Minutes of January 26, 2016
Barrington Area Council of Governments - Executive Board Meeting
Held at Barrington Hills Village Hall – 7:00 pm

**Members Present:** Board Chairman Martin McLaughlin – Barrington Hills; Al Pino – North Barrington; Paula McCombie – South Barrington; Karen Darch – Barrington; David Parro – Tower Lakes; David Nelson - Cuba Township

**Members and Staff Absent:** Carol Rolfs – Treasurer; Gene Dawson – Barrington Township; Kevin Richardson – Lake Barrington

**Others Present:** Faye Sinnott – Water Resource Committee Member; Sam Oliver – Citizens for Conservation; Nancy Firfir - Senior Advisor, MPC/Member, Donald P. Klein Judging Committee; David Kaiser - Angel Water

**Staff Present:** Janet Agnoletti – Executive Director; Carol McLuckie – Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order with a quorum at 7:05 pm by Chairman McLaughlin, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Roll call attendance was taken with all present except Barrington Township and Lake Barrington.

**Presentation: Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) Planning Initiatives**

*Nancy Firfir – Senior Advisor, MPC / Member, Donald P. Klein Judging Committee*

Firfir presented some of MPC’s planning initiatives. MPC is engaged with the Northwest Water Planning Alliance in helping to streamline the state revolving fund to make funding easier to access. There is money in the fund. MPC has a small group of regional experts exploring solutions for northeastern Illinois water supply issues in advance of crises. MPC is also looking at an alternative financing project for water infrastructure. McLaughlin asked about a minimum capital requirement. MPC is not ready to make that determination yet.

MPC’s mission in Transform Illinois is to promote local government efficiency and improve government services and infrastructure. MMC wishes to highlight good government work. If there is anything BACOG would like to feature, send it to MPC to promote. The website, [www.metroplanning.org](http://www.metroplanning.org), has more information about other MMC programs. Firfir said that some programs are broadcast. Firfir said she has enjoyed working on the Donald P. Klein Judging Committee and shares the projects with her colleagues. McLaughlin and Agnoletti thanked Firfir again for serving on the Judging Committee.

**Presentation of New Material regarding PAH Thresholds**

BACOG Water Resources Committee Member, Faye Sinnott, presented new research information on PAHs. Sinnott said PAHs have been correlated with ADHD and can affect fetuses, and can also cause a four and a half point drop in IQ. Many things are not known about PAHs and their effects. Research is being done on molecularly lighter PAHs which can be absorbed by water and could potentially affect groundwater after heavy rains, for example. Some new products on the market do not require testing and were not intended for use in the consumer marketplace. European countries regulate PAHs far more than the USA. The BACOG Resolution addresses many of these concerns.

**Resolution #16-1, Excluding Purchase and use of Coal Tar and Other High PAH Sealants on Village and Township Properties**

On a motion by Pino and second by Nelson, Resolution #16-01 was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Signatures from each board member were obtained. Agnoletti discussed bringing the Resolution with other governmental districts such as schools, parks, library and fire. She also noted that the Committee had discussed taking BACOG’s education, including the Resolution, to the medical community, PTOs, churches and other community organizations. Parro spoke to his support of taking this action in the community because of its importance and people are not aware. McLaughlin felt the communication technique should be...
informative and the message could be “there is a threat you may not know about”. There was consensus for staff to continue this outreach effort with the Water Resources Committee.

Minutes of November 24, 2015
On a motion by Parro and second by Nelson the minutes of November 24, 2015, were approved by unanimous vote. Darch made a correction to the minutes in the Barrington Presidents report, correcting the road name for the condo project from Wool to Main Street, which was included in the motion.

Treasurer Reports
Agnoletti presented the December treasurer’s report, with no report yet for January due to Rolf’s absence. Nothing unusual was indicated on December’s report. On a motion by Pino and second by Darch, the December treasurer’s report was approved with a unanimous roll call vote.

McLuckie prepared a list of bills to be paid for January in the Treasurer’s absence. On a motion by Pino and second by Nelson, the board approved by roll call vote the list so checks could be written in Rolf’s absence. There was agreement for Agnoletti to be the second signatory on the January checks.

Public Comments
Sam Oliver, Citizens for Conservation, stated that in committee meetings of 220, the building and grounds supervisor had said CUSD 220 does not use pavement sealants at all.

Finance Committee Report
President Nelson stated there was no report this month as the committee has not met.

Policy & Long Range Committee Report
Agnoletti shared the status of the sponsorship program; five sponsors have made contributions totaling $3,500. Agnoletti spoke with these contributors and will make follow up calls with the remaining list as time allows. McLuckie requested contact names for the last few potential sponsors. President Pino informed the board that the Policy Committee will meet soon about sponsorships and factors in the dues so that if there is a revenue shortfall there will be a plan for meeting the gap.

2016 Legislative Platform Approval
A motion to approve the 2016 Legislative Platform was made by Darch and seconded by Nelson. McLaughlin read the introduction of the platform, and the motion was then approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Legislative Committee Report
President Darch reported on the Legislative Breakfast set for February 6. Darch informed the board that there was discussion as to the length of time BACOG would have to present. Darch mentioned the Governor’s upcoming State of the State and shared the best potential dates for BACOG Springfield lobby days of April 5-6. BACOG will also schedule a lobby day during the Illinois Municipal League day on May 4-5.

Emergency Management Report
Agnoletti reported on feedback from the VEOCI training held on January 15, which was all positive. McLaughlin felt it was a great use of technology. Virtual side rooms have been set up for each BACOG government, and authorized administrators which will need to be chosen in order for them to participate in the next training session. The duration of the training for the administrators would be about 2 hours with possible dates of March 21 or 28, or early April. Agnoletti reported that she was contacted by the VEOCI representative who discussed the possibility of fees which could be prohibitive at several hundred dollars per person. Kent McKenzie will do the upcoming training which will be at no charge from Lake County. Pino addressed the audience, explaining that the training being discussed was a virtual disaster room that brings all the emergency management experts together and stated that the training and software were impressive. Agnoletti will follow up to obtain the names of designated administrators from each village and township.
President Darch reported on the planning for the fall tabletop exercise which will have a railroad theme. The planning group met in January and will have a follow up meeting scheduled for February 22, at 2:00 pm. The Emergency Management planning committee (Darch; Dawson; Agnoletti; Barrington Fire Chief Arie; and Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital’s Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Kerry Smith) is hoping to schedule the exercise in an August to October timeframe. Darch listed some of the topics and people that would be included/affected in this disaster and asked for a consensus on going forward as presented. The rest of the event information will be confidential until the event. The board felt that early October would be the best timeframe for this event.

Agnoletti reported on discussions about interest from a community organization regarding creating a regional philanthropic funding mechanism for emergencies. David Waring, of the Barrington Area Rotary, brought the issue forward to Agnoletti and several other individuals and had a meeting on January 13. It was referred to the Healthier Barrington Communities Coalition to discuss at their meeting on January 27 how such an entity could set up and distribute such funds. This idea was well received by the board.

**Water Resources Initiative and Committee Report**

McCombie reported on the progress of the South Barrington well. Drilling cannot be done in extremely cold temperatures or in the rain; the drilling will be done as soon as feasible. Agnoletti stated there was nothing to report on Contracts and Agreements regarding the Monitoring Program due to the well not being completed and equipment not being moved yet.

President McCombie reported that Agnoletti presented the fourth grade video to the Northwest Water Planning Alliance, which was very well received. Agnoletti said she was asked by Engineer Peter Wallers to present the video to the Technical Advisory Committee of the NWPA, which she will schedule.

Agnoletti sought approval on nominating new members to the Water Resource Committee. Two people have been working with the Water Resources Committee for over a year as non-members, David Kaiser, a water specialist from Angel Water Inc. and Matthew Moffitt who is a local resident and engineer at Baxter-Woodman. Agnoletti talked about their contributions to the committee’s work and nominated them to serve on the committee as representatives of private companies. On a motion by Darch and second by Nelson the nominations were unanimously approved.

**Directors Report**

Agnoletti reported that the BACOG office had developed and submitted groundwater information, maps and goals/objectives for groundwater protection for the update of the Lake Barrington Comprehensive Plan; she reminded the board to ask for BACOG input when their village or township plans are being updated.

Agnoletti said she had met with Larry Widmar of Call One and asked if the board would be interested in a “lunch and learn” about enhancements to phone and communications systems. This could result in administrative fees for enhanced services through a BACOG sign-up. Darch said she does not think BACOG should solicit for Call One. McLaughlin feels there is a bit of a fine line. Agnoletti said this is how many Councils of Governments work with Call One and generate revenues for their organizations.

Agnoletti reported that the member dinner should be held annually now that BACOG has sponsors. This was unanimously agreed upon.

Agnoletti also asked the board about BACOG becoming an official member of the Barrington Chamber. Darch feels BACOG should perhaps continue as a non-paying members, as all of the government members of BACOG already pay dues to the Chamber. Agnoletti was asked to discuss this with Suzanne Corr from the Chamber.

**Presidents’ and Supervisors Reports**
Tower Lakes
President Parro reported that Tower Lakes has a new village clerk, Chris Burgeon.

Agnoletti brought up the need for a new Treasurer for BACOG, which is a volunteer position. McLaughlin asked if the position was posted. It was not yet posted, but she said the position would require annual attendance at ten board meetings, four finance committee meetings, coordination of the audit and approximately six hours a month paying bills and keeping the books, for an estimated total of about 100 hours per year and a $300 stipend for travel.

Cuba Township
Supervisor Nelson had no report.

South Barrington
President McCombie had no report.

North Barrington
President Pino reported that North Barrington is involved in litigation with a resident that has an on-going nonconforming use on their property.

Barrington Hills
President McLaughlin stated that Barrington Hills is looking for a new treasurer.

Barrington
President Darch reported on a recent gas leak at a Mobil gas station. The gas was leaking into the ground and was noticed by residents by fumes; there is the possibility of gasoline in the sewer system. The Mobil station has been shut down until the issue is resolved. The Environmental Protection Agency is investigating and the leak was contained quickly.

Planning, zoning and tax-related issues under members’ consideration
There were no reports.

New Business
There was no new business.

Adjournment
On a motion by Parro and second by Nelson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm, with all voting in favor.

Minutes submitted by:
Carol McLuckie, Secretary