

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting August 24, 2009

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Trustee Knoop
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Beth Mallen, Trustee
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee
George Lynch, Village Attorney
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Karen S. Selman, Village Clerk

Guests

Jonathan Knight, Resident
Mike Zachar, Resident
Barbara Kemp, Resident
Dan Strahan, Engineer
Linda Fox, Resident

Trustees, Fritz Gohl & Peter Wessel were absent

Trustee Smithe motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and matters of personnel at 6:50 p.m. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 5 (Ramesh, Mallen, Smithe, Knoop, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Gohl and Wessel)

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Abboud called the meeting to order and opened a thirty-five minute session for public comments at approximately 8 p.m.

Resident Linda Fox requested that Pam Cools be retained on the Communications Committee. President Abboud stated that he and Trustee Gohl were reviewing possible appointments to the committee.

As there were no further public comments, the session ended at 8:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2009. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye

Motion Approved

Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of July 27, 2009 as amended. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Mallen motioned to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session of November 19, 2007. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Approved

FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Village Treasurer's Report - Trustee Smithe presented the Treasurer's report for the month of August, 2009. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board Report – Trustee Smithe reported that the budget worksheets are out, which will promote an earlier analysis of the finances. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the financial report of the Police Pension Board through August 31, 2009 as presented. Trustee Mallen seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Knoop asked for a status report and asked if the pension is fully funded. President Abboud requested an actuarial report from its chairman, and absent that, said the fund was doing better than IMRF.

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$5,878.06 in overtime expenses for August 1, to August 15, 2009. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: (Ramesh, Mallen, Smithe, Knoop, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: Wessel, Gohl

Motion Approved

Presentation of Bills – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve payment of the bills for the month of August to date of \$210,363.95. Trustee Mallen seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: (Ramesh, Mallen, Smithe, Knoop, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: (Gohl, Wessel)

Motion Approved

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Peter C. Wessel

Monthly Report - Peter Wessel (Absent)

Dan Strahan, Village Engineer, reported in Trustee Wessel's absence that River Road is 80% completed and that the Village is working with Algonquin on the \$300,000 repair, which will require only a couple hours closing of the road. Chapel Road is closed, and Mr. Strahan wants to hold a public meeting to explore all possible options, and to notify the public of such, with a copy of the letter to the Village of Algonquin and Fox River Grove. President Abboud stated that the Village would start the process.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl (Absent)

Monthly Report – Chief Murphy motioned to accept the Police Department's monthly report. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said Aye.

Motion Accepted

Chief Murphy reported receiving complaints about the behavior of bicyclers on Oak Knoll. The Police Department is working with unmarked vehicles to address the problem.

BUILDING AND ZONING – Elaine Ramesh

Building Permit Report – Trustee Ramesh reported that there have been ten building permits issued in the past month.

Equestrian Commission - There was no Equestrian Meeting. President Abboud asked for clarification of the status on how big the barn and how many horses are being recommended by the Commission. This discussion needs to occur and a summary memo be sent to the ZBA.

ZBA Report —At the last meeting the board reviewed the Home Occupation Ordinance. The home at 10125 N. River Road issues monthly publications from their home. The ZBA considered one acre lots and distribution limits and determined that there is no violation of the Zoning Code for this property. A Special Use permit for Tudor Oaks regarding a proposed Gazebo will come up for Board approval.

A special meeting is scheduled for September 23, for discussion of the proposed agriculture use language to come out of the ZBA. President Abboud asked the Communication Committee to get out a broad as possible notification of this meeting.

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Monthly Report – Trustee Knoop reported that the Plan Commission completed after eighteen months, recommendations for lighting. This work order will come to the ZBA on September 21st for public review of the Commission's recommendations and experts will assist the ZBA in drafting the code.

Speaking to the concerns raised by members of the equestrian community regarding allowing mountain bikes in the Cook County Forest Preserve District's Spring Creek Preserves, Trustee Knoop commented that the Spring Creek equestrian trails are an integral part of the community and part of the Village's Comprehensive Plan. He stated that any change in these trails demands Village involvement. Trustee Smithe questioned if any actions were recommended. President Abboud stated that there is precedence for a meeting between Superintendent Bylina and Commissioner Goslin here at the Village. Trustee Knoop advised the Board that the mountain bikers have lobbyists and are negotiating for the use of forest preserve property. He suggested that if things progressed, the Village should defend the Forest Preserve against this encroachment. President Abboud reminded the Board that a cost of approximately \$50,000 for eighteen months of work should be expected for such a defense.

Karen Selman is Vice President of the Friends of Spring Creek and reported that her organization, as well as the Barrington Countryside Park District and the Riding Club of Barrington Hills, is currently engaged in discussion with the CCFPD to maintain Spring Creek as a wilderness area prohibiting bikes. The BCPD has an Intergovernmental Agreement with the CCFPD enabling them to steward and maintain the trails in Spring Creek. The BCPD names the RCBH to maintain the trails. The RCBH will be meeting with the CCFPD next week to begin a discussion regarding the maintenance of equestrian trails in Spring Creek, namely closing some of the trails that are badly eroded, and repairing others.

Barnes and Noble has invited the Board to meet with the author of Einstein's Telescope. September 10th is a meeting with IDA (the Dark Sky Association), regarding the applications for Dark Sky recognition, which will be based on the Village Comprehensive Plan, a dark sky community and the lighting ordinance.. The Barrington Library and Barrington Hills will also celebrate Galileo Nights on October 24, 2009.

BACOG Presentation: Janet Agnoletti, Executive Director of BACOG gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Model II Mapping Product of the Water Resources Initiative. It showed the Groundwater Resource Technology for 600 square miles, developed by Dr. Kurt Thompson and GIS expert, Jay Heffler, showing water resources within the Village. They will show Model III at a later meeting.

INSURANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Monthly Report –Trustee Smithe indicated that there is nothing to report at this time.

HEALTH, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ENVIRONMENT – Beth Mallen

Monthly Report – Trustee Mallen reported that Gold Shield, approved a year ago, has enabled us to use Homeland Security to purchase five cameras placed on the tower at State Routes 59 and 62, two cameras on the North parking lot and one with a front and rear view in a squad car.

Trustee Mallen reported that deterioration of the Village sign prompted Denise Israel, Loraine Briggs, Robert Kosin and Sarah Kenny to come up with a signage proposal.

A motion was made by Trustee Mallen to fund up to \$15,000 for replacement signage for the Village entrance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramesh.

Discussion followed with Trustee Smithe objecting based on the economy. He thought that perhaps a year from now the Board might even entertain the idea of a “virtual” sign. President Abboud noted that the proposal would require a Special Use permit and a public process. Trustee Ramesh questioned if the proposed signage was consistent with the lighting ordinance and the signage ordinance. Trustee Knoop questioned the need. Trustee Mallen said she was not in favor of such an expenditure. Roll Call

Ayes: 1 (President Abboud)
Nays: 4 (Mallen, Ramesh, Knoop, Smithe)
Absent: 2 (Wessel, Gohl)

Motion Defeated

ATTORNEY – Douglas Wambach (Absent)
No report

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

Appointments – President Abboud reappointed Mr. Patrick Hennelly to the Plan Commission.

President Abboud appointed Jason Elder to the Plan Commission. Trustee Knoop motioned to accept the nomination; Trustee Mallen seconded. All said Aye.

Motion Approved

President Abboud nominated Mani Ramesh to the BACOG Resources Water Committee. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the nomination; Trustee Mallen seconded. All said Aye.

Motion Approved

Communications Committee: Barb Kemp gave a website presentation on the Website Integration Project, showing the four phases of the integration of the Village’s three websites into one, creating seamless access among the sites.

Barb announced the beginning of Twitter communications for the Village.

Trustee Mallen motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 10:30p.m. Trustee Smithe seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30p.m.

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