State's budget. This resolution is formally objecting to the State's proposal. Discussion followed. All present said Aye.

Resolution 11-08 Approved

Trustee Ramesh asked about the proposed meeting with the County Treasurers and whether that meeting had been scheduled. President Abboud said that Barrington Township Supervisor Dawson has been contacted for such a meeting.

Sue Lehde said that Algonquin Township is currently reassessing homes. Discussion followed regarding the inequities between the County assessments. McHenry County is assessing 14% more than the Village levied.

Trustee Ramesh reported that Senator Althoff is aware of this problem and that the Senator may introduce a bill that will allow the Village to determine who will be the tax collector of our four counties.

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Elaine M. Ramesh

Monthly Report - Trustee Ramesh reminded the Trustees that the Roads and Bridges report is in their Board packets. Discussion followed regarding the removal of crossing signs at Countryside School by IDOT. President Abboud reported that the Village is working with the Principal of Countryside School and the Mayor of North Barrington to find common ground on this issue.

Trustee Ramesh suggested an aerial photo of the Duda Property was warranted, and President Abboud agreed, noting the flooding on Chapel Road. He directed Director Kosin to get the photos taken.

Trustee Ramesh opined that requests for filming within the Village necessitate the Village having a contract containing minimum requirements, such as costs and film credits. President Abboud directed Director Kosin to develop such a document, asking that it include permits for any home modifications and restoration work.

Adopt-A-Road - Trustee Ramesh questioned whether an organization like the local Boy Scout Troop could adopt a Village road. President Abboud directed Director Kosin to refer this question to the Legal Committee.

Road Program 2011 Bids - Trustee Ramesh reported that seven bids have been received by road work in the Village.

Trustee Ramesh motioned to award the Village 2011 Road Program work package to Arrow Road Construction in the amount of \$596,140.75. Trustee Smithe seconded.

Discussion followed with Trustee Ramesh explaining that the Village is obligated by State Statute to accept the lowest bid in the competitive bidding process. Trustee Ramesh reported that the road work proposed this Fiscal Year for Dana Lane and Caesar Drive are at the top of the list for road work but have been pushed back because of costs.
Roll Call:

Ayes – 7 (Messer, Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

Motion Approved

Trustee Ramesh motioned to award the Village 2011 Drainage Program SCH S/D work package to Lifco Contractors in the amount of \$46,414.00. Trustee Smithe seconded.
Roll Call.

Ayes – 7 (Messer, Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays – 0
Absent – 0

Motion Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Trustee Gohl reminded the Board that the Public Safety report is in their Board packet.

Trustee Gohl noted that Identity Theft is showing an increased incidence in the Village.

Trustee Gohl reminded the Trustees of the newsletter deadline for their articles as May 16th.

BUILDING AND ZONING – Joseph S. Messer

Trustee Messer reported that the April 18th ZBA Meeting was cancelled, with the next meeting to be held in June.

Trustee Messer advised that the Storm Water Management Ordinance needs more information before an ordinance can be written. President Abboud agreed to take his request to BACOG.

Trustee Ramesh asked if the Floor Area Ratio for properties could be placed on the ZBA agenda. President Abboud suggested that he and Trustee Ramesh draft a document for Trustees that could then be put on the ZBA agenda. Trustee Smithe opined that the ratio proposed be conservative in order to accommodate larger homes, which produce more revenue for the Village.

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Trustee Knoop reported that the Planning Commission met two weeks ago to discuss the proposal for subdivision of the property at 375 County Line Road.

INSURANCE – Walter E. Smithe

No report.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Beth Mallen

Trustee Mallen reported on the recent Earth Day Celebration at Helm Woods Forest Preserve involving students and parents from Countryside School and Sunny Hill School. After working to pick up trash in the Woods, each child received an acorn to plant.

Trustee Mallen reported that the Fire Department is pleased with the maintenance of the building. President Abboud asked that the Quarterly Report covering the on-going communication between the Fire District and the Village be brought to the next meeting.

ATTORNEY – George Lynch

Attorney Lynch reported that all issues were covered in Executive Session.

President Abboud announced that as a result of Chairman Knight's letter presented at the March Board Meeting, he has asked attorney Jim Kelly and the Police Chief to complete a thorough investigation of Chairman Knight's allegations by July.

Trustee Knoop spoke in support of Mr. Rick Hardy's testimony during the Public Comment portion of the Board Meeting, as well as in support of the appointments made to the ZBA by the President.

ADMINISTRATION – President Abboud

Appointments - President Abboud announced the appointment of Judy Freeman as chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Messer motioned to approve this appointment. Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

Ethics Ordinance - President Abboud presented an Ordinance Adopting Section 5-15 and Section 10-10 of The State Officials And Employees Ethics Act. Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the ordinance. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

Ordinance 11-06 Approved

ATC Lease Memo - President Abboud presented a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Memorandum of Lease Agreement with ATC Outdoor DAS, LLC, for communications facility. Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the resolution. Trustee Messer seconded. All present said Aye.

Resolution 11-09 Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 P.M. Trustee Messer seconded.
Roll Call.

Ayes – 7 (Messer, Ramesh, Mallen, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

Meeting Adjourned

Approved