Minutes of February 23, 2016
Barrington Area Council of Governments – Executive Board Meeting
Held at the Barrington Township Office – 7:00pm

Members Present: Chris Mitchell (Alternate) - Lake Barrington; Michelle Maison (Alternate) – Barrington Hills; David Parro - Tower Lake; Gene Dawson – Barrington Township, Paula McCombie – South Barrington; David Nelson – Cuba Township; Al Pino - North Barrington

Others Present: P. Denise Israel – Resident; Andrew Wilson – Angel Water Inc.; David Schmidt – Village of Barrington, Public Works

Not Present: Karen Darch - Barrington

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Vice-chairman Pino, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance with all members present except Barrington.

Minutes
The minutes of the January 26, 2016, meeting were approved on a motion by McCombie and a second by Parro with a unanimous vote, with Barrington Hills abstaining.

Treasurer’s Report
Rolfs reported on the balance with no unusual activity. The Treasurer’s report was approved on a motion by Nelson, second by Parro, and followed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment
P. Denise Israel promoted the upcoming recycling drive that will be held at Countryside School in conjunction with earth week on April 16th; companies are lined up and ready to repurpose all of the products collected; a digital copy of the event was included in the packet. She said Groot and Waste Management will not take signs curbside. Israel also asked members about her request to each village and township to set up a collection spot for used election signs. Cuba Township put a staff person in charge of this, and Barrington Hills already has a collection spot identified.

Andrew Wilson from Angel Water was introduced by Agnoletti as the owner of Angel Water. The Board thanked him for Angel Water joining the BACOG sponsorship program.

NWPA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
A presentation was given by David Schmidt, Assistant Director-Barrington Public Works, and Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) TAC Representative. Schmidt is working on water loss accounting updates with the EPA and the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS), and the State hopes to get wells in additional locations in other counties, which he said is similar to BACOG’s groundwater sustainability measurement effort. Schmidt said a draft of a lawn seed/sod brochure will come out from NWPA in the next few months. He stated that watering ordinances have not been adopted by all the towns and it is hoped more will do it. He commented on the fact that water levels have risen in the Village of Barrington’s wells over the last few years, which may be due to the watering ordinance implementation, water use has gone down, and also there is more use of Lake Michigan water in nearby communities. He said the TAC is reviewing the plan and mission statement for the
NWPA, and doing strategic planning in the next six months. Wilson in the audience commented that people in the region do not know that municipal-supplied water is from the same source (shallow aquifers) as private well water, and that education is very important.

Finance Committee
Nelson reported that the committee discussed how staff will obtain bids for the annual audit, the gap in revenues versus expenses, and long-term groundwater monitoring program costs. Dawson said he supports getting bids on the audit.

Policy and Long Range Committee
March 2nd and March 16th were discussed as possible dates for a Policy & Long Range Committee meeting to continue the discussion on sponsorship revenues and dues background information. It was determined to tentatively set the meeting for March 16, 7:00 pm.

Sponsorship
Agnoletti gave an update on the sponsorship program. Agnoletti has called current sponsors to thank them and discuss their involvement with BACOG. She is looking for opportunities to include sponsors in BACOG events such as the annual dinner.

Legislative Committee
Dawson reported that the breakfast with Lake County Municipal League (LCML) went well and that McLaughlin gave a successful presentation. The BACOG lobby trip will offer an option this year to go for one day or two days. A bus has been reserved by Township Officials of Illinois (TOI), and it leaves on April 6th and returns the same evening. Dawson passed out a form to be submitted to him for the bus which includes lunch, the bus ride, and the evening reception with legislators at a cost of $115. Any members that plan to use this resource should let Dawson know. Agnoletti will send a digital copy of the forms tomorrow. The two-day option will leave from Barrington and carpool and will stay overnight; BACOG has a block of rooms for officials.

Agnoletti added that the platforms were printed just in time for the breakfast and copies will be distributed for members to share with their boards and staff.

Dawson passed out a list of bills that he is concerned about; these have to do with the consolidation of townships and township assets. None of these bills have been assigned to committees yet. Pino noted that many of the legislators sponsoring or co-sponsoring these bills are BACOG area legislators. Agnoletti reported on two bills introduced at the end of January that would give the Governor and Executive Branch emergency powers to make cuts and sweep funds (“Unbalanced Budget Response Act”), which are HB 4521 and SB2338. BACOG would oppose these bills due to the potential delay in distributions or taking of local funds.

Agnoletti stated that the House will be meeting only the first three days in March. The Senate will meet the first three weeks of March. Both houses reconvene the first week in April. 2,500 bills were introduced in January, less than normal. She said it is believed that action votes on these bills will have more to do with election campaigns than substantive progress on important legislation. The Illinois Municipal League (IML) reported that the Governor has given assurance that he would not cut the local share of LGDF in his proposed budget, though the Governor did not mention this in his budget address. Governor Rauner proposed working with the General Assembly on a combination of cuts and increased revenues or have the GA give him the authority to create a balanced budget. Illinois unpaid bills will increase from seven billion to ten billion by the end of the 2016FY if action is not taken, per Comptroller Leslie Munger.
Emergency Management Report
Agnoletti is trying to reach Kent McKenzie at Lake County to schedule the next VEOCI training. She has received an “authorized administrators” list from all the members. She will send out a notice as soon as she hears from McKenzie.

The Emergency Management Tabletop Exercise will be held at the Barrington Public Works Facility on Friday, October 14th from 8:00 am till noon. Kerry Smith, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator from Advocate Good Shephard Hospital, will produce the training manual and lead the exercise that concerns a train derailment.

Dawson left the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Water Resources Initiative Committee
A subcommittee was formed to address outreach to other entities regarding the pavement sealant effort. The subcommittee is working on creating a sticker and accompanying fact sheet materials which will link to the BACOG website where the entirety of the sealant information will be located in a one area of the site.

The Water Resources Committee discussed adding a lead test option to BACOG’s yearly testing event. Older homes in the area may have lead in their wells or plumbing systems. There was discussion on the best way to handle lead testing. Agnoletti said it is not her intention for the BACOG office and member staff to take on this additional function and sell kits and so forth. If testing options are provided to residents however it is important to address how follow up would be handled, who would help determine the source of lead if the test is positive, and how to remediate it. She is in continuing discussions with Lake County and the Illinois State Water Survey. She said the BACOG Level II testing is for natural water quality, there is not lead in the natural groundwater, and therefore this test does not include lead testing.

Andrew Wilson commented that Angel Water has definitely found lead in BACOG area water. Lead can be introduced when water mains are changed, or when water sits for long periods in plumbing or in galvanized tanks, and residents should be made aware of this.

Agnoletti shared information from a conversation with Walt Kelly, ISWS groundwater section head. Kelly wants to study the possible presence of lead in domestic wells in several areas of the state and would be interested in including the BACOG area. He is pursuing funding to do such a study.

The BACOG Groundwater Elementary School Video will be presented at the next board meeting on March 29th and at the NWPA TAC April 26th meeting.

Northwest Water Planning Alliance
McCombie stated there was no report as the NWPA had not met since the last Board meeting.

Directors Report
Agnoletti said she sent the joint resolution on coal tar and other high PAH sealants to other environmental organizations, community organizations, the press and others. Representative Laura Fine from Glenview called to compliment BACOG for taking this progressive action; she sponsored a bill over the last two years to ban such sealants statewide. BACOG is working on a press release about the resolution and public education is being planned by the new subcommittee on high PAH sealants. The Legislative Breakfast was a success with 150 people in the audience and eleven legislators attending; this is also being followed up with a press release.
President and Supervisors Reports

Lake Barrington
Mitchell said Lake Barrington is working on an ice hockey rink and trying to keep it continually frozen. Pepper Park Coffee has added After Hours, a wine and tapas setting in the evening, which will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Knights of Columbus hall will be demolished; the school district is taking it down over concerns of safety and liability and the village wants to put it into a passive recreation use for now.

Barrington Hills
Trustee Maison had no report.

Tower Lakes
Parro stated that 2016 is the 50th anniversary of Tower Lakes; it is actually 92 years old, but 50 as a village. A grand social event is planned for Labor Day weekend in September.

South Barrington
McCombie stated that South Barrington has redone their ordinance on sealants in order to include high PAH sealants in response to the BACOG research and the Joint Resolution. South Barrington has also increased fines to those that do not comply with the ordinance. She will send a copy of the new ordinance to Agnoletti to share with members.

Cuba Township
Cuba has a new employee, Jennifer Kainz, who will manage the food pantry. Mitchell commended Cuba Township for keeping road conditions good during the winter snow season.

North Barrington
Pino said North Barrington settled the litigation with the resident who has held train events at her house without the appropriate zoning on her property for a commercial purpose. The settlement allows her to have eleven events a year for five years and then there will be a permanent injunction. The road improvements at the intersection of Route 22 and Old Barrington Road are still underway. In response to a question, he said the Environmental Commission continues to consider a coal tar and high PAH sealant ban.

Tower Lakes
Parro reported that the Tower Lakes Improvement Association passed a resolution opposing coal tar sealants identical to the BACOG resolution.

Adjournment
On a motion by Nelson and second by Parro, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. All were in favor.

Submitted by:
Carol McLuckie, Secretary