

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 25, 2006

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, Pro-Tem
Steven E. Knoop, Trustee
George L. Schueppert, Trustee
Julie McKevitt, Trustee
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Theodore L. Horne, Trustee
Douglas Wambach, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Marlene Mugavero, Recording Secretary

Guests

Kevin Colosia, resident
Beth Mallen, resident
Cathy LeCompte, resident
Benjamin LeCompte, resident
Linda Fox, resident
James Kelly, Special Counsel
Thomas Cafcas, Special Counsel

Trustee Smithe motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 6:38 pm. Trustee Schueppert seconded. Roll Call.

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

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 7:38 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Horne made the motion to approve the August 28, 2006 minutes with certain corrections. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present say aye.

Trustee Schueppert made the following corrections: (1) Page 3 last sentence under Police Pension Board Report, should delete replace "meet with the" with "respond to the letter from..." (2) Page 5 under Public Safety should delete "traffic enforcement" replaced with "issuance of traffic Citations.." (3) Page 6 under Building & Zoning suggest School District Issues paragraph be removed from this section and included in ADMINISTRATION.. Trustee McKevitt asked that "bridge" replace Ridge" on the last line of Page 4.

Trustee Gohl made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of August 28, 2006 with one correction. Trustee Horne seconded. Trustee Schueppert asked that “Special” be inserted before “Counsel” in the first paragraph of Item 3. All present say aye.

Trustee McKeivitt made the motion to approve the Minutes of August 31, 2006 Special Meeting. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

Trustee Smith made the motion for disposal of the Executive Session Minutes recording the December 20, 2004 meeting. Trustee Horne seconded. All present said aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Abboud opened a thirty-five minute session for public comments:

Mary Bradford White, of the Barrington Hills Conservation Trust, addressed the Board about the fact that Horizon Farm is up for sale and made the assurance that the conservation easement would remain in place and be incorporated in the terms of the sale. She reminded the Board that the terms of the Conservation Trust prohibit subdivision of more than eight parcels and that each parcel, regardless of its size, would have a “building envelope” of five acres regardless of the size of the parcel.

Ms. White also announced the Trust’s partnering in the 2007 Barrington Concours D’Elegance Legends and Legacies fundraiser, an invitation-only philanthropic event benefiting three Barrington area non-profit organizations including the Barrington Hills Conservation Trust. It will be held September 14th through the 16th at the Makray Memorial Golf Club.

FINANCE – Walter E. Smith

Treasurer’s Report – Trustee Smithe presented the Treasurer’s report for the month of August, 2006. Trustee Schueppert reviewed items in a memo from Rosemary Ryba. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report as amended. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

Police Pension Board Report - Trustee Smithe made the motion to accept the financial reports of the Police Pension Board, including the comment from Trustee Schueppert that the actual contributions from the Village through the first four months is \$154,000. President Abboud commented that precautions must be taken to assure that assumptions in the fund are accurate so as to insure sufficient funding for the future. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

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Motion Approved

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the August 15th through September 14th overtime totaling \$8,668.93. Trustee Gohl seconded.

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

Motion Approved

Bills for Approval – Trustee Smithe made the motion to approve payment of bills for the month of September to date totaling \$484,700.09. Trustee Schueppert seconded.

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

Motion Approved

Communications Committee – Trustee Smithe made the motion to appoint Linda Fox as a new member of the Communications Committee. Trustee McKevitt seconded. All present voted aye.

Motion Approved

ROADS & BRIDGES – Julie McKevitt

Monthly Report – Trustee McKevitt reported that most of the 2006 scheduled repairs have been completed. Bids were taken for miscellaneous drainage program, but on the advice of the Village Engineer, the program will be put out for re-bids. Two of the lower bidders had inadvertently failed to fill out a form required by IDOT. Bridge inspections would be starting October 18th.

Trustee McKeivitt advised that a Open House with two sessions was held at the Village Hall to provide an opportunity for the public to voice their views on lowering speed limits on Village roads to 25 mph., which produced varied comments. All will be collected from the office of the Village Engineer.

President Abboud brought up the issue of photo enforcement. Chief Murphy said he would check with IDOT regarding approved vendors and regulations for its use.

Trustee McKeivitt received a final quote for installation of equestrian signs in 14 areas of the Village.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl deferred to Police Chief Murphy who presented the Police Report for activity in the month of August, 2006.

Surplus Property Disposal Ordinance – Trustee Gohl moved for adoption of a proposed ordinance authorizing disposal of surplus Village property as described in Exhibit A. Trustee Schueppert seconded. Roll call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Approved

BUILDING & ZONING – George L. Schueppert

Building Permit Report – Trustee Schueppert presented Exhibit 5.5 reflecting 15 building permits thru September, a figure lower than the previous 4 years.

ZBA Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals had approved a setback variance at 16n476 Penny Road. Also addressed was an application for a Special Use Permit for a cellular tower at The Barrington Countryside Park District Riding Center which received only three favorable votes. A meeting will be arranged with Kevin Colosia and a representative from American Tower to discuss the zoning review process.

Site Development Standard – Trustee Schueppert made a motion that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington Hills authorize and instruct the Village's Zoning Board of Appeals to hold a public hearing at its next scheduled meeting to consider the

need to amend the Village of Barrington Hills Zoning Ordinance with respect to the calculation of permitted floor area ratio for single family residence and ancillary buildings on residentially zoned property. Trustee Smith seconded. Roll call

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

Motion Approved

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Monthly Report – Trustee Knoop reported that at the most recent meeting of the Plan Commission, Kevin Colosia gave a presentation on cellular technology and telephone service in and around the Village.

INSURANCE – George L. Schueppert

Monthly Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that general liability has been increased to cover new assets, based on the inventory prepared by Robert Kosin. He said he was still waiting for a more understandable description of Blue Cross policies for health care.

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

Monthly Report – Trustee Horne reported that he had attended a meeting of the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership held at the home of a Barrington Hills resident with homeowners on Spring Creek Road. Mike Prusila, in charge of the Flint Creek inventory that took place this summer, gave a presentation to that group. There will be subsequent meetings in 2007 with workshops and seminars for property owners on Flint Creek to help them manage their waterfront property. When determined, he suggested the dates be included in the Village newsletter.

Trustee Horne said the Village Hall fence has been power washed and stained.

ATTORNEY – Douglas Wambach

No report.

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

Communications Committee: Beth Mallen said that the upcoming Newsletter was at the printer and should be mailed out within the week. She noted the importance of getting the residents to view their website at www.vbhcomm.info.

Equestrian Commission – This Commission currently consists of Dan Lundmark, Dara Valin, John Hart, all with terms expiring April, 2007. Trustee McKeivitt made a motion to nominate Jane Clement and Emily McHugh for terms expiring April, 2007. All present voted aye.

Motion Approved

Smoking – Public Places – Robert Kosin advised that state statute has empowered municipalities to undertake prohibition of smoking in public places. The Village's Board of Health will be reviewing this issue.

50th Anniversary Celebration – President Abboud asked for an additional ad-hoc committee to address event planning for the Village's 50th anniversary, which would report to Trustee Smithe of the Communications Committee. Trustee Smithe made the motion to appoint Patricia Meroni and Beth Mallen, with Ms. Meroni being made the chairperson of that Committee. Trustee Horne seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Trustee Knoop motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and a personnel issue at 9:37 p.m. Trustee McKeivitt seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Approved _____