

# VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 27, 2008

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Roll Call.

## Present

Robert G. Abboud, President  
Fritz H. Gohl, Pro-Tem  
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee  
Steven E. Knoop, 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

## Guests

Mike McLaughlin, Resident  
Pamela Cools, Resident  
Nancy Schmid, Resident  
Bernie Kargol, Resident

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

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Meeting Adjourned**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 8:00 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2008 as amended by Trustee Schueppert. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of September 22, 2008 as amended by Trustee Knoop. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

**Motion Approved**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Abboud opened a thirty-five minute session for public comments at 8:02 p.m.

As there were no public comments, the public comments session ended at 8:02 p.m.

## **FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe**

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

**Motion Approved**

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$3417.45 in overtime expenses for September, 2008. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Motion Approved**

Presentation of Bills – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve payment of the bills for the month of September to date of \$797,234.24. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Motion Approved**

POSS/VCSI Purchase Agreement Resolution 08-21 – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve purchase of a Police Officer Scheduling System, an automated system that will replace the existing manual system. The Personnel Committee, including Trustee Smithe, has reviewed POSS and recommends approval for all employees. It has been confirmed that the system works with the Village’s financial software, it is web-based allowing for customization and provides various safeguards and backups. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

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

**Resolution 08-21 Approved**

Budget Fiscal Year 2009 – Trustee Smithe advised the Board that final changes are being made to the 2009 Village budget. He expects to present the budget for a vote at next month’s meeting. He would appreciate comments regarding projected revenues besides property tax revenue.

**ROADS AND BRIDGES – Elaine M. Ramesh**

Drainage Program Bid - Trustee Ramesh motioned to award the Oak Lake drainage improvement project in the amount of \$208,026.00 to Pease Construction of McHenry. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Ramesh motioned to award the Miscellaneous Drainage program in the amount of \$93,275.65 to Pease Construction of McHenry. Village Engineers recommended awarding both projects to Pease Construction. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said aye.

**Motion Approved**

Work is expected to be completed on both projects in November.

Because of needed reductions in the 2009 Village budget, the proposed Roads and Bridges portion of the budget is approximately 35% less than the estimated amount that would be needed to complete all of the scheduled projects for the road program. Although Dundee Lane, a portion of Plum Tree, a portion of Ridge Road, Surrey Lane, Surrey Court, Wagon Wheel and Rock Ridge were due to be resurfaced, it is unlikely that there will be sufficient funds to perform complete resurfacing of all these roads in 2009.

Cuba Township – Trustee Ramesh motioned approval of the addendum, with corrections, to the current intergovernmental agreement for winter services. Trustee Gohl seconded. The addendum details the unexpected price for road salt in the \$130-\$140/ton range. Tom Gooch, the Highway Commissioner for the Cuba Township Road District, is working with Chief Murphy to plan an informational meeting for the Police Department to prepare for winter road work. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Motion Approved**

The Equestrian Commission did not meet during the last month.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl**

Monthly Report – Tracy Morey was recognized as a nominee for Tele-Communicator of the Year by the Illinois Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials and was presented a plaque by Chief Murphy.

Trustee Gohl advised the Board that the annual Christmas Party will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Murphy shared the comments received from the recent Police Department survey.

An ordinance to address careless operation of bicycles within the Village is being considered.

Surplus Property Disposal Ordinance 08-16- Trustee Gohl motioned to approve disposal of property as detailed. Trustee Schueppert seconded. Roll call.

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Ordinance 08-16 Approved**

**BUILDING AND ZONING – George L. Schueppert**

Building Permit Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that while the total number of permits granted is on par with last year at the same time, only five single family home permits have been requested. In addition, total permit fee collection is falling significantly short of budget.

ZBA Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that this month’s ZBA meeting was devoted to an application by Verizon for placement of a cell tower on the existing Commonwealth Edison tower on Algonquin Road. Due to an inadequate application document, the matter was deferred to a future meeting.

The ZBA also decided to hold a separate special public meeting regarding the commercial boarding of horses in the Village. The meeting is planned for early December when all ZBA members can be present. President Abboud requested that Trustee Ramesh encourage attendance of the Equestrian Commission members.

Zoning Code Amendment Hearing Resolution 08-22 - Trustee Schueppert motioned that the Board authorize the ZBA to hold a hearing to address modifications to the existing Zoning Code. Definition changes will include agricultural uses within the Village and terms to determine road setbacks, among other areas. The purpose is to eliminate ambiguities and misinterpretation in the Code. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

**Resolution 08-22 Approved**

#### **PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop**

Monthly Report - Trustee Knoop reported that the Planning Commission is working with the ZBA to address lighting issues. The plan is to define issues and recommend an ordinance to the ZBA for consideration.

Abbey Woods Utility Service Amendment Resolution 08-23 - Trustee Knoop motioned that the Board consent to a utility service amendment between the Village of Barrington and Abbey Woods subdivision. Barrington is willing to accept the subdivision for utility service with the condition that Barrington Hills approve the acceptance. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said aye.

**Resolution 08-23 Approved**

#### **INSURANCE – George L. Schueppert**

Monthly Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that the Village will be switching coverage from an April 1<sup>st</sup> year end to match the fiscal year end. He will be renewing with the current provider without undertaking a competitive bidding process in order to take advantage of favorable pricing. President Abboud asked Trustee Schueppert to draft a memo addressed to the Board explaining the basis for not going out for competitive bids.

**HEALTH, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ENVIRONMENT – Beth Mallen**

Monthly Report – The Village Hall lawn sprinkler system has been closed down for the season. Asset inventory process is underway.

Communications Committee will be preparing the next newsletter for January distribution.

The Beautification Committee's first Village clean up event was completed by a small crew that did a nice job. The next scheduled clean up event will coincide with Earth Day in April 2009.

**ATTORNEY – Douglas Wambach**

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

**ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud**

President Abboud stated that he had no additional matters to discuss this month.

Trustee Mallen motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 9:10 p.m. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_