MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Held at the Tower Lakes Village Hall
February 27, 2018

Members Present: Bryan Croll - Barrington Hills (alternate); Karen Darch - Barrington; Mike Kainz – Barrington Township; Paula McCombie - South Barrington; Chris Mitchell- Lake Barrington (alternate); Amy Nykaza - Barrington Township; Al Pino - North Barrington

Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Brian Battle – CUSD 220; Dan Fitzgerald – Barrington Township Trustee and Candidate for Cook County Judge; Danielle Gallett – Metropolitan Planning Council; Patty Barten – Citizens for Conservation; Kathleen Leitner – Tower Lakes Resident and CFC; Eleanor Sweet McDonnell- Candidate for Lake County Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parro at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance.

COMMUNITY REPORTS/PUBLIC COMMENT
Brian Battle – CUSD 220
Battle reported that the CUSD 220 Board is prioritizing areas identified in the Blueprint 220 effort and is seeking a community dialogue about next steps.

Concerning school safety, he noted that all schools in the district regularly hold emergency drills, including the scenario of a live shooter. He mentioned that Barrington High School students may hold a school walkout on March 14th for 17 minutes to honor the 17 students who died at the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. He added that local governments may want to consider entering into “information sharing” agreements with CUSD 220 to facilitate communications, such as during an emergency.

Croll entered the meeting at 7:12pm.

Asked by Pino about how teachers in his district feel about allowing teachers to be armed in school, Battle responded that he believes most teachers support alternatives they can practice during drills. Pino offered Battle any support the district may need in keeping schools safe.

Dan Fitzgerald – Candidate for Cook County Judge
Fitzgerald expressed his appreciation of local governments and an understanding of the challenges local governments face. He commented that he has lived in the area all of his life and that BACOG is a great organization.
**Eleanor Sweet McDonnell- Candidate for Lake County Board**

Sweet McDonnell, a resident of North Barrington, thanked BACOG for the opportunity to address the Board and outlined her 24 years of experience in civic and community service, including her efforts in Relay for Life.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Danielle Gallett – Metropolitan Planning Council**

Gallet presented the Council’s new publication *Water 1-2-3: A Guidebook for Local Officials and Community Leaders* and outlined the main sections of the book. She noted that the book features twelve case studies, with two written about BACOG.

**RESOLUTION #18-03 ENDORSING THE BARRINGTON REGIONAL GREENWAY INITIATIVE**

On a motion by McCombie and a second by Kainz Resolution #18-03 was unanimously approved. Barten, representing Citizens for Conservation, thanked the board for their support and provided a brief update on the initiative, noting more land was recently acquired in Lake Barrington near IL Route 14.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2018**

On a motion by Pino and a second by Darch the minutes of January 23, 2018 were unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

On a motion by Darch and a second by Nykaza the Treasurer’s Report for February 2018 was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

**FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

In Chairman McLaughlin’s absence, Agnoletti reported that the committee reviewed expenditures and encumbrances in the current year and would be drafting BACOG’s fiscal year 2018-19 budget for the March meeting. The goal is for the final budget to be approved in May.

**POLICY AND LONG-RANGE COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was nothing to report.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Agnoletti reported that participant evaluations from the January 31st table top exercise were overall very positive and also indicated an interest in further examining how CUSD 220 could be involved in an emergency response in a disaster that knocks out all communications, for example by using walkie talkies radios on school buses at strategic intersections. The Board’s consensus was to pursue this idea with CUSD 220 and the school bus transportation company.

Darch suggested that next year village police and fire should be assigned to the same group in the Advocate GSH feedback report because they are organized to work as a single unit.
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Chairperson Darch, explained that many bills are not expected to progress in the Illinois General Assembly and highlighted a number of bills of particular interest to BACOG. BACOG is tracking all of these bills. Darch reported on a case filed by a Lincolnshire resident opposed to public funds being used to support the activities of the Illinois Municipal League (IML), arguing Lincolnshire’s membership in the IML violates his First Amendment right to free speech. The argument is similar to the plaintiff’s argument in a case before the United States Supreme Court, Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

She reminded members that the Springfield Drive Down will take place from April 24-26, and that BACOG has reserved a block of rooms for the event.

WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORT
Agnoletti reported that the Water Resources Committee is focusing on the issue of salting and chlorides in groundwater. Specifically, the committee will focus on public expectations for black pavement (free of any snow or ice) and what other states are doing. The committee and staff will also investigate federal and health standards for chlorides regarding water quality. She reported that she will represent BACOG on the Sensible Salting Committee of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance’s Technical Advisory Committee.

She noted that BACOG had recently updated information about proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals, including an updated map of drop off locations, for use in outreach to residents.

DOG PARK PROPOSAL
Agnoletti reported that she had submitted a letter of support to the Lake County Forest Preserve District board members and director, and she received a reply from Executive Director Ty Kovach. He said Cuba Marsh is a registered Land and Water Reserve and not just a land holding of the district, and as such it may not be altered from its condition as of January 2011 and cannot accept structures needed for a dog park. He offered 10 hours of staff assistance with development of a dog park facility on a non-district site.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Agnoletti outlined some highlights of the past month in addition to the activity reported on the agenda, including the “Stewards of the Year” award received by the Flint Creek/Spring Creek Watershed Partnership from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. She reported the she has begun drafting a proposed fiscal year 2018-2019 budget and purchased the Directors and Officers insurance. Deer Park had requested information about BACOG dues. She had talked with Lake County Commissioners Taylor and Danforth about the proposal for a dog park and the letter she had written in support. She had researched and prepared a memo to President Pino and the North Barrington Board about the potential for ground- and surface water contamination from the chicken farm. She also reported that two new sponsorships were received from Barrington Bank & Trust and Trotter & Associates at $500 each.
Agnoletti reminded members that the April board was rescheduled to Tuesday, April 17, in order to accommodate the Springfield drive-down; she just received notice that the first meeting of the Illinois State Water Survey’s Advisory Board, of which she is a member, will meet that day, and she may be late to the committee and board meetings on that date. The start time will be moved slightly later.

**PRESIDENTS’ AND SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS**

**Cuba Township**
There was nothing to report.

**Lake Barrington**
Mitchell announced the appointment Susie Perkins to trustee. He also reported that Lake Barrington is planning to issue a Request for Proposals for waste disposal and he asked members for their feedback on certain companies, which was provided.

**Barrington Hills**
There was nothing to report.

**Barrington**
Darch announced that the village had approved an [intergovernmental agreement](#) with the Barrington Area Library to begin the re-routing of Lake Zurich Road at IL Route 14. Darch expressed hope that the project will be approved by the library’s board and asked members to express their support for the project to the library’s board. Agnoletti will send information to members to use in their letters to the library.

**Barrington Township**
Nykaza noted that the first installment of taxes is due on March 1.

**South Barrington**
There was nothing to report.

**North Barrington**
Pino reported that the village is seeking a new treasurer.

He provided an update about the chicken farm and reported that the facility had applied for, but was denied, a permit from the Department of Agriculture. The proposed number of chickens has been reduced to 7,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**
On a motion by Pino and a second by Mitchell the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:52pm.

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Jenny Zales*