Minutes of March 29, 2016
Barrington Area Council of Governments – Executive Board Meeting
Held at the Barrington Village Hall – 7:00 pm

Members Present: Gene Dawson, Barrington Township; Paula McCombie, South Barrington; David Nelson, Cuba Township; Al Pino, North Barrington; Michelle Maison (Alternate), Barrington Hills; Karen Darch, Barrington

Not Present: Kevin Richardson, Lake Barrington; David Parro, Tower Lakes

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

Others Present: Carol Rolfs, Jack Schaefer

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by President Pino, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance with all members present except Lake Barrington and Tower Lakes.

Minutes
The minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Dawson and a second by Nelson, followed by a unanimous vote. Darch made a correction to the location of the fall Emergency Management Tabletop Exercise from the Barrington Public Works Facility to the training room at the Barrington Public Safety Building. Previous motion was rescinded. Pino made a motion as amended with a second by Nelson. All were in favor.

Treasurer’s Report
Rolfs reported on the balance of $126,000 with 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.

Public Comment
Jack Schaefer from Barrington Area Development Council (BADC), formed to address the issue of urban sprawl, reported on the BADC Leadership Academy. This annual event is to help newer younger leaders learn from accomplished leaders and will be held April 23rd. Schaefer asked the board to encourage newly elected or appointed officials to attend and asked each member to designate a representative to support this event.

Presentation: BACOG Elementary School Groundwater Video and Program
McCombie and Darch introduced the BACOG-produced elementary school video. The video has been well received as being a wonderful and useful tool to explain something that is taken for granted. Agnoletti described the follow up components to the video, which include a Skype session with a Scientist. Agnoletti arranged the Skype with contacts at the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) and Geological Survey (ISGS). She commended the video subcommittee of the Water Resources Committee for the work they provided.

Finance Committee Report
Supervisor Nelson reported on the status of obtaining audit bids. BACOG has received two responses, neither of which quoted, as the job was too small. BACOG is still waiting for a response from a couple other requests.

The treasurer recruitment process has been difficult. Many potential candidates have been contacted with no luck. Rolfs interjected that the position requires about 3 hours a month. BACOG will keep looking.
The draft budget has been presented, with $3,500 in cuts. The committee is looking at assessment options, considering several prior to presenting it to the board. He said the new sponsors will be invited to the annual dinner but will not be offered any additional sponsorship opportunities.

**Policy and Long Range Committee Report**

Committee Chair Pino reported that data on population, EAV, taxes, etc was well-presented and reviewed at the last meeting. The committee is only looking at the data and not proposing a particular use of it.

**Legislative Committee Report**

Committee Chair Dawson reported on lobby day plans. Sixteen people from BACOG are signed up to attend the April 6-7th event. Appointments with legislators and a meeting with the Governor are set up. Agnoletti will be sending an itinerary soon. He encouraged members to consider going.

Bills of interest include local revenues, labor, home rule and consolidation issues. A state budget is also a priority. BACOG will be teaming up with Township Officials of Illinois (TOI), participating in their luncheon and reception at the library.

**Emergency Management Report**

Agnoletti reported on the upcoming training sessions. VEOCI Training for Authorized Administrators will be held on April 13. The tabletop exercise will be October 14; plans are being developed with a small group from BACOG and Good Shepherd Hospital.

**Water Resources**

McCombie reported that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) met on March 10. A survey, which was sent out by their technical advisory committee, is being reviewed. The state financial situation may affect funding for the ISWS and ISGS. May 12 is the NWPA “Water Supply Forum,” an all day program about water management in the region. The keynote speaker is from the Nevada Water Authority, Pat Mulroy, and will talk about water conflicts in the west and possible applications to Illinois.

**Directors Report**

Agnoletti reported on an event of the Governor’s Office. The Governor’s staff is asking BACOG officials to participate in and share their expertise with the Smart City, Smart States breakout sessions on April 25-26 at UI Labs. She has distributed the invitation and registration information. A white paper will be sent out tomorrow. Agnoletti is looking for feedback by the end of the week.

A 30 minute meeting is scheduled with the Governor on the April 6. Agnoletti will compile talking points including pensions, budget, and groundwater for the meeting. A meeting is also scheduled with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and she developed an agenda from member input for that meeting. The next lobby day is May 4-5 which will be in conjunction with Illinois Municipal League (IML). There is an IML legislative briefing and evening reception which require registration.

The elementary school video continues to be well received and staff are looking into opportunities for recognition. Agnoletti reported that she continues to plan for the fall private well water testing event with a focus on lead in drinking water; she is working with Lake County Health Department and the ISWS. There have been calls from residents about lead.
Agnoletti has resumed her efforts to develop a status report on the groundwater monitoring program that would include facts about the program and data collected to date; there will be no interpretation of trends in this report.

President and Supervisor’s Reports

Barrington Township
Dawson requested cell phone numbers for those going to lobby day. The township is going through assessments and appeals.

Barrington Hills
No report

Tower Lakes
No report

Barrington
Darch reported that Trustee Jeff Anderson’s father, Corliss Anderson Jr, passed away.

North Barrington
Pino reported on the continuation of work with IDOT for the traffic light at Route 22 and Old Barrington Road. North Barrington has concluded litigation with a resident over commercial events held at their home. The conforming use will be terminated after five years.

South Barrington
The new budget is underway, and approval is anticipated for April. South Barrington bid their road program, and prices came in very low, enabling the village to do more work.

Cuba
Cuba Township is negotiating its mosquito abatement program and offered that any community not using Clarke Mosquito might find a cost savings in joining the BACOG communities with an agreement with Clarke.

Adjournment
On a motion by Dawson and second by Nelson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. All voted in favor.

Submitted by:
Carol McLuckie, Secretary