

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

President McLaughlin called the Special Meeting to order at 6:35 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  
Michael Harrington, Trustee

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

Guests

Judy Freeman, resident  
Andy Thorson, resident  
Chuck Prettyman, resident  
Dennis Kelly, resident  
Jim Voris, resident  
Ginger Underwood, resident  
Fred McMorris, resident  
Stephen Packard, visitor  
Jason Elder, resident  
Lisa Woolford, visitor  
Emily McHugh, resident  
Kenneth Bosworth, resident  
Laurie Abboud, resident  
Bonnie Duresa, resident  
Mary Naumann, resident  
Lou Anne Majewski, resident  
Jack Reich, resident  
Leslie Coolidge, resident  
Dan Grecco, visitor  
Marlene & Pete Mugavero, visitor  
Lianne Mugavoro, visitor  
Jim O'Donnell, resident  
Jean Maddrell, resident  
Janice Gohl, resident

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public Comments were given by the following:

David Stieper, 10304 Braeburn Road  
Dan Greco  
Bonnie Duresa, 1001 Plum Tree Road  
Mary Naumann, 11241 Haeger's Bend Road  
James O'Donnell, Ridgcroft  
Pauline Boyle, 315 Ridge Road  
Michael Hannigan, 803 Dormy Lane  
Dede Wamberg, 52 Brinker Road  
Jean Maddrell, 10 Ashbury Lane

Audio on these comments can be located at the Village Web Site – [www.vbhil.gov](http://www.vbhil.gov). Any written comments handed to the Village Clerk will be posted as an attachment to the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Selman motioned to table the Minutes of the Meeting of February 24, 2014 for further resolution. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Selman motioned to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 24, 2014. Trustee Gohl seconded. Trustees Konicek, Meroni, Messer and Gohl said Aye. Trustees Messer, Harrington and President McLaughlin abstained.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the Executive Minutes of the Meeting of March 24, 2014 meeting. Trustee Meroni seconded. Trustees Konicek, Meroni, Messer and Gohl said Aye. Trustees Messer, Harrington and President McLaughlin abstained.

**Motion Approved**

**FINANCE – Karen S. Selman**

Treasurer's Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for March, 2014. Trustee Harrington seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Police Pension Board Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Police Pension Board Report for March, 2014. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Overtime Reports - Trustee Selman made the motion to approve the Overtime Report from March 16, 2014 through April 15, 2014 totaling \$4,189.96. Trustee Konicek 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 March 16, 2014 to April 15, 2014, totaling \$255,027.10. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

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

**Motion Approved**

Roads & Bridges Transfer Ordinance – Trustee Selman motioned to approve the Roads & Bridges transfer of funds. Trustee Harrington seconded. Roll Call.

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

**Ordinance 14-06 Approved**

**ROADS & BRIDGES – Patty Meroni**  
Monthly Report

Cuba Road Bridge - Written authorization to proceed to Phase II Engineering has been received. Dan Strahan met with IDOT on April 23, 2014. Initial meetings and discussions were held to address railing and wing wall design, brass information plaque and closure and detour limits. The project schedule will be: Pre-Final Plan Preparation August 22, 2014. Final submitted October 20, 2014; Bid letting January 16, 2014 with construction to begin as soon as weather permits in Spring/Summer, 2015. Completion to take approximately 3 months.

2014 Program Update - The programmed road improvements scheduled this year, including deferred roadways.

Ridge Road – north of Merri Oaks  
Plum Tree Road – east of Ridge Road  
Steeplechase Road  
Meadow Hill Road

Porter Bridge, Scour Analysis (Oak Knoll Road) - The re-designation of the Porter Bridge, built in 1927, by IDOT's revised criteria, requires a Scour Plan of Action to be established in the event of any evidence of flooding, debris obstruction at bridge opening or confirmed movement of the bridge. Otherwise, with no prior listing of a problem and earlier close monitoring by the village, no further action is anticipated.

Oak Lake Drainage Project - Dan Strahan met again with residents to try and confirm an acceptable easement location for drainage to Oak Lake – and is still awaiting a response. As the deadline for permit submittal is rapidly approaching Trustee Meroni reached out

to Nick Sauer, our Lake County Board Member, for assistance in getting an agreement to avoid having the Village lose the Lake County Grant. Project bidding and approval have to be completed in June in order to meet the August construction timetable and the Lake County grant requirements of completion and payment by November.

Seasonal Road Posting - This year's road posting will be lifted on May 5, 2014.

Illinois Route 62/Algonquin Road - Following the Public Hearing at Countryside School on March 12, for both Longmeadow Parkway and Route 62/Algonquin Road, the Board will discuss the draft letter to IDOT requesting a planning review of Route 62 based on current traffic levels as well as the anticipated 8700 additional cars expected to travel Route 62 on a daily basis as a result of the Longmeadow Parkway completion. (See the March Roads and Bridges Report).

Haeger's Bend Road - Following the April 14 Plan Commission meeting, where public comments revealed a number of residents' concerns over both planned improvements and rumors of widening Haeger's Bend to a four lane road, it was decided after much discussion to proceed with plans to apply for funding through the 2013 McHenry Council of Mayor's Call for Projects.

In response to the concerns voiced, these options are being considered:

- 1) Reconstruction and resurfacing including a bike lane;
- 2) Resurfacing without the traffic island at Haeger's Bend and Spring Creek Road;
- 3) Patching and resurfacing of Haeger's Bend Road with no bike lane and leaving the traffic island as is.

A public hearing will be announced for late May or early June for public comment on this project.

Robert Hamilton Appreciation - The Village has been advised that Robert Hamilton is retiring from the practice of civil engineering. This benchmark in his professional does not leave the Village without a Villager Engineer as those service since 1993 have been provide by the firm of Gewalt Hamilton and Associates.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Village Code persons from time to time under the supervision of Robert Hamilton acted in the capacity of Village Engineer. This has been in matters of MFT, storm water projects and development reviews. Most recently and since 2003 the principal person has been Dan Strahan.

Village Engineer - Given the future professional absence of Robert Hamilton, for the logistical and operational purposes, it is proposed by the Board's own motion to designate Dan Strahan as the Village Engineer. Trustee Meroni motioned to accept Dan Strahan as the Village Engineer. Trustee Messer seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

IDOT Rt. 62 Request – Trustee Meroni motioned to approve the draft letter to IDOT regarding the congestion on Route 62 due to the Longmeadow Parkway project. Trustee Messer seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Cook County WMO Letter - The Village of Barrington Hills (“municipality”) is a multi county municipality having corporate territory within Lake County, McHenry County, Kane County, and Cook County. On September 26, 2011, the Village of Barrington Hills adopted the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance by reference. The Village of Barrington Hills will administer and enforce the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance throughout the municipality's corporate territory.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl**

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

Torch Run Resolution - Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the 2014 Torch Run Resolution. Trustee Messer seconded. All present said Aye.

**Resolution 14- 08 Approved**

Surplus Property Ordinance – Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the Surplus Property Ordinance. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Ordinance 14- 07 Approved**

**BUILDING AND ZONING – Joseph S. Messer**

Permit Report – Seven building permits were issued in March, 2014.

Enforcement Report

3 Saville Row – Resident has filed a petition to the Zoning Board of Appeals to appeal the Code Enforcement Officer’s February 27<sup>th</sup> letter to cease operation of his business. The matter was continued until next month on May 19<sup>th</sup>, due to lack of quorum.

335 Ridge Road Update – The contractor has been approved and expects to begin work in thirty days, weather permitting.

11 Barrington Hills Road Update - Village Engineer to revisit property before next month.

261 Steeplechase Rd Update – Village Prosecutor has prepared a Resolution for Demolition of this property. A judgment of possession was entered in Lake County on March 31<sup>st</sup> and Mr. Saltorous filed a motion on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with a May 22<sup>nd</sup> return court date.

385 Spring Creek Road Update – Code Enforcement Officer to draft letter to new property owners to bring pond into compliance.

551-553 Cuba Road Update – Code Enforcement Officer will attempt to meet with resident to review compliance before next court date of May 6<sup>th</sup>.

8 Jennifer Court Update – New court date of May 12<sup>th</sup> on summons to appear, previous service attempts were unsuccessful. Resident served on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Village Prosecutor to set for trial in sixty days to allow resident time to complete work.

ZBA Report – The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of April 21<sup>st</sup> was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

261 Steeplechase Demolition Resolution – Trustee Messer motioned to approve the resolution for demolition of 261 Steeplechase. Trustee Selman seconded.  
Roll Call.

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

### **Resolution 14-09 Approved**

ZBA Text Amendment Re: Horse Boarding – Trustee Messer stated that what he asked for was the process of beginning to look at horse boarding ordinances in Barrington Hills and he did not ask for a text amendment. After the decision came down from the Appellate Court, He looked at it and there was some language in the Appellate Courts decision that caught his eye. The Appellate court looked at our Ordinances and they applied all of the sections of the Home Occupation Ordinance to the LeCompte property and found it was in violation of the Home Occupation Ordinance. This is a confusing ordinance. Basically, the Home Occupation Ordinance is designed to make sure that someone who is conducting a business in there house, it doesn't appear to be anything but a house. At the end of the ordinance, it has sub section G and it says, boarding and training of horses, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this subsection (D), the boarding of horses in a stable and the training of horses and their riders shall be a permitted home occupation and it going on explaining restrictions. When you have the language of notwithstanding the foregoing, there are many interpretations of this. The district court interprets it one way the Appellate Court interprets it another way.

We need to know what our residents want. Do we need some regulation over boarding and to what extent should that regulation be. The ZBA can go ahead with this without our request. There needs to be a message that our Board has a concern about this problem.

Trustee Messer made the motion to let the ZBA know that the Village is interested in making public meetings, workshops, however they want to proceed, to deal with this potential change to our Ordinance regarding boarding in Barrington Hills.

President McLaughlin stated that Trustee Messer's assumptions are his and not the Villages'. Before we entertain the question about whether we are going to send a message to the Zoning Board, to then potentially do something that the Village is not a part of and come back to our Board is potentially prejudicial based on the fact that we have requested an action. He asked attorney Bond to give us some comments on that at this time.

Attorney Richard K. Bond stated it is his suggestion you as a Board should not take action that will somehow possibly, taint the process. It is up to the Zoning Board to make the determination what the language of that text amendment is.

Trustee Messer stated that historically, the ZBA has not undertaken a mission like this without hearing from our Board that there is a desire to do so. That is all he is asking for from our Board.

Attorney Lynch stated that he understood Trustee Messer's made a motion on the issue of the home occupation and horse boarding ordinance, be sent to the ZBA to consider it in light of the Appellate Court decision, and conduct whatever they deem appropriate like hearings, workshops and whatever they come out with recommendations or text amendments, they would make that recommendation to the Board.

Trustee Konicek stated that this Board, in 2012, went through the very same issue and the finding on the July 23, 2012 minutes of the ZBA report, quoting from that report, Trustee Messer reported that after discussion on the comments received on the Home Occupation Ordinance, all members agreed that the ordinance stand as it currently exists. That came after Public Comment at Countryside School where this Village was in an outrage over this whole issue, and now we have let private residents litigate and spend money, where we have a Cease and Desist, in place, that we have never followed, never acted on. We have language in this Appellate Court decision that completely rips this Village apart for its' inaction and with respect to the underlying zoning appeal that we brought to this Village and that we brought and we didn't even enforce it. We went to the trouble of litigating it, we were a party to it and then we dropped it and we let Mr. Drury and Mr. McLaughlin take the matter to the court and spend their own dollars on it. Now, when they have a matter still pending in the Civil Court, its been remanded back from with direction from the Appellate Court, we're going to sit here and say to the ZBA, change it, follow what you did in the Schuman letter and change it. This is so disrespectful to the citizens of this Village.

President McLaughlin stated that procedurally, this should start with the ZBA and not here, this is why he does not want this to go forward from here.

Attorney Bond cautioned and urged the Board not to take collective action and make a consensus. He thinks if any one of the Board members want to make contact with a member of the ZBA and say initiate this process, or members of the public in the audience want to initiate that, provided they are eligible to, that is how the process should go.

Trustee Messer again stated that he is making a motion that we ask the ZBA to consider whether to conduct public hearings, to conduct public workshops, to consider whether to make a change to the ordinance pertaining to boarding of horses in Barrington Hills.

President McLaughlin strongly urged the Board to consider the necessity of that as it still relates to getting to the same point without potentially jeopardizing the Village.

Trustee Selman asked Attorney Bond if it is his recommendation that there is the potential in this case, that either the two parties involved, will meet and somehow come to an agreement and some kind of resolution, or there is a possibility that Mr. LeCompte will appeal this to the Court. Is it your opinion that we should let all of these options play out before we do anything about our Code or recommendation to the ZBA or even action by the ZBA. Attorney Bond replied that his concern, that the Board as a body, acting collectively, to send, while there is active litigation, that all those possibilities you mentioned could happen. That doesn't clear up the call for future interpretation.

Trustee Gohl stated that Trustee Messer has a motion on the floor and he will second it.

Trustee Selman asked President McLaughlin how are you proposing that we proceed. President McLaughlin responded that he proposes that our Board does not proceed in the consensus fashion at all as it relates to a personal issue that the Village is not a party. However, our Code allows us as individuals, as Board members, to go to the ZBA, as an applicant.

Trustee Messer stated that at this point, he will withdraw his motion.

At this time the Board recessed at 9:24 and opened again at 9:32 p.m.

## **PLANNING – Colleen Konicek**

### Monthly Report

Bicycle Planning CMAP Report – Trustee Konicek reported the Board had a spirited meeting on the bike path planning, in particular, in support of resurfacing Haeger’s Bend Road and obtaining funding from McHenry County Counsel of Mayors. As discussed, the Village can get up to 1.5 million and 80% of the road surface. They did not consider the Village last time, because we did not have a Bike plan in place. It was a give and take with the residents in that area, particularly in opposition of a bike path going in on Haeger’s Bend. What the Plan Commission is looking is linking Cook County Busse Woods to Fox River Trail going down Penny Road. The residents are against what they are calling Pelotons, which are outsiders that come to the Village to train, as opposed to residents who want to ride from their home to the Fox River Trail on a dedicated path that would be safer than Village roads.

CMAP has actually taken over the planning of the LTA Grant that we had previously applied for and they have decided that this is an important enough project for them and they will be calling the other stake holders in this project. They have specifically requested that we have a liaison on the Commission and Trustee Konicek was offered that position.

McHenry County UDO Report – Trustee Konicek reported that the McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals began on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, public consideration of the comments received during the hearings on the Unified Development Ordinance. A transcript of all comments was provided to the members of the ZBA as well as the written submissions including those from local governments like the Village of Barrington Hills which Mr. Kosin provided. The Village President, the Zoning Chair and Plan Commission Chair, sent a letter to the ZBA of McHenry County and advised them of specific concerns that we have, as a Village, with respect to the UDO

FPDCC Spring Creek Trail Report – The Cook County Forest Preserve has met with the Barrington Park District regarding its’ interest to have crushed limestone surface trail in Spring Creek and a shelter in the area of State rt. 72 and Wichman Road. The Barrington Hills Park District sent a response letter to the Cook County Forest Preserve with their position on the trails and shelters.

Trustee Selman stated it was not just the Park District involved in writing that letter, it was the Conservation Group and the Spring creek Stewards. Trustee Konicek replied



that the letter came on Park District letterhead and those people were signatories with cc's on it.

### **INSURANCE – Michael Harrington**

Monthly Report – Nothing new to report.

### **HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Michael Harrington**

#### Monthly Report

Village Hall generator: During the April monthly exercise operation, exercise time was adjusted for daylight savings time.

Village Hall parking lot: DuPage Lighting Service conducted the first quarterly maintenance of the parking lot lights March 21<sup>st</sup> and replaced one lamp. They have also been contacted to replace an additional lamp that has gone out since the monthly service.

The quarterly window cleaning and monthly parking lot maintenance was started by Northern Illinois Window and TKG Sweeping.

Village Hall: The spring and summer outdoor maintenance schedule began this month by Woodland Landscape Contractors and Aspen Lawn & Landscaping, Inc.

The semi-annual fire sprinkler inspection was conducted on April 17<sup>th</sup>, which also includes the pumping and alarm systems.

Fire Station: The annual roof inspection was conducted on April 11<sup>th</sup> and the report is expected within 30 days.

BACOG Office Lease Resolution – Trustee Harrington motioned to approve the BACOG Office Lease Resolution. Trustee Meroni seconded.

Trustee Konicek stated that she engaged in much discussion at last month's meeting she was the lone decenter to having this go forward as it did and she reiterated her comments from last month's meeting regarding the other Villages paying their fair share to BACOG. She feels the Village is on a trend of taking on the burdens of other villages and she doesn't think it should continue. She doesn't think it is a fair amount of money. Trustee Selman stated that she met with BACOG to learn that their budget is only \$100,000 a year. She doesn't know if other village can house BACOG or if they just don't want to, but we can do it and they are not a burden. They are a very small operation and we benefit and she supports them.

Trustee Harrington felt if we believe that the other villages are not paying their fair share, that's an issue that should be address at the BACOG Board.

President McLaughlin stated that we are looking at a slightly below market lease, but it is significantly higher than their previous lease with us.

Trustee Konicek stated that her issue is not with BACOG but with the other villages paying their fair share.

President McLaughlin asked for a Roll Call

Ayes 6 (Harrington, Meroni, Selman, Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)

Nays 1 (Konicek)

Abstain

### **Resolution 14-10**

HEC Clean-up April 26, 2014 – The Heritage & Environs Committee has a lot going on. We had a volunteer day last Wednesday were we tried to control some of the teasel, a very invasive species, that has been growing on Village property. Kevin Rische of Trillium Landscapes assisted in advising us how to get rid of teasel as there is only a small window in the springtime to do this. Unfortunately, an herbicide was needed to destroy the teasel.

Universal Recycling ran out of electronic containers so we are on the waitlist, so we are exploring alternatives. We might just do periodical collection days or use the barn for storage. We started a Styrofoam recycling program with a bin at the west entrance to the Village Hall and a gentleman from Elgin will take that material from us.

Trustee Harrington wanted to recognize Jennifer Kainz. She did a zero waste lunch day at a Barrington school. She brought in recycling bins and taught the children about recycling. She also had a team of production students at Barrington High School do a video on recycling targeted on younger children.

Our Trash Pick-Up Day was last weekend which was led by Jan Goss. There was a good turnout and they targeted a problem area and did a wonderful job of cleaning up Lake Cook Road. They completely filled the six yard dumpster with seventy-two bags of debris that they picked up along with tires, boxes and other items.

### **ATTORNEY – George Lynch**

Pending Litigation – Updates included in Board of Trustees packet.

## **ADMINISTRATION – President McLaughlin**

Marlene Mugavero Appreciation – President McLaughlin stated that Marlene served as secretary to the Plan Commission from 1988 to 2013. She was the first paid staff of the Plan Commission and the minutes before then were voluntary duties rotated among the Commissioners. The scope of duties was to be a two hour meeting, once a month and one hour allotted to prepare. In those she attended and presented three hundred meetings not including special meetings which were a few dozen. Her record of attendance is unmatched and the minutes were presented in a timely manner before each meeting. Marlene started taking minutes before word processing and the use of the fax as a commercial device. Her technique of choice was shorthand and she demonstrated her mastery on more than one occasion and has been relied on from us on the Board for many, many years, particularly her reading back the motions prior to the vote. From the Village of Barrington Hills, we thank you very much for your service.

President McLaughlin presented Marlene with a Certificate of Appreciation with a quote from Virginia Wolf stating that nothing really happened until it's been recorded and a Cross Pen inscribed to Marlene Mugavero .

Marlene stated that years have flown by and she really enjoyed it and was proud being able to work for the Village of Barrington Hills. She thanked Bob for all his patience and to Dolores too, we have become good friends. Thank you so much for everything.

Appointments – President McLaughlin stated that this item cannot be approved tonight as we did not list the names of the people on the hard copy sheet which is a requirement of the open meetings act.

Trustee Messer asked President McLaughlin to provide more information on the appointees. He would also like phone numbers. He also passed information on another person that would be interested in being a member of the ZBA to fill George Mullins position. That would be John H. Kuechmann and his phone number is on his letter of interest.

Trustee Harrington suggested that we have another meeting. We need to refine this process. This process since I started here a year ago, has always felt odd. I have respect for these people because they are willing to serve, but that's pretty much all I know about them. There needs to be a way to vet these candidates.

President McLaughlin stated that he is taking no action on appointments tonight.

Trustee Messer asked where does it state that the President is the only one to make a nomination. He stated that the Code says appointed by the President and the Board of Trustees

Trustee Konicek stated that she finds this conversation outrageous in light of the April 25, 2013 meeting.

Paul Heinze, BCFD Report – President McLaughlin introduced Mr. Paul Heinze, secretary to the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District, and he provided a handout which shows statistics and information on their first one hundred days.

The Hills Are Alive 2014 Report – President McLaughlin stated that there was a meeting a month after the last Hills Are Alive with Ginger Underwood, regarding Ignite the Night. We were not going to consider having this function again if it was going to interfere with her event. Deputy Clerk Anna Paul stated that she spoke to Ms. Underwood on numerous occasions before deciding on this year date. October 4<sup>th</sup> is Ignite the Night and our Hills Are Alive will be on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. We talked to Dennis Kelly at the Riding Centers and looking at other events and school calendars, that was determined to be the optimal date.

President McLaughlin stated that Ms. Underwood wanted the Village to co-promote the events. Dennis Kelly and Fred McMorris were interested in continuing this as they saw it as a good way to promote the Park District and what they provide.

Trustee Selman asked if there was a final accounting from the event last year. President McLaughlin replied that we actually came up cash positive. There was a surplus on what was received and what was expended and the Treasurer would have that information. Trustee Selman also wants this to move more and more, a volunteer event

Introduction of Patrick K. Bond, Special Counsel – President McLaughlin introduced Patrick K. Bond, who is Special Counsel to the President. He has been retained under the Special Counsel Rule by the President based on the issues that are going to come before the Board tonight in zoning. Reading the Appellate Court Decision as related to a case that the Village is not a party, there were comments related to the process and how it was handled and in this regard, in my opinion, demanded Special Counsel be put in place to make certain, moving forward, that the Village is protected.

Patrick K. Bond is a principal partner in Bond, Dixon & Associates. We concentrate in the area of municipal law and have represented a number of municipalities, city's and Villages and townships as well as various other units of local government. I have been licensed to practice law since 1986. I have been in this area of law essentially my entire career. I worked at the DuPage County States Attorneys office for four and one half years prior to becoming engaged in private practice. In that representation, I did both criminal prosecution, felony misdemeanor prosecutions as well as representing the County, County Board and at the time, the Forest Preserve area joint entities in regard to their zoning matters and all the various corporate matters that come before them. In my current practice, I serve as Special Assistant, Attorney General Special Assistant States Attorney in a number of different counties. I look forward to working with you on this issue and welcome any questions you might have.

Trustee Harrington asked that Attorney Bond name some of the municipalities where he worked and a brief synopsis of what he did.

Attorney Bond replied the City of West Chicago, the City of Wooddale and the Village of Bensenville are the primary clients that we represent. We had a similar rail road problem in West Chicago. We had flight paths and runways problems in Bensenville. He also represents park districts, fire districts, election commissions and other units of local governments facing similar challenges.

Trustee Harrington asked about the resources at Attorney Bond's firm.

Attorney Bond replied that they have four lawyers. Keith Fletchie who has been with the firm for about ten years. He has been a practicing lawyer since 1973. He has serves as an Assistant States Attorney, Assistant Attorney General. He also served as legal counsel to the Illinois Attorney General before joining our practice. We have another associate, Sean Conway, who has been practicing municipal law for about eight years. Sean also served with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. My partner, Mary Dixon, whom I have known since 1984, served in DuPage County as an employee before going to Law School. She became a attorney in 1988. She has been a municipal attorney since that time. We treat ourselves as interchangeable parts. If there was a question where one of us is not available because of court matters we are attending to, we generally keep each other apprised of what is going on. I also represent International Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurer’s. We are very proud of what we do and we have been able to maintain long term relationships with the communities we represent and we are called in on special projects, like this one, as well.

Trustee asked Attorney Bond if he was approached by the President and how long has he known the President. Attorney Bond replied that yes, he was approached by the President and he has only met him about a week or so ago.

Attorney Gohl stated he didn’t know why we are doing this as we have had a firm handling this. President McLaughlin replied that under his administration, he wanted to delineate a line between the past and moving forward into the future, based upon the language in the Appellate Decision, it’s pretty explicit.

Trustee Messer asked Attorney Bond if he had an engagement letter with the Village. He replied, that is correct. President McLaughlin stated that was presented to the Clerk on April 10<sup>th</sup>

Trustee Selman made the motion to adjourn the Public Session at 10:16 p.m. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Gohl motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 10:17 p.m. Trustee Selman seconded.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President McLaughlin opened the second Public Session at 11:22.

Trustee Harrington motioned to adjourn the second Public Session at 11:23. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Approved** \_\_\_\_\_