MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Held in the Cuba Township Office
June 27, 2017

Members Present: Al Pino - North Barrington; Martin McLaughlin - Barrington Hills; David Parro - Tower Lakes; Karen Darch - Barrington; Mike Kainz – Cuba Township; Paula McCombie - South Barrington; Dan Fitzgerald - Barrington Township alternate

Members Absent: Kevin Richardson - Lake Barrington

Staff Present: Janet Agnoletti - Executive Director

Others Present: Diane Bergan, Journey Care; Tim Bergan; Lisa Encarnacia, Journey Care; Al Stefan - Robinson Engineering; Sam Oliver; Brian Battle, CUSD220

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pino at 7:06 pm, followed by a roll call attendance with all members present except Richardson.

MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2017
McCombie noted that under the South Barrington report the minutes should state “police deputy chief” instead of “fire deputy chief.” On a motion by McLaughlin and second by McCombie, the minutes of May 23, 2017, were unanimously approved with this amendment.

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JUNE 2017
On a motion by Parro and second by McLaughlin, the Treasurer’s Report for June 2017 was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

PRESENTATION OF BACOG RESOLUTION #17-01
Chairman Pino read aloud Resolution #17-01 recognizing David Nelson, retired Cuba Township Supervisor and BACOG Board member since August 2004, for his service and contributions to the community. Pino presented the resolution to Nelson, and the Board recessed for a short while for a reception in his honor.

COMMUNITY REPORTS / PUBLIC COMMENT
Journey Care
Diane Soucy Bergan spoke about Journey Care services and offered a variety of materials to board members. She introduced Lisa Encarnacia who will be the contact person for Journey Care following Bergan’s retirement. Bergan said Barrington Journey Care is a legacy office and delivers care regardless of ability to pay, offering hospice and palliative care. She asked Board members to share the materials with their residents in newsletters and on counters. The organization offers interdisciplinary team care. She noted the problems with state and federal funding are already impacting their programs as Medicare is their primary funding source. Chairman Pino commended Journey Care for doing a wonderful job.

Community Unit School District 220
Brian Battle, CUSD 220 Board President, discussed summer school, Blueprint 220 meetings, and the proposed state property tax freeze would impact the school district by $10M by the fourth year. He noted school-related employment opportunities and asked the Board to spread the word about the need for substitute teachers, bus drivers, and the park district’s KEEP program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
McLaughlin moved to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation, legal issues and property acquisition; motion seconded by McCombie. All members voted in favor on a roll call vote. The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:57 pm.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION
At 8:46 pm, McCombie moved and Kainz seconded to resume the open session board meeting. All voted in favor on a roll call vote.

AGREEMENT WITH U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) FOR OPERATIONS IN MONITORING WELLS
Agnoletti described the proposed contract extension with USGS, covering the three monitoring wells at South Barrington, North Barrington, and Lake Barrington village-owned properties for the period 2017-2020. Operations include maintaining the transducer recorder and satellite transmittal equipment, collecting and processing water level readings, and hosting BACOG’s data on the U.S. National Water Information System for public retrieval and viewing. Darch moved to approve the 3-year contract between USGS and BACOG for services noted and authorization for the Executive Director to enter into the contract; motion was seconded by McLaughlin and the Board voted unanimously in favor on a roll call vote.

RECOMMENDATION FOR AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO MEASURE 15 MONITORING WELLS
Agnoletti distributed a sheet of her notes regarding estimates from various entities to measure water levels by hand in the 15 monitoring wells in the BACOG area on one day in July 2017. She contacted four (4) state and federal agencies and five (5) business entities, with five of those providing cost estimates. She said she reviewed costs and benefits with the board members who provide direction in the groundwater programs, i.e., Darch and McCombie. They recommend requesting the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) to provide the services. The cost is based on hours worked by ISWS field staff with no administrative overhead.

Pino said he would like to consider further the Robinson Engineering estimate, which was comparable in price to ISWS. He noted the village of North Barrington uses their services for engineering and is pleased. Agnoletti said the recommendation for ISWS is based on several factors, including: it is a public non-profit entity and costs are likely to be less than private company costs over time; ISWS does well measurements on a regular basis and the private firms contacted do not; ISWS continues to provide support and advice to BACOG for its groundwater programs at no charge; and ISWS is the entity that will likely develop the next 5-year comprehensive report on water levels, using these readings and other data. Darch spoke to the same points and said using ISWS is preferable because of the work BACOG and others in water management have done with the survey on related matters and their involvement is a better path for BACOG. She also noted that the ISWS ultimately will do more monitoring and she believes the state should take more responsibility to do so.

Parro moved and Darch seconded to proceed with an agreement with ISWS to perform the water level readings in 15 wells on a one-time basis in July for a cost of $962; on a roll call vote, all voted in favor.
FY 2017-18 BUDGET AND DUES
Agnoletti noted that the salary and wage increases for director, program coordinator and GIS analyst had been incorporated to the budget, and that the insurance issues have not been resolved and so that line item might be brought back for a budget amendment in a few months. She noted that the budget has remained flat for several years, and that even with the increases for staff, a new GIS laptop, and the increase in groundwater monitoring costs, there is only a 3.3% increase in the overall budget. The new sponsorship program will also reduce the use of cash reserves, and staff continues to find small scale increases in revenues, e.g., water testing fees. There was a motion by McCombie and second by Darch to approve the FY2017-18 budget and dues as outlined; all voted in favor on a roll call vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
There was no report.

POLICY AND LONG RANGE COMMITTEE
There was no report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Committee chairperson Darch talked about the likelihood of the General Assembly and Governor approving a state budget this month or extending session further. Agnoletti mentioned the recent joint councils of governments’ letters to the Governor urging no reduction in local revenues and opposing a property tax freeze, and a letter to House sponsor of the small cell facilities bill. She has thanked by email our area legislators for their recent votes and is trying to schedule a meeting with Rep. Sauer on environmental issues when he is in district.

BACOG and the Chamber of Commerce and CUSD220 will co-sponsor a “Barrington Area Legislative Breakfast” on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:30 am. The BACOG office is preparing a legislative action summary report, including how legislators voted on bills of interest to BACOG, for release later this summer.

WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORT
Agnoletti reported her efforts to collect data for the groundwater monitoring program, including: municipal well water level readings in 52 wells in 13 communities in and near BACOG; downloading data from the four recorders in Flint Creek; and data from the 3 equipped wells in the program. Data is taken on July 18 and will be organized for the next BACOG comprehensive water levels analysis and maps, anticipated for 2019.

There will be a “level 1” private well water testing event on October 11 at the Garlands, and she asked member villages and townships to sell the test kits at their offices the week prior; there was agreement. The testing event will try to capture more new testers, and based on the recent survey feedback, the collection event will have longer hours. The educational presentation will feature a speaker from the national Water Quality Association to speak on new technology in water treatment systems and iron and mineral removal. Lake County will provide a speaker on well maintenance too. Agnoletti will speak to what BACOG’s protection efforts on behalf of the region.

She reported that “Level 2” testing is on-going and this program encourages residents to test their well water for its natural chemistry. In addition to informing residents about what is in their water, the results are used by BACOG to map regional water quality. Using the new compiled email list of interested residents produced 26 testers for the July testing and another 15 testers to date for the
August testing event, a significant improvement over past level 2 events where approximately 6-8 residents tested.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Agnoletti polled the board about types of EM trainings they would prefer. Consensus was to proceed with VEOCI software training as Lake County EMA is available, and for a regular (not VEOCI) tabletop exercise to be planned in the fall for early 2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND NOMINATIONS FOR FY 2017-18
Staff distributed the current year’s description of committees and roster of members and requested board members to nominate themselves to the committees where they wish to serve and to nominate their trustees and/or representatives to other committees. Agnoletti asked for more nominations to the Water Resources Committee, which functions better with a robust membership.

Members should also confirm or nominate new designated alternates to the BACOG Board; the appointment of alternates per BACOG bylaws requires a member government’s board approval. The nominated roster and alternates list will be submitted for approval at the August board meeting.

RECOMMENDED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR FY 2017-18
For the Nominations Committee, McCombie nominated the recommended slate of officers for 2017-18:
- David Parro, Tower Lakes President – for election to Chairman
- Kevin Richardson, Lake Barrington President – for election to Vice-chairman
- Bonnie McLeod – for appointment to Treasurer
- Jennifer Zales, Program Coordinator – for appointment to Secretary

On a motion by McCombie and second by Darch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the officers slated.

RECOGNITION OF FY 2016-17 CHAIRMAN PINO
McCombie thanked Chairman Pino for his leadership at BACOG for the past year and presented him with a plaque recognizing his service to the community.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Agnoletti reported that the official board photo will be taken at the August 22nd board meeting at 6:40 pm. The annual member dinner for the board members, officials, staff and their guests will be Friday, October 27th; arrangements are in process. The annual survey of board priorities for the BACOG work program will be distributed in July or early August, with results to be presented at the August board meeting. She noted that the liability/insurance issue is currently being reviewed by Barrington attorney Bateman. Quintessential Barrington magazine will feature BACOG – its history and impact on the region – in the next issue. Finally, she reminded everyone that there is no meeting in July.

PRESIDENTS’ AND SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS
Barrington

Darch reported on 4th of July activities including the parade, brat tent, cruise night and fireworks. New businesses opened in the Ice House, and Hough Main retail is fully occupied. 62 new townhomes are approved for Grove and Dundee. She said not many parcels are left to develop while residential units are in demand.
South Barrington
McCombie reported that the village retained a police consultant and is working on team building and CALEA training. South Barrington is also improving their webpage.

Tower Lakes
Parro reported that the board passed an ordinance last week regulating short term rentals to not less than 90 days, which will be enforced by the village police department. Attorney Bateman developed the ordinance following study by the Plan Commission for a year. Parro commended the Plan Commission for their in-depth work.

Cuba Township
Kainz said the road district is re-negotiating their the township’s road agreement through intergovernmental agreements, they have received excellent feedback, and hope to complete the IGAs by August.

North Barrington
Pino said North Barrington passed a similar ordinance on short-term rentals for not less than 66 days. This provides fairness for households that go away for the summer. The village environmental health committee is reviewing the Tower Lakes tree ordinance. Parro said Barrington Hills and Lake Barrington have similar ordinances, and enforcement and liability were discussed. Parro reported that the village is going to object to Trump’s withdrawal from the Paris Accord and offered to cooperate with other mayors on this issue.

Barrington Township
Collins noted that the township had made a few changes, including former Barrington Hills trustee Fritz Gohl retired and was elected to trustee at the township. Former retired clerk Bob Alberdeen is again the township’s clerk.

ADJOURNMENT
On a motion by Darch and second by Kainz, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Submitted by:
Janet L. Agnoletti, Executive Director