Minutes of October 27, 2015
Barrington Area Council of Governments - Executive Board Meeting
Held at the Lake Barrington Village Hall – 7:00 pm

Members Present: Pete Boland (alternate) – North Barrington; Paula McCombie – South Barrington; David Nelson – Cuba Township; Karen Darch – Barrington; Gene Dawson – Barrington Township; Chris Mitchell – Lake Barrington; David Parro – Tower Lakes; Martin McLaughlin – Barrington Hills

Staff Present: Janet Agnoletti – Executive Director; Carol McLuckie – Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary; Carol Rolfs - Treasurer

Others Present: Brian Battle – CUSD 220 School Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman McLaughlin. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance.

Minutes
On a motion by Darch and second by Dawson, the minutes of September 22, 2015 were approved with a unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report
Rolfs indicated that the Village of Deer Park paid their final prorated invoice. Rolfs gave the monthly financial report indicating no unusual activity. The Treasurer’s report was approved on a motion by Nelson, second by Darch and followed with a unanimous roll call vote. A motion to approve the auditor’s report which was included in the packet was made by Nelson, seconded by McCombie, and approved with a unanimous vote. Dawson asked how long BACOG has used these auditors and when was the last time the audit went out for bid. Agnoletti said the firm of Randall Gross and Company has been used for the past 14 years she has been Executive Director, but that different individuals (Randy Gross, Matthew Gross) have performed the audit; she said the audit has been put to bid at least three times that she recalled over the past 10 years with the bids being higher or firms declining to bid. Dawson said BACOG should go out to bid about every five years, although if prices are higher then BACOG should stay with Gross because there is no question about their work. Several members said this is the practice used in their governments. Consensus was to put the audit out for bid next year and for Agnoletti to put this item on the Finance Committee agenda for their next meeting.

Community Reports/Public Comments
Brian Battle reported on school district news including honors and awards, the balloon levy, and Input 220. There are parental requests to opt out of some state testing. Also, a washed out bridge should be replaced by week’s end.

Policy & Long Range Committee
Darch reported on the sponsorship project, that a letter requesting sponsor donations will be ready to share at the next board meeting. Dawson said he had re-thought his position about whether this should be a letter of solicitation or more of a program offering benefits, and he thought that sponsors need to know what they would get in return on their investment. Nelson asked if there was a goal dollar amount to be gained, and the answer was no. He asked that the minimum sponsorship be $1000, not less; Dawson agreed. Agnoletti stated that councils of governments typically offer “programs” where benefits are spelled out and some have documents online stating the benefits sponsors receive. Benefit possibilities discussed were the member dinner, and publicity at all BACOG events. The program should be renewable, not just a letter of solicitation. Mitchell said he agreed with the program concept, that is more what is done in private fund-raising, which is his line of work. Agnoletti will have a draft letter explaining the sponsorship request for the November
meeting. Mitchell said there is a need for permanence in this type of program and value is key; he offered to review the letter. Darch reported that in reference to dues, the demographics, revenues and other factors of members will be reviewed within the committee.

**Legislative Committee**
Dawson reported on the success of the October 6th Legislative Breakfast. There was an audience of 94. The BACOG, Barrington Chamber of Commerce, and CUSD 220 combined event was a good formula. He thanked all that attended and said it will be repeated. LCML breakfast will be February 6 at the Round Lake Beach Civic Center, 8:30 registration and breakfast, and he asked all to please promote this event to their boards.

The legislative platform will be even more streamlined this year. There was agreement to send the draft platform to the Board at the same time as the Legislative Committee, before the November 24th meetings.

**Finance Committee**
Nelson reported that there was nothing to report until the committee meets in 2016.

**Emergency Management**
Executive Director Agnoletti said there was no report.

**Water Resources Initiative and Committee Report**
Agnoletti presented a trend analysis report for BACOG’s private well water testing events, comparing the time period before BACOG started its program and the time period of the Private Well Water Testing Events. The report was based on data supplied by Lake County Health Department, which provides the test kits and tests the water samples for the BACOG events. The average number of BACOG-area households testing private well water with Lake County increased 612%. The BACOG program makes it easier and cheaper for Barrington area participants to test. McLaughlin felt this was a great selling point. Agnoletti pointed out the high “Barrington” numbers in the report, which are not really Village of Barrington residents of other communities and unincorporated areas who self-report “Barrington” because of their zip code. She noted many people from the Village of Deer Park called and emailed BACOG asking to participate in the program; they were told that the village is no longer a member of BACOG, and many of them went to other BACOG member offices and purchased kits. That is why the numbers that will be reported for the October 2015 water event will include some Deer Park residents.

Agnoletti said that the resources used to implement this program include BACOG staff, municipal and township staff, committee volunteers who are relied upon to operate the test events, as well as the partnership with Lake County Health Department. She said very few residents from other communities (Inverness, etc.) try to participate in the BACOG testing events but that it does happen from time to time. In order to fairly implement the program, a draft policy for the Private Well Water Testing Program was presented which says, in summary, that the testing program is for BACOG member community residents only because member dues pay for the costs of the program.

Darch asked about people who request their municipal water be tested; Agnoletti replied that very few such requests occur, and these people are told there is no need to test municipal water. Darch asked that a sentence be added to the policy that says municipal water will not be tested because tax dollars already are used to support this testing at the municipal level; McCombie said she would prefer not to add this because she wants residents to have the assurance that there water is bacteria-free and if the BACOG program can show them this then she is happy to have residents test an extra time. McCombie said she will not oppose this additional policy language but is not a support of adding it. A motion was made by Dawson to approve the policy document as drafted with the addition of a statement that says municipal water will not be tested. This motion was seconded by Mitchell and unanimously approved. Agnoletti will send a letter to members and their staff asking them not to sell kits to non-members; a letter will be sent specifically to Deer Park notifying...
them that BACOG can no longer test water samples from their village residents due to their withdrawal from membership in BACOG.

**Status of Groundwater Monitoring Program Well Construction**
McCombie stated that bids for drilling a new well in South Barrington had come in higher than expected at around $8,000. Darch felt that prevailing wage may be factoring into the bids, which may not have been in the estimates. The well is also deep for the shallow aquifer system, going down about 280 feet below surface.

**Coal Tar Sealant Policy**
Agnoletti included two different formats, a Memorandum of Understanding and a Resolution, in the packet in order to get the boards preference. Richardson had given feedback which was incorporated. The industry is evolving, and new products have recently (about a year ago) come onto the market that are also high in PAHs (steam cracked asphalt, pyrolized fuel oil). For instance Gemstone Black Diamond is being marketed as a green product but has very high PAHs. Al Innis from the Minnesota Pollution Control Board said there are numerical standards that could be used in addition to the CAS# and these descriptors. Agnoletti suggested amending the resolution to include a numerical standard, which she will need to research further. The board consensus was that the Resolution was preferable, and Agnoletti will bring a revised Resolution with the additional numerical standards for the new high PAH products for the November meeting. Agnoletti was thanked for her work on this topic.

**Report on Northwest Water Planning Alliance**
McCombie stated there was no meeting this month.

**Report on Donald P. Klein Award and Member Dinner**
Agnoletti stated that the dinner is this Friday and it will have a Halloween theme. She noted McLuckie’s efforts to put the arrangements together for the dinner. All member communities will be attending.

**Directors Report**
There is no director’s report this month.

**Presidents’ and Supervisors’ Reports**

**Barrington Township**
Dawson mentioned a Chamber event at the Marriot on Thursday from 5-8 called The Taste. Dawson and Darch represent BACOG on LEADS, which is the anti-drug and –alcohol coalition; LEADS is hosting a presentation on teen heroin use on November 3rd, from 7 to 9 at Barrington High School.

**North Barrington**
Boland said there was no report.

**Barrington**
Darch shared that Shoku is open and has received rave reviews. Barrington has approved Groot as their waste hauler, under an 8-year agreement that includes a price reduction, free recycling pick up for the schools, and the addition of a food scrapping with yard waste program.

**Barrington Hills**
McLaughlin reported that the board voted to remove a law that was added for horse boarding, which rescinds actions that were taken during the past eight years. Barrington Hills is working on a regulation that will require neighbors’ approval of home projects.

**Lake Barrington**
Mitchell reported that Lake Barrington had a successful Barn Stomp. The roundabout at River and Robert
Roads is open, and the old Hurd property has been turned into LCFPD trails across from Freier Farm. The new trail does not allow bikes at this point. He said housing is strong in Lake Barrington

South Barrington
McCombie reported on a successful Scarecrow Fest last weekend. She has started a fitness challenge for village staff that is exercise-based and will last six weeks.

Cuba Township
Nelson reported that the Road District has started a similar fitness program for employees.

New Business
No new business

Adjournment
Nelson moved and Mitchell seconded to adjourn at 8:26 pm; all were in favor.

Submitted by:
Carol McLuckie, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary