

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 28, 2008

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, Pro-Tem
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
George L. Schueppert, Trustee
Beth Mallen, Trustee
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee
Douglas Wambach, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Kathleen Soeder, Village Clerk

Absent

Steven E. Knoop, Trustee

Guests

Patti Fahey, Resident
John Rosene, Resident
Karen Rosene, Resident
Nancy Schmid, Resident
Barbara Kemp, Resident
Mike McLaughlin, Resident
Pamela Cools, Resident
Roger Shelton, Resident
Joe Messer, Resident
Bob McMurtry, Resident
Peter Wessel, Resident
Charles Calo, Resident
Hollie Free, Resident
Robert Best, Attorney
Jonathan Knight, Resident
Hans Fedderke, KCK Development
Joe Ahern, Resident
Jim Drury, Resident
Dan Strahan, Village Engineer
Nancy Harbottle, Attorney

Trustee Schueppert motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 6:45 p.m. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 (Knoop)

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 8:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2008 with certain corrections. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of June 23, 2008. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 8, 2008. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Abboud opened a thirty-five minute session for public comments at 8:10 p.m.

Charles Calo asked if the Board has considered WiFi access for the Village. President Abboud advised residents that free WiFi service is available at the Village Hall. It has been investigated for all Village use but infrastructure issues have prevented adoption. With a Village of 30 square miles, too much hardware would be needed to cover the territory. Motorola has been approached to discuss experimental network opportunities for the Village. For now, the Board has chosen instead to focus on the wireless service gaps throughout the Village. President Abboud asked the resident leave his name and number if he would be interested in working with the Technology Committee on future solutions.

As there were no additional comments, the public comments session ended at 8:14 p.m.

FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Treasurer's Report – Trustee Smithe presented the Treasurer's report for the month of June, 2008. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board Report –Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the financial report of the Police Pension Board through June, 2008 as presented. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Schueppert noted that the Village is now four months in arrears in payments to the Police Pension Fund. Treasurer Rosemary Ryba reported upon her return to duties, she will resolve the payments due to the Board. President Abboud asked for a status on the interest earned on the money that has been delayed in payment to the Police Pension Fund. Trustee Schueppert also reported that Lauterbach & Amen corrected the Balance Sheet entry noted in last month's meeting.

Trustee Smithe reported that he received a letter from Officer Gary Hammelmann, BHPD's Pension Board representative, stating that the Police Pension Board has decided that they need to consider a new accountant.

Clouser Pension - Trustee Smithe motioned to distribute the settlement payment of \$61,304.25 as approved in the Clouser pension agreement. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Knoop)

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$8934.83 in overtime expenses for June, 2008. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Knoop)

Motion Approved

Presentation of Bills – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the payment of the bills for the month of June to date of \$277,528.50. Trustee Schueppert seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Knoop)

Motion Approved

Trustee Schueppert pointed out that the timing problem outlined in a previous Board meeting that caused late payment of both insurance and fuel charges has been rectified. As a result, our reports look to be over budget because seven months of payments are reflected versus six months of budget. In addition, he has found several instances of checks being written for amounts higher than were approved by the Board, and some instances where approvals for payment had been made but no check was issued.

President Abboud requested a report detailing a list of checks that were written for amounts more than approved by the Board and information as to why this is occurring.

Trustee Smithe mentioned a Wall Street Journal article he saw about the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT). The article mentioned that it is anticipated, as people change their driving habits in response to high gasoline prices, governments will experience a reduction in tax dollars earned from MFT.

BUILDING AND ZONING – George L. Schueppert

Issue moved forward in agenda to address large public crowd in attendance

Barrington Hills Polo Club Special Use Resolution 08-16- Trustee Schueppert motioned to accept the resolution granting a special use permit to the Barrington Hills Polo Club for use at 350 Bateman Rd. He motioned acceptance of the terms as put forth by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) with additional amendments. Trustee Smithe seconded.

A summary of proceedings and recommendations from the ZBA were shared with the Board members. Because the transcript was not included in the Trustees' packets, Trustee Schueppert recommended that residents representing both sides of the dispute be allowed to present their views to the Board. The Barrington Hills Polo Club, the applicant for the special use permit, brought their attorney to explain the conditions under which they believe they have provided compromise. They believe they have addressed neighbors' concerns about operating a Polo field in their neighborhood, including parking, use of air horns and spectator confinement. The Deepwood Road residents brought their attorney to remind the Board that in 1989, the ZBA unanimously rejected a Polo Club special use permit and also rejected use of the Polo field. The neighbors want the Board to reject the petition primarily on the basis of excessive traffic and the use of Deepwood Road, a private road, for access to the polo field. The issue of Deepwood Road for polo traffic was an insurmountable hurdle as they saw it.

It was noted that the Village Board does not, except in unusual circumstances, overrule the work and detailed analysis of the ZBA. The Board approved changes to the ZBA resolution to address concerns of the neighbors including a shortening of the time for which the special use permit will be granted, a documentation of time during which the

polo field might be used (“polo season”) and a requirement that access to Deepwood Road be granted only until the commencement of the second season of Polo. Roll Call.

Ayes: 4 (Mallen, Schueppert, Smithe, Gohl)

Nays: 1 (Ramesh)

Absent: 1 (Knoop)

Abstain: 1 (Abboud)

Resolution 08-16 Approved

Took a break in the Public Session from 10:55 pm until 11:08pm

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Elaine M. Ramesh

Monthly Report – Trustee Ramesh reported that the Oak Knoll Road resurfacing project has not yet begun because appropriate authorizations are still being secured. The contracts have been executed and IDOT approval has been obtained.

Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates inspected the Green Rail and Cuba Road bridges. The Green Rail bridge was given a classification of overall “good condition”. Cracks in the asphalt were noted which will be sealed in conjunction with the Oak Knoll Road work. The Cuba Road bridge was given a classification of “fair condition”. Collision damage was noted on the guardrails and freeze-thaw damage was noted in the concrete. It was also noted that some maintenance should be done on the Cuba Road bridge, however, the work done in 2006 will prolong the life of the bridge for at least a decade.

The Algonquin/River Road culvert replacement project has begun. The Village Engineer worked with a homeowner to modify the directional flow of the water. The road closure signs were posted and it is anticipated that the road will be reopened on or around August 10, 2008.

The Ridge Road drainage project plans have been submitted to the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission concerning the proposed piping along Merri Oaks Road. Directional drilling along Ridge Road is already underway as part of the initial phase of the project.

The River Road drainage improvement is still in the planning stage as the residents had concerns on the Village’s proposed direction of the stormwater.

The first roadside mowing has taken place.

The Equestrian Commission did not meet this month. President Abboud asked that they provide input to the Polo Club issue.

We Do Care Freedom Run Resolution 08- - Trustee Ramesh motioned to authorize the use of several Barrington Hills roads for part of the route of the ‘We Do Care Freedom Run’. Trustee Smithe seconded. Trustee Ramesh expressed apprehension about two races on the same day (including walkers) being run in the Village. The involvement of such a large group and the associated clean up was a concern to her. It was stated that the Village Board has previously discussed permitting a maximum of two races annually on Village roads - historically the same two races. All present said nay.

Resolution 08- Rejected

Cuba Township – Notice of Termination - President Abboud advised the Board that he will meet with Tom Gooch to address continuation of the snowplowing contract. As a result, this issue will be tabled until next month.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report –Trustee Gohl reported another commendation for our Police Department.

Surplus Property Disposal Ordinance 08-11- Trustee Gohl motioned to approve disposal of property as detailed. Trustee Smithe asked if Chief Murphy felt the time cost versus benefit gained analysis for setting up eBay auctions of police property made sense for the Village. Chief Murphy assured the Board that the benefit is worth the time spent. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said aye.

Ordinance 08-11 Approved

St. John’s MOU Resolution 08-17- Trustee Gohl motioned to authorize securing the St. John’s Cemetery property owner’s permission to investigate the possibility of increasing the elevation of the existing radio antenna. If permission is granted, an RF study would take place to ensure the effectiveness of such change in extending Police Department radio coverage. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said aye.

Resolution 08-17 Approved

BUILDING AND ZONING – George L. Schueppert

Building Permit Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that this year a total of 42 permits have been granted, the lowest in five years. Only three of the permits have been for new residences.

President Abboud asked for a list of elevator inspections, not involving private residences, completed in the Village.

ZBA Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that this month the ZBA addressed the special use permit for the Barrington Hills Polo Club. An agenda item concerning the Plichta property has been continued and will be addressed at the next meeting. The LeCompte appeal for commercial boarding has been continued and will be addressed at a special meeting scheduled for August 13th.

Flood Plain Map Update Ordinance 08-12- Trustee Schueppert motioned to amend certain portions of the Village Flood Ordinance in order to update the Flood Insurance Maps prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). President Abboud expressed concern about how this will affect property elevation within the Village. Trustee Schueppert explained that this is not related. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said aye.

Ordinance 08-12 Approved

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Viridis Subdivision – In Trustee Knoop's absence, Robert Kosin introduced Hans Fedderke of KCK Development to allow Mr. Fedderke to clarify the direction of the Board given at the last Village meeting with regards to his proposed subdivision. The question was posed as to whether the Board would allow a minimum of two-acre lots or an average density of two-acre lots. The goal of this developer is to annex this property currently in unincorporated Cook County into Barrington Hills. The plan has been restructured so 15 homes are now included, wind turbines have been eliminated, and a permeable paver road network has been introduced that slows stormwater and provides water quality benefits. A question was asked about road ownership and it was clarified that the Homeowners Association would be responsible for maintenance and replacement. President Abboud cautioned Mr. Fedderke on reliance upon Homeowners Associations as the ones currently in place within the Village have historically had difficulty over time in maintaining roads and have approached the Village for assistance. A public hearing on zoning and subdivision would be the next step. The Village Board offered support for the current direction and encouraged movement forward.

INSURANCE – George L. Schueppert

Monthly Report – Trustee Schueppert had nothing new to report.

HEALTH, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ENVIRONMENT – Beth Mallen

Monthly Report -Trustee Mallen reported that the first Barrington Area Library Children's Reading Hour was held on the grassy knoll behind Village Hall.

The Department of Public Health has given approval to the potable water in the Village Hall.

An inventory of the location of Village Hall physical utilities is being created in the form of digital records.

The Communication Committee is setting an August 9th deadline for contributions to the next Village newsletter.

President Abboud offered knowledge of two non-Village residents who have a need to complete community service if we need help with activities around Village Hall.

The new Village of Barrington Hills Community Forum website (www.vbhcomm.info) is being promoted via flyers posted in the Village Hall and at the library.

ATTORNEY – Douglas Wambach

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

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

Appointments – President Abboud recommended appointment of Julie Joyce for the open position on Plan Commission, recently vacated by the resignation of Michael Schmechtig. Historically, Plan Commission has had a member with landscape background. Julie has landscape background as well as business acumen. Trustee Knoop and Chairman Bosworth have met and approved this appointment. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said aye, with the exception of Trustee Gohl who said nay.

Motion Approved

Canadian National Railway – Village Engineer, Dan Strahan, presented information researched about how additional train traffic could cause further concerns to the already-damaged Hawthorne Lake outlet structure. President Abboud told the Board that work continues to oppose this purchase and another meeting is scheduled for this Friday.

Urban Wildlife Management – Deer – Information is being collected on this topic so the Board agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

Trustee Schueppert motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 12:35 p.m. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned

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