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

Members Absent: Kevin Richardson - Lake Barrington

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

Others Present: Joe Abbate – South Barrington; Brian Battle - Barrington CUSD 220; Michael Danforth - Lake County Board; Al Stefan - Robinson Engineering

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2017
On a motion by Pino and a second by McLaughlin the minutes of October 24, 2017 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2017
On a motion by Darch and a second by Kainz the Treasurer’s Report for October 2017 was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT
McLeod commented that this year BACOG was subject to an annual financial review rather than an audit. She proceeded to review and summarize the report. On a motion by McLaughlin and a second by Pino the Financial Review Report was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

COMMUNITY REPORTS/PUBLIC COMMENT
Michael Danforth, Lake County Board Member (District 17)
After an introduction by Parro, Danforth thanked the Board for inviting him to the meeting and said he hopes to have the opportunity to meet with each member. He commended the Cuba Township Road District for its response to residents impacted by flooding in Lake County.

He then touched upon five issues: 1.) He was opposed to the county budget passed in November because it increased the property tax levy; 2.) He supports a “tax accountability reference service” which would provide residents with contact information on their tax bill for each entity to which they pay taxes; 3.) He supports the Illinois Route 53 extension and an impact study; 4) He believes the issue of the Route 14 underpass in Barrington must be addressed; and 5.) He supports ensuring that residents have fair and quick access to legal services.

Pino asked for comment on the chicken farm in unincorporated Cuba Township. Danforth replied that even if the facility is legal, it is not “neighborly” and acknowledged there are serious potential issues such as salmonella. Danforth suggested the Illinois Department of Agriculture may want to get involved. McLaughlin suggested that the facility may be illegal under the Illinois Livestock Facilities Management Act.
Brian Battle, Board President, Barrington CUSD 220

Battle reported the approval of a motion for Barrington 220 to intervene on the side of a group of South Barrington residents in lawsuit concerning the Plum Farms development proposed in Hoffman Estates. He also provided a brief update of Blueprint 220.

McLaughlin asked why the Barrington 220 Board may ask for a larger tax levy than it needs. Battle said the district operates under the PTELL tax cap, and new growth is calculated after the levy is set. The common practice is to levy for more because the district does not know what actual revenues will be. He explained that in Cook County in particular, because adjustments may be made for prior years based on actual levies, the increase is not always consistent with the Consumer Price Index. Battle acknowledged McLaughlin’s comment that regular and compounding increases need to be curtailed at some point. McLaughlin said this practice needs to stop because tax bills are so high they force residents to leave the area, and this conversation should occur in all the region’s taxing districts.

Pino asked if the Barrington 220 Board has weighed in on Federal tax reform and pointed out the measure is punitive to residents of high property tax states. Battle answered that the Board had not.

There was no public comment.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Legislative Committee Chairperson Darch stated that there had not been a lot of developments concerning the bills BACOG was following during the General Assembly’s veto session. She reported that the Legislative Committee recommended the proposed 2018 Legislative Platform and that members’ boards should review it before the BACOG Board’s vote in January.

Darch outlined upcoming events including an October 3, 2018 legislative breakfast co-hosted with Barrington CUSD220 and the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce, the possibility of holding an informal legislative event in the summer, and the Lobby Day Event on April 24-26. Agnoletti will move the Board’s April meeting so that it does not conflict with the event. [To reserve a hotel room from BACOG’s reserved block of rooms, see here].

On a motion by McLaughlin and a second by Darch the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommended 2018 Legislative Platform for referral for consideration by member boards. The Board will vote to approve the 2018 Platform at the January 23rd meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report.

POLICY AND LONG-RANGE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report.

WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Agnoletti announced that there was significant growth in the number of new testers participating in the Level 1 water testing event in October and she commended the Lake County Health Department for its collaboration.
She listed three potential areas of focus for 2018 identified by the Water Committee and asked for feedback from the Board: 1.) Proper disposal of pharmaceuticals; 2.) Reduction of the use of salt and chloride; and 3.) Education on automatic sprinkler systems. Kainz, Darch, Nykaza, Parro and McLaughlin stated their highest priority was reduction of use of salt and chlorides, including in large parking lots and in water softeners, and lowering public expectations for “black pavement”. Darch and McCombie said the pharmaceutical topic could be implemented as a reminder through members’ media rather than a new program. Other board members concurred with these priorities for the committee’s work in 2018.

McCombie reported that at its recent meeting, the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) discussed naturally occurring oils emerging as water levels drop and liability issues associated with the use of chlorides. The group also discussed aquifers beginning to run dry in areas such as Golden Valley, Minnesota, which addresses groundwater in its comprehensive plan.

Pino inquired whether groundwater levels are dropping in the BACOG area, and McCombie answered that while they are not in this area, they are in McHenry County. Agnoletti answered that deep aquifers throughout northern Illinois are currently being mined and the state projects that shallow aquifer water levels will fall in the next few decades.

McCombie, delivering a report from the NWPA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on behalf of Natalie Karney, stated the publication “Drinking Water 1-2-3” will be available in January. She continued that the Environmental Protection Agency is studying the use of chlorine and stated that councils of governments may want to get involved. Agnoletti said she schedule a presentation of Drinking Water 1-2-3 for the February BACOG board meeting.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**
Agnoletti reported that the next exercise will take place on January 31st, 2018, from 8:00am-12:00pm at the Barrington Public Safety Building and urged members to invite local officials from their village or township.

**PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL INSURANCE**
Agnoletti reported on the rate quotes she received for the purchase of additional insurance to ensure BACOG staff and volunteers are adequately covered. Her review is nearly complete. She asked the board, that if the purchase decision is ready soon, for authorization to act prior to the January meeting. On a motion by McLaughlin and a second by Darch the Board unanimously voted to authorize the purchase of additional insurance not to exceed $2,000 with confirmation at the January 2018 meeting. Pino will review the insurance policies prior to purchase.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Agnoletti stated she will send out information shortly about BACOG’s annual dinner in October 2018 so that members and officials can save the date. She reported that the BACOG office sent out approximately 70 letters to area businesses seeking their support as sponsors in 2018. She gave an update on her discussions with a neighboring village concerning BACOG membership.

Agnoletti provided an update of the Barrington Hurricane Relief Effort, reporting that approximately $63,000 was raised and 20 volunteers traveled to the Houston area and worked with four families to repair
their homes. Concluding her report, Agnoletti said that BACOG hoped to bring before the Board in January a resolution honoring Bob Kosin as he retires from Barrington Hills at the end of December.

**PRESIDENTS’ AND SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS**

**North Barrington**
Pino reported that the annexation case the Village is participating in is proceeding but that it is unclear how this may impact the chicken farm in unincorporated Cuba Township. He also stated that the effort to address drainage issues on an area of Route 59 continues to move forward.

**Barrington Hills**
McLaughlin reported on the first phase of an engineering study to examine the widening of Route 62. He reviewed several other developments including that the Village Hall sign will be replaced and that the Village is considering the use of digital cameras at entrances into the Village. He also reported that the Village levy was reduced and cash reserves are rising.

**South Barrington**
McCombie provided an update on the litigation concerning the Plum Farms development. She reported that the Village is examining the use of AmeriCorps volunteers for community projects.

**Barrington**
Darch reported on the upcoming holiday tree lighting ceremony and an event to raise a flag to kick off Illinois’ bicentennial year.

**Cuba Township**
Kainz reported that four out of five agreements for snow plowing of local municipalizes which were in effect last winter have been renewed. He also announced that the Township will no longer offer electronics recycling.

**Tower Lakes**
Parro had no report.

**Barrington Township**
Nykaza reported that discussions were taking place with Cook County to receive assistance for victims of flooding in the unincorporated area adjacent to Barrington.

**ADJOURNMENT**
On a motion by Darch and a second by Kainz the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:40 pm.

_Respectfully submitted by:

Jenny Zales_