

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD JANUARY 3, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Barrington was held at the Village Municipal Center, 23860 Old Barrington Road, on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, and was called to order by President Richardson at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call, the following were:

Present: Trustees DeJesu, Kipferl, Marshall, Schaller, Vonder Haar, and President Richardson

Absent: Trustee Smith (*arrived at 7:15 p.m.*)

Staff Present: Village Administrator Martin, Village Clerk Hoover

Others Present: Treasurer Purcell, ZBA Member Fortman, Attorney Bateman

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. December 6, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Action:

A motion was made by Trustee Schaller and seconded by Trustee Vonder Haar to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 6, 2005. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

5. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (President Richardson)

President Richardson spoke briefly about the following topics:

- **Barrington Area Library, "The Beauty of Shells"** – January 16th, 6 pm at the Barrington Area Library
- **Ethics Commission Status** – Three citizens were appointed as required by State Law and approved by the Board of Trustees. Their first meeting is being scheduled this month.
- **Chicago Wilderness, 10th Anniversary on April 10th** – The organization encourages greater public awareness through their mission statement to conserve green space. President Richardson requested that the announcement be forwarded to the Clerk and the Park District.
- **Planning Workshop/Comprehensive Plan** – USRP continues to work on creating a new Comprehensive Plan. President Richardson stated that the general process includes broadening goals and objectives, not specific to individual properties, but more towards retail development along the Pepper Road and Route 14 corridor. Some objectives may include creating a revenue stream, lifestyle protection, and maintaining residential property taxes.

A. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 16, 2006

President Richardson announced events honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. this month. President Richardson stated that the Village Hall would be closed on January 16th in observance of this holiday.

B. Other – None.

6. **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD** - None.
(Also see public comment during item 14)

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Purcell reported on the following:

A) Financial Statements – Treasurer Purcell reported that the General Fund's revenue exceeded expenses by \$101,703. Mr. Purcell stated that Debbie Vernon, Village Accountant, advised him that outstanding monies due by developers arrived today. Treasurer Purcell reported on the Village's income, road maintenance program funding, and MFT Fund reserves. Mr. Purcell stated that the Special Service Area Fund would be addressed by the Village Administrator.

Administrator Martin stated that the petitioners' accounts for Honey Bee and Enclave have been paid. Mr. Martin acknowledged the work of Treasurer Purcell and Accountant Vernon and also accredited the petitioner account status to the modified Ordinance regarding petitioner deposits.

President Richardson thanked Accountant Vernon and Treasurer Purcell on the data. He commented on the Village's condition when taking into consideration the previous special Business and Industrial Park roads project. President Richardson stated that the Village should consider a strategy to create new sources of revenue to assure financial solvency into the future.

Trustee Smith arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Upon the conclusion of the Treasurer Report the Board took action on items A-C (see below).

Board Action:

A motion was made by Trustee Marshall and seconded by Trustee DeJesu to:

A. Approve the Financial Statements as of 11/30/05.

Discussion followed. An amended motion was made by Trustee Marshall and seconded by Trustee DeJesu to take action on items 7 A-C by omnibus vote (i.e. block) and approve agenda items 7 A-C as follows:

B. Approve the Financial Statements as of 11/30/05.

C. Pay Bills in the amount of \$111,186.83 as Listed on the Accounts Payable Warrant "A" Dated January 3, 2006.

D. Pay Bills in the amount of \$59,602.98 as Listed on the Accounts Payable Warrant "B" Dated January 3, 2006.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Yeas: Trustees DeJesu, Kipferl, Marshall, Schaller, Smith, Vonder Haar, and President Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

President Richardson declared the motion carried.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA** – None.

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Martin spoke briefly about the following topic:

- **Ice Rink Emergency Response:** Administrator Martin summarized for the Board an emergency situation where eight high school aged hockey players were taken to Good Shepherd Hospital. The Rink was immediately closed and evaluated by Barrington Countryside Fire Department and Nicor. The air conditioning tested was tested and found to be fine. The problem was detected in a loaner zambone truck. The players were treated and all were released from the hospital. The Village's building inspector re-inspected the property on Tuesday and reported that the air quality was fine. Administrator Martin thanked the Barrington Fire Department for the excellent response and commended the ice rink for being very responsive.

- A. **FY2007 Financial Plan Calendar:** Administrator Martin reminded the Board about the Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. to discuss the FY 2007 Financial Plan. Mr. Martin summarized the discussions to include revenue and expenditures, and projects and initiatives for the coming fiscal year beginning May 1 through April 30th.

President Richardson stated that he would like the committees to address their needs for the coming year so that they could be factored into the Financial Plan. President Richardson cited some examples of future funding, such as environmental projects – enhancing oaks and encouraging greater native plantings, which Cindy Skrukrud of the Sierra Club agreed to assist the Village in evaluating environmental issues which come before the community in addition to a casual assessment of the Village's Kelsey and Pepper Road property. Other examples included seminars and other activities, such as communicating effectively – via website and mail. President Richardson requested that budget requirements for the committees proposed projects would be discussed at the meeting.

- B. **Community Survey - Status:** Administrator Martin thanked the over 440 residents for their responses to the Village's survey that have been received so far. Mr. Martin reported that the survey was sent to over 2000 households. He stated that the responses have been tabulated with the exception of the written comments. Administrator Martin stated that the survey results would be discussed at the financial planning meeting in January. Overall, residents seem happy with the services and are primarily concerned with protecting the environment and rural character of the Village. Major concerns reported were traffic and development related issues and property taxes were of a minor concern. President Richardson stated that he would be giving a lengthy presentation at next month's meeting.

- C. **Water and Sewer Rate Study - Status:** Administrator Martin reported on a previous Finance Committee meeting of which Trustees Smith, Schaller, and Vonder Haar attended. Mr. Martin stated that a second meeting would be scheduled to discuss this study further. Administrator Martin stated that the Water Fund is running at a deficit. He asserted to the following facts:

- 1) The Intergovernmental Agreement provides for the Village to pay operating expenses at a premium. The recapture rate is 100% plus the operating expenses.
- 2) There are 77 rate payers which is a small group for the overhead. Development incentives may help increase the number of users/payers.
- 3) Lake Barrington has not had any rate increases since starting the Special Service Area Number Three (SSA #3) around 1996. Fox River Grove has annual increase rates.

Administrator Martin stated that the Village wouldn't want to be overly burdensome to the taxpayers in SSA #3. The Water Fund has been absorbing the deficit of the Operating Fund. Another meeting is been scheduled this month to discuss the water and sewer rates further with possible action by March.

- D. **Adopt-A-Highway:** Administrator Martin reported on Lake County's Adopt-A-Highway program. He stated that more information about the program is available on Lake County's website or by calling (847) 362-3950.
- E. **Other:** Administrator Martin reported that the Plan Commission meeting scheduled for January 12th was cancelled and the public hearings for the proposed Wesley and Stonehedge (Walnut Grove) subdivisions were continued until January 26th.

10. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. **Building & Facilities:** Trustee Schaller stated that he is preparing for the Financial Planning Workshop. He gave a report on the power surge that damaged the fire panel which is still under warranty.
- B. **Environmental Protection:** Trustee DeJesu reported that four benches were placed along the Grassy Lake Trail by the Lake County Forest Preserve District. She stated that the removal of two dead oak trees near Pepper and Kelsey Roads which died from the Oak Wilt Disease was covered by the Tree City USA budget. Trustee DeJesu encouraged the use of native plantings whenever possible. She suggested that the Village consider native plantings around the Kelsey and Pepper Roads pond and recommended assistance by the Citizens for Conservation and Chicago Wilderness.
- C. **Finance & Human Resources:** Trustee Smith announced the upcoming meeting to be held on January 17th for discussions regarding financial planning.
- D. **Good Shepherd Hospital Liaison & Community Outreach:** Trustee Kipferl reported on new valet parking for emergency room patients and upcoming emergency disaster preparedness seminar. She stated that more information is available on their website.
- E. **Intergovernmental Affairs:** *(See report after 10-I.)*
- F. **Public Safety & Emergency Planning:** Trustee Marshall apologized for his comments last month about the Lake County Sheriff patrol cars. He stated that the cars are marked with the Village name as agreed.
- G. **Public Works:** Trustee Vonder Haar stated that the Village is ready for the spring rush as reported by Cuba Township due to the light snowfall and minimal use of salt this season.
- H. **Rules:** No report.
- I. **Stormwater Management:** Trustee Marshall stated that he is a strong advocate for water conservation. He stated that in regards to his comments last month, apparently Plainfield is going to receive Lake Michigan water. Trustee Marshall reported that the court limitation revolves around 3,200 cubic feet of water per second and the legal limit of water can revert. Deep wells use of the aquifer may qualify over time. Trustee Marshall stated that there is a meeting in Milwaukee to discuss a moratorium on the use of the Great Lakes water.
- E. **Intergovernmental Affairs:** President Richardson reported the Cuba Township, Barrington Hills, Barrington, and Lake Barrington are in the process of creating a Route 14 corridor plan to regulate architecture, plantings, etc. to maintain the semi-rural character. President Richardson stated that the task force seeks to influence unincorporated residential zoning to remain residential zoning in this area. He stated that he would like to discuss this further with Lake County Board Member Steve Mountsier.

President Richardson reported that he has been approached by Michael Graft, President of the Lake Barrington Countryside Park District, regarding collectively reviewing goal-setting about on topics such as the trail, bike lanes, and the care and protection of trees.

- J. **Other Reports:**

1) **BACOG:**

The following summary was provided for the Board at their places:

The Village of Lake Barrington has passed Resolutions in support of B.A.C.O.G.'s Legislative Platforms for the past two years. A drafted Platform is provided to the Board for review. B.A.C.O.G. formalized their Platform on December 15, 2005 and their respective members are being asked to consider individual Resolutions in support thereof so that they can proceed at the January BACOG meeting.

President Richardson briefly summarized BACOG's guiding principles for their 2006 Legislative Platform, as follows:

- Protect local government revenues. Protect local governments from additional risk, liability, and unfunded state mandates.
- Support local and regional land use planning and zoning and the implementation of such plans and regulations without disruption.
- Preserve local government decision-making and the right to self-determination.
- Support additional permissive authorities for townships and non-home rule municipalities. Oppose reduction or pre-emption of the powers and authority of local government.
- Preserve, protect and enhance environmental resources and open space.
- Promote good government and the protection of public health and safety.

Board Action

Upon the conclusion of President Richardson's report, a motion was made by Trustee Vonder Haar and seconded by Trustee Kipferl to pass Resolution No. 2006-O-01, a Resolution Concerning BACOG's 2006 Legislative Platform.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Yeas: Trustees DeJesu, Kipferl, Marshall, Schaller, Smith,
Vonder Haar, and President Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

President Richardson declared the motion carried.

2) **SWALCO** – No report.

11. **ORDINANCES** – None.

12. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PACE "DIAL A RIDE" BUS SERVICE

Administrator Martin distributed the following summary to the Board in their packets:

The Village of Lake Barrington has participated in a local share agreement with the Village of Barrington to offer subsidized PACE Dial-A-Ride transportation services for Lake Barrington senior/handicapped residents. The agreement is based on actual usage from the previous year. Over the past 5 years the Village contributed an average of \$2,500 per year.

Administrator Martin stated as of the past eleven months, there have been 658 Lake Barrington riders using this service.

Board Action

A motion was made by Trustee Schaller and seconded by Trustee Kipferl to pass Resolution No. 2006-R-02, a Resolution Approving a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Lake Barrington and the Village of Barrington To Provide For Contribution Under A Local Share Agreement With Pace For Senior/Handicapped Bus Service. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A LOBBYING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCED PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS RELATIVE TO THE VILLAGE'S TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER POLICIES

Administrator Martin distributed the following summary to the Board in their packets:

The Village is interested in protecting and promoting its interests within the executive and legislative branches of State government relative to transportation and other issues. The Village of Lake Barrington's ongoing professional services agreement with Advanced Practical Solutions (Milan Petrovich) expired 12/31/05.

Board Discussion

President Richardson stated that this service costs the Village \$2,000 per month which is an ongoing client rate. He reported that Advanced Practical Solutions has done the Village a good service by identifying the grant for the Wauconda Wastewater Treatment Plant. President Richardson stated that he encourages Administrator Martin to seek other environmental grants and familiarize himself with grant writing for future Village initiatives.

Board Action

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Kipferl to approve Resolution No. 2006-R-03, a Resolution authorizing the execution of a lobbying services agreement with Advanced Practical Solutions effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Yeas: Trustees DeJesu, Kipferl, Marshall, Schaller, Smith, Vonder Haar, and President Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

President Richardson declared the motion carried.

C. PRE-APPLICATION DISCUSSION: 28155 W. INDUSTRIAL AVENUE – AUTOMOBILE RESALE

This item was removed from the agenda per the request of the purchaser.

14. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD:

(Also see public comment during item 6)

Francis Fortman addressed the Board relative to the water release rate stated during the Stormwater Management Report. Mr. Fortman stated that it would bring one foot of water in this building within one second.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Board Action:

A motion was made by Trustee Vonder Haar and seconded by Trustee DeJesu that a portion of the meeting be closed to the public, effective immediately, to discuss litigation involving an action

against this municipality which is pending in Court or in an administrative tribunal, and/or to discuss such litigation which is probable or imminent, and/or to discuss matters of personnel, and/or to discuss possible real estate acquisitions.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Yeas: Trustees DeJesu, Kipferl, Marshall, Schaller, Smith, Vonder Haar, and President Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

President Richardson declared the motion carried and the meeting was closed at 7:44 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at approximately 8:30 p.m.

16. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Employee Performance Review:

President Richardson summarized Chris Martin's employee performance review.

Administrator Martin thanked the Village Board and staff for there advice, direction, and creative ideas during his first year at the Village.

President Richardson reviewed some objectives for the coming year to include working for the Village to enhance Village revenues, grants, and sales tax revenues and to encourage outsourcing Village projects to other governmental agencies.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Trustee Vonder Haar and seconded by Trustee Smith to award Christopher A. Martin a lump sum bonus in the amount of \$5,000 and increase his salary as Village Administrator by 4% effective January 1, 2006.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Yeas: Trustees DeJesu, Kipferl, Marshall, Schaller, Smith, Vonder Haar, and President Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

President Richardson declared the motion carried

17. OTHER – None.

18. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee DeJesu and seconded by Trustee Vonder Haar to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was unanimous, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Hoover
Village Clerk
Recording Secretary