MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Held in the Barrington Township Office
January 23, 2018

Members Present: Karen Darch - Barrington; Paula McCombie - South Barrington; Martin McLaughlin - Barrington Hills; Chris Mitchell- Lake Barrington (alternate); Amy Nykaza - Barrington Township; Al Pino - North Barrington

Members Absent: David Parro - Tower Lakes; Mike Kainz - Cuba Township

Staff Present: Janet Agnoletti - Executive Director; Jenny Zales - Program Coordinator

Others Present: Patty Barten – Citizens for Conservation; John Haniotes – Barrington Bank and Trust; Teresa Jennings – Barrington Park District; Vicki Kosin; Bob Kosin; Sam Oliver – community resident; Representative Peter Roskam (R-IL 6th District); Linda Starkey - Candidate for Lake County Board; Al Stefan - Robinson Engineering; Greg Rusteberg – Trustee, Deer Park

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by President Darch in the absence of Chairman Parro at 7:06 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance.

COMMUNITY REPORTS/PUBLIC COMMENT
Representative Peter Roskam (R-IL 6th District)
Representative Roskam began his comments by noting that he had been active in the recently-passed tax reform and expressed the expectation that the economic growth that has already taken place since the reform was enacted will continue. He reported that he is now Chair of the Subcommittee on Health in the Ways and Means Committee.

Representative Roskam identified two areas to watch in the coming months are infrastructure and immigration. He noted that there is a strong desire among legislators to address the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. He concluded by asserting that he considers himself the 6th District’s “ambassador” to the United States Congress, not the other way around.

McLaughlin pointed out that the new tax plan hurts residents with annual property tax bills over $10,000. Roskam replied that he believed other provisions in the tax plan, such as the lowering of tax brackets and the elimination of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) will make up for the loss of the ability to deduct property taxes over $10,000.

Darch stated that the issue of net neutrality was important to BACOG-area residents. She asked how prepayment in 2017 of property taxes due in 2018 will be handled. Roskam replied that he is currently working on this issue, and expects it to be resolved shortly.

After Roskam’s public comments and discussion, Faye Sinnott, Flint/Spring Creek Watershed Partnership Coordinator, provided a brief update about the partnership and asked members to complete a survey developed by the partnership.

PRESENTATIONS
Patty Barten – Citizens for Conservation
Barten provided a handout and gave an overview of the Barrington Greenways Initiative, which builds on community cooperation in four counties and aims to link over 14,000 acres and reintroduce priority species to that land. Barten asked BACOG to endorse the initiative, and also to endorse it at each village and township and include language in the municipal and township comprehensive plans.

Teresa Jennings – Barrington Park District
Jennings introduced an initiative to consider building a dog park in Cuba Marsh. She explained that she was originally approached by the Village of Deer Park with the idea and that it would require the use of land which is part of the Lake County Forest Preserves. She concluded by noting that if the initiative moves forward, citizen input will be sought. She asked the Board for a letter of endorsement and support as all BACOG-area residents would potentially use this facility.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2017
On a motion by McLaughlin and a second by Nykaza the minutes of November 28, 2017 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORTS
On a motion by McLaughlin and a second by Mitchell the Treasurer’s Reports for January 2018 was unanimously approved on a roll call vote. Darch noted that approval of the Treasurer’s Report includes ratification of the December 2017 Treasurer’s Report as allowed by the bylaws. On a motion by McLaughlin and second by Mitchell, the December report was unanimously approved on a roll call.

RESOLUTION #18-01 RECOGNIZING ROBERT KOSIN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO BACOG AND THE BARRINGTON-AREA COMMUNITY
Nykaza read Resolution #18-01 aloud. On a motion by Pino and a second by McLaughlin Resolution #18-01 was unanimously approved.

2018 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM
On a motion by Abbate and a second by Mitchell BACOG’s recommended 2018 Legislative Platform was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT
Chairman McLaughlin did not have a report. Agnoletti noted that discussion about the FY 18-19 BACOG budget will begin at committee’s next meeting on February 27, 2018.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Legislative Committee Chairperson Darch provided a brief review of the Legislative Committee’s meeting and noted that the small cell facilities bill, SB 1451, was still on a procedural hold; it appears there will be a trailer bill to address several concerns of industry. The committee is interested in a modification to the “neglected minors” bill. She reminded members that the Springfield Drive Down will take place from April 24-26, and that BACOG has reserved a block of rooms for the event.
**WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORT**
Agnoletti noted that there was no water committee report and that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) did not have a January meeting.

Abbate delivered the NWPA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) report on behalf of Natalie Karney, BACOG’s representative to the TAC, stating that copies of the publication “Drinking Water 1-2-3” were distributed at the meeting and will also be mailed out. The TAC’s Sensible Salting Committee is developing a guide for municipal and private de-icing programs. Agnoletti added that salting is also a focus of BACOG’s Water Resources Committee.

**POLICY AND LONG-RANGE COMMITTEE REPORT**
In Chairperson McCombie’s absence, Darch provided the committee’s report. She noted that the committee discussed securing appropriate insurance for BACOG and that the issue was complicated in part because BACOG was not incorporated or a non-profit organization. The committee recommended the purchase of Directors’ and Officers’ insurance, and will put on hold a decision to purchase Errors and Omissions insurance.

**PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE**
Mitchell inquired about the source of funding for the purchase of Directors’ and Officers’ insurance. Agnoletti replied that it will come from BACOG’s cash reserves unless the current budget is underspent by the amount of the insurance. On a motion by Mitchell and a second by McLaughlin the Board unanimously voted on a roll call vote to authorize the purchase of additional insurance in the amount of $925 through Lundstrom Insurance.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**
Agnoletti reported that the next tabletop exercise will take place on January 31st, 2018, from 8:00am-12:00pm at the Barrington Public Safety Building. Over 50 individuals have RSVP’d they will attend to date.

**BACOG POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT**
On a motion by McLaughlin and a second by Mitchell the Board unanimously voted to approve the proposed BACOG policy prohibiting sexual harassment.

**RESOLUTION #18-02 ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT**
On a motion by Pino and a second by McLaughlin the Board unanimously voted to approve Resolution #18-02 adopting the policy prohibiting sexual harassment.

**CHANGE OF DATE OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
On a motion by Pino and a second by Nykaza the Board unanimously voted to approve a change to the date of the April Executive Board and Committee meetings to April 17, 2018 in order to allow members to participate in BACOG Lobby Day activities which will overlap with the day that these meetings were originally scheduled to take place.
DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Agnoletti noted that she and Kevin Richardson made a presentation to the board of a nearby community about the possibility of that village joining BACOG.

She continued her report by describing her contacts with state agencies and others concerning the impact the chicken farm in North Barrington may have on area groundwater. She then outlined some of the meetings she has had over the last month on various issues of importance to BACOG such as groundwater monitoring and outreach to residents with private wells about the importance of regular quality testing.

In conclusion, she noted that BACOG had renewed six sponsorships already this year and that she is optimistic that there will be additional community support.

PRESIDENTS’ AND SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS
Barrington Township
There was nothing to report.

Lake Barrington
Mitchell reported that as part of the Village’s initiative to examine priorities for the use of municipal properties and infrastructure, the Lake Barrington board approved the demolition of Freier Farm. He noted that Speedway is now open and two groundwater monitoring wells are taking water quality measurements and surface water in ponds and retention areas are also being monitored. He reported that Pasquesi will be closing.

Barrington Hills
McLaughlin announced that there was interest in building a church on a 42-acre parcel on IL Route 25. He noted that construction on Long Meadow Parkway will begin next month and that Phase 1 of construction on IL Route 62 was moving forward; the village hopes to get four intersection improvements. He concluded his remarks by announcing Anna Paul is the Acting Village Administrator and stated that the village will add information to its Web site to promote the Barrington area as a whole.

North Barrington
Pino reported that the village may consolidate committees due to low membership and asked other members how they handle recruitment. He announced that the forced annexation of the parcel containing the chicken farm was successful and remarked that both zoning and nuisance issues were raised. McLaughlin said the Illinois Livestock Management Facilities Act should address setbacks and contaminant levels. Pino said the county should amend agricultural zoning in areas like the one in North Barrington, where the parcel is surrounded by residential development, and they should provide notice at a minimum to surrounding municipalities.

South Barrington
There was nothing to report.
Barrington
Darch noted that the village will hold a “town-warming” on February 3 at the Barrington White House and there are several cultural events planned in 2018 at the White House.

**ADJOURNMENT**
On a motion by McLaughlin and a second by Mitchell the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:57pm.

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Jenny Zales*