MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Held in the Barrington Township Office
January 24, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Members Present: Karen Darch - Barrington; Paula McCombie - South Barrington; Martin McLaughlin - Barrington Hills; Chris Mitchell - Lake Barrington (Alternate); David Nelson - Cuba Township; Amy Nykaza - Barrington Township; David Parro - Tower Lakes; Al Pino - North Barrington

Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Joe Abbate - South Barrington; Brian Battle - Barrington 220; Tom Copenhaver - Lake County; Tom Crosh - Citizens for Conservation; Anne Gulotta - Healthier Barrington Coalition; Natalie Karney - North Barrington; Tim Schneider - Cook County Board; Faye Sinnott – Water Resources Committee; Al Stefan - Robinson Engineering

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pino at 7:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance with all members present.

DISCUSSION WITH INVITED LEGISLATORS

Cook County Commissioner Timothy O. Schneider – District 15
Commissioner Schneider identified some key legislative issues impacting the BACOG area including a proposed tax on sweet beverages in SB 9, Cook County’s passage of rules on minimum wage and sick leave, and the prospect for changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). He believes that the beverage tax will ultimately hurt businesses by decreasing purchases at businesses subject to the tax. On the topic of changes to employee benefits, he urged BACOG’s members to opt-out, as the Village of Barrington has already done, in order to be consistent in the region. Finally, he reported that the CountyCare funds received under the ACA has been a boon to the county’s healthcare providers.

Schneider reported that the acquisition of over 400 acres in Horizon Farms constitutes the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s (FPDCC) largest purchase in over a decade and that the FPDCC has also recently purchased another 20 acres contiguous to Spring Creek. He asked members to inform him of other areas contiguous to FPDCC holdings which could possibility be acquired.

Concerning transportation, Schneider said that repairs to Brinker Road in Barrington Hills will be completed soon and asked members to inform him of other roads which need repairs. Responding to a question from McCombie about whether villages should consider using Inter-Governmental Agreements (IGA) on projects if the County is slow to respond, Schneider asked officials to call him if there are issues with the County’s response.

Agnoletti inquired if the Commissioner’s vision for FPDCC is more of preservation, or making the areas more useable for residents. Schneider responded that although in the last decade the prevailing thought was to keep most areas free of development, recently there has been shift toward adding bike paths and other limited development to make the preserves more accessible. He continued that the more active recreational uses will be developed at the Horizon Farms property and the Spring Creek preserve will continue with passive uses and species restoration.
COMMUNITY REPORTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Anne Gulotta, Heathier Barrington Coalition: Text-A-Tip
Gulotta gave a brief presentation on the Text-A-Tip program which provides a text number for students and other residents to use to anonymously communicate with a behavior health special specialist. Gulotta urged members to spread the word about the service.

Brian Battle, CUSD 220 Board Chairman
Chairman Battle reported that Niche rated Barrington Community Unit School District (CUSD) 19th nationwide, and discussed new school start times beginning in the fall which are aligned with research indicating high school students benefit from later school start times. He acknowledged that there are many details to work out, and in response to his question about whether the Board had any issues that should be addressed, Darch suggested that the District make sure that school crossing guards are aware of the new start times. Finally, he mentioned that the District is conducting a master facilities plan, Blueprint 220, and encouraged local communities to think about how school facilities can be used to aid emergency response.

There were no additional public comments.

Bio-Membrane Technology – Tom Copenhaver, Environmental Health Program Coordinator
Copenhaver reported that previously this technology was only used to replace a failing septic system, Lake County is now proposing to allow its use in new construction. He pointed out that the requirements proposed by the County are more stringent than state guidelines and cited the example that while state guidelines do not address the saturation of soil, the County has proposed a requirement for at least 1 foot of soil for absorption or 1 gallon per square foot. The goal is for the effluent to always enter the ground regardless of the weather. The proposal passed out of the Lake County Health Advisory Committee and will now be considered by the Illinois Department of Public Health, followed by the Lake County Board. The county’s approvals could be complete by mid-2017.

Agnoletti questioned the potential impact of this technology on density and asked about whether the effluent would be clean enough to go into the aquifers. Copenhaver responded that the water would be safe and confirmed that the technology would approximately cut in half or more the amount of land required for a private septic system. Responding to additional questions, Copenhaver reported that the technology would still be placed underground outside and would require approximately $500 annual in maintenance. Darch asked whether this technology could potentially be a substitute for municipal water in some cases, and Copenhaver responded that there is a law forbidding the use of a private well if municipal water is available within 250 feet of a residential building or 1,000 feet of a commercial building. Concerning its impact on density, Pino pointed out that the technology could allow currently plotted lots to be developed, but added that this may only apply to isolated lots, not to mass scale development. Asked how the water discharge quality would compare to that of Barrington’s municipal supply, Copenhaver answered that he believed it would be better.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2016
On a motion by Parro and a second by McLaughlin the minutes of November 22, 2016 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2016 AND JANUARY 2017
On a motion by Darch and a second by Nykaza, the Treasurer’s Reports for December 2016 and January 2017 were unanimously approved on a roll call vote.
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Chairman McLaughlin said that the Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on February 28th at 5:45pm at the South Barrington Village Hall.

POLICY AND LONG RANGE COMMITTEE REPORT
Chairperson McCombie reported that the next meeting will be held on March 1 at 5:30pm in the South Barrington Village Hall. [Note: Meeting has since been rescheduled for March 28th at 5:30pm in the South Barrington Village Hall]. Topics will include dues policy, shared surveying, tax status.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Chairperson Darch stated that there had not been significant movement on the Senate’s package of reform and budget bills, perhaps in deference to Governor Bruce Rauner’s recent State of the State address.

Agnoletti noted that BACOG staff contacted members of the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee to urge support of the protection of tax-exempt status for municipal bonds and referred the Board to a sample of the letter sent. She referred to a handout listing legislators and BACOG members planning to attend the BACOG/LCML Legislative Breakfast on February 11, and encouraged others to register. Agnoletti stated that BACOG will hold Lobby Days on March 15-16 and urged members to participate.

WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORT

BACOG Programs
Agnoletti reported that BACOG was exploring new wireless technology for groundwater monitoring and that she will present her findings to Darch and McCombie. The Board received Level 1 private well water testing results by community and Agnoletti explained that spikes in participation general indicate how well the event was publicized. She outlined a proposed survey developed by the Water Resources Committee for residents which will help the Committee better understand awareness of the importance of water testing. Finally, on the topic of coal tar sealants, Agnoletti said BACOG was reaching out to owners of parking lots to educate them on alternatives to coal tar.

Northwest Water Planning Alliance
McCombie reported Mayor David Kaptain of Elgin is now chairperson of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA), and described a presentation at the last meeting from the Illinois State Water Survey regarding the depletion of the deep aquifers. Agnoletti added that this may impact the two deep wells in South Barrington over the next couple decades.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT
Agnoletti reported that VEOCI exercises will be held on April 25 and May 19 in conjunction with the Lake County Emergency Management Department. Mike Dacey from Lake County will lead the April exercise, refreshing participants on how to use the software, and the actual practice exercise will take place in May with participation by multiple communities across Lake County.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER REVISIONS
On a motion by Nelson and seconded by Parro, the Board unanimously accepted the resignation of the Legislative Committee member Michelle Nagy Maison due to scheduling conflicts and approved the nomination of Colleen Koniecek Hannigan from Barrington Hills to the Legislative Committee.
REVISED PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
On a motion by Mitchell and second by Parro, the revision of BACOG’s Public Comment Policy to omit the requirement for a commenter to state his/her address, consistent with the Open Meetings Act (OMA), was unanimously approved.

IML SMALL CELL SITING MODEL ORDINANCE
Pino stated that due to changing technology, telecommunications companies are seeking to boost power by placing small facility units on utility poles. Darch said that the Illinois Municipal League (IML) is seeking feedback on its “Small Cell Antenna/Tower Right-of-Way Sitting Ordinance” template which was designed to provide unified regulation. Karney reported that the Village of North Barrington had received a request to site a 120 foot pole and that the Village is seeking additional information about the request. Stefan from the audience offered to provide the Board with information about how Roselle has addressed this issue. It was agreed that Board would discuss the issue with their attorneys and provide feedback to the IML on the template ordinance.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION “SUMMER MEALS” PROGRAM
In response to a request from the Illinois State Board of Education for local communities to consider sponsoring this program, Agnoletti and said she is currently seeking more information from the Barrington and South Barrington Park Districts about any similar programs they expect to offer. The school district is interested.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Agnoletti urged members to “like” BACOG’s new Facebook page and complimented Zales on her work on this project. Agnoletti announced that BACOG currently has six sponsors contributing a total of $4,000 to BACOG so far this year. She concluded her report by describing the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning’s (CMAP) ON TO 2050 planning effort and it was agreed that BACOG will request a 30- minute workshop for the Board on this issue.

PRESIDENTS’ AND SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS

Tower Lakes
Parro reported that Tower Lakes is investigating whether a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will be impacted by changes at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He agreed to forward information about the applicability of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) to Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. He met with the Lake County Municipal League (LCML) about utility audits, and concluded his report with a notice that Trustee Mike Rolfs will retire in May.

Cuba Township
Nelson asked for feedback on a resident’s idea to produce an “Advance Barrington” video which would highlight positive aspects of the community. McLaughlin reported on a video made for the Village of Barrington Hills website and commented that if made, the video should provide information about the entire BACOG area. Darch suggested making a video centered around Barrington school district 220’s area as a way to promote the entire area.

Lake Barrington
Mitchell reported that Bill Balling will serve as the Acting Village Administrator. He also announced that the Village is looking into making simple forms available on its website and is doing a physical evaluation of Village buildings. The Village is almost done updating its Comprehensive Plan and may hold another public hearing on the subject. Agnoletti offered that BACOG has developed and submitted a groundwater planning chapter to Lake Barrington for their update, and she has/will develop a customized
chapter for each community as they update their comprehensive plans. Parro expressed interest in having this for the Tower Lakes plan update.

**Barrington Hills**
McLaughlin reported that the Village of Barrington Hills reestablished a prohibition against commercial horse-boarding operations, and that its tax levy was lowered for the 3rd year in a row. He mentioned the Village’s new website and said that he is meeting with local realtors to promote the village. He reported that he is working with the Village of South Barrington on an IGA and stressed that there needs to be more communication on issues of regional importance; he also believes members should discuss important topics and coordinate more through BACOG.

**South Barrington**
McCombie reported on a meeting she had with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) about the possibility of widening Barrington Road and that the Village is examining its officials’ salaries compared to similar communities.

**Barrington**
Darch reported on the success of Barrington’s White House and said the Village had hired Patty Dowd Schmitz as a communications and events manager. The Village is working on an ordinance regarding electronic signage. Concerning Canadian National Railway (CN), Barrington has filed a request with IDOT to get funds from CN to build an underpass. Darch believes CN will soon start “double-tracking” – running a track in each direction rather than trains sharing one track.

**Barrington Township**
Nykaza had no report for Barrington Township.

**North Barrington**
Pino reported that North Barrington expects to implement some new IGAs, as existing ones have expired.

**CLOSED SESSION FOR PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR JENNY ZALES**
On a motion by Nelson and a second by Parro, the Board on a roll call vote adjourned to closed session at 10:00pm.

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On a motion by Darch and a second by Parro to resume the open session of the Executive Board meeting, and unanimously approved on a roll call vote, the open meeting was resumed at 10:20pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**
On a motion by Darch and a second by Nykaza, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:21pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jenny Zales