MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Held at the South Barrington Village Hall
April 17, 2018

Members Present: Martin McLaughlin - Barrington Hills; Karen Darch - Barrington; Mike Kainz – Cuba Township; Paula McCombie - South Barrington; Al Pino - North Barrington

Members Absent: David Parro – Tower Lakes; Kevin Richardson - Lake Barrington; Amy Nykaza - Barrington Township

Staff Present: Janet Agnoletti - Executive Director

Others Present: none

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by President McCombie in the Chairman’s absence at 7:12 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance.

TREASURER’S REPORT
On a motion by McLaughlin and second by Darch, the Treasurer’s Report for April 2018 was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2018
On a motion by Darch and second by Kainz, the minutes of March 20, 2018, were unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY REPORTS/PUBLIC COMMENT
There were no reports or public comments.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Darch reported on several bills. She noted that the pension consolidation bills are pending in committee and the Illinois Municipal League submitted a resolution calling for a study on the consolidation from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA). She also said the Governor signed the small cell wireless bill, SB1451, into law. Agnoletti said this had been discussed on the COG conference call the day before, and the Illinois Municipal League is updating the template ordinance for local adoption that addresses the changes made in the law; members should receive materials from IML soon. Darch noted that IML director Cole thinks Local Government Distributive Fund moneys to local governments will not be reduced in the upcoming proposed budget, and she reviewed several other bills.

Agnoletti reviewed the meetings with Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and legislators scheduled for BACOG’s lobby day on April 25. McCombie reported she had just received notice that she could not register for the IML legislative briefing due to the long waiting list, and members discussed their current ability to attend the lobby day.
Agnoletti also noted the office is tracking 100 bills and has submitted 38 witness slips since session began in January, which is a record number in part due to Zales’ improved bill tracking and diligence in following bill status.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
McLaughlin reported the committee meeting scheduled for today had been cancelled and the budget would be finalized for recommendation to the Board at committee on May 22\textsuperscript{nd}.

POLICY AND LONG-RANG COMMITTEE
There was no report.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Agnoletti reported on her attendance at the Advisory Board meeting of the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS), which had taken place that day in Champaign. She said there were five presentations in addition to remarks by the Prairie Research Institute Director and ISWS Director. Topics presented included climate impacts on renewable energy, atmospheric science, nutrient and sediment transport in watersheds, surface water quality and monitoring, water supply planning and modeling, hazard assessment and mapping, stormwater, and health and environmental applications. The advisory board members participated in discussion on potential strategies and needs following the presentations. Agnoletti said she gave numerous comments and suggestions during the discussions.

Darch asked about the statewide groundwater model that has been prepared by ISWS and how BACOG’s monitoring and study efforts will fit into this and asked if there is a need to continue the work being done by BACOG in the future. Agnoletti responded that the statewide model had been presented as still under development, and its usefulness is dependent on the continuing collection and input of data. The BACOG model that was finished about 10 years ago is not nearly as sophisticated as the new ISWS model, but that model and any analysis of our area is still dependent on robust data for our area; the state would not do any analysis of the BACOG area unless they were retained under contract. Whichever party conducts the 2019 BACOG water levels analysis will rely on the data the BACOG program is collecting. In response to a comment from Darch about steps after data collection, Agnoletti said she stressed to the advisory group that “water supply planning” includes not just modeling but also identifying causes and options to address any groundwater problems uncovered in the data, such as dropping water levels.

There were no reports from the Water Resources Committee or the Northwest Water Planning Alliance as there had been no meetings.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT
There was a meeting April 5\textsuperscript{th} among BACOG officials, police and fire and school district 220 and Barrington Transportation Company. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the suggestion arising from the January 31\textsuperscript{st} tabletop exercise to equip school buses with radios as an alternative communication method in a disaster. The group vetted the idea and there was consensus to proceed with this planning, intended to enhance local Emergency Operations Plans.
The next meeting about these “mobile communications hubs” is set for June 5 at 10:00 am at the CUSD220 administrative office. BACOG has prepared a large map of potential locations for the hubs that will be the subject of the meeting.

COMMERCIAL FARMING ENTERPRISES IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS
Pino said that he was not free to discuss this topic due to a variance request pending before his board and he expected to bring it back to the Board at a future meeting. Agnoletti said she had contacted a law firm to present on the topic, with Pino’s agreement, but they also said the BACOG discussion should be delayed. In the meantime, documents such as the brochures included in the packet may be forwarded to the Board as background information. McLaughlin mentioned the state law passed last year regarding agricultural uses.

SCHOOL SECURITY
Pino reported he has not had a chance to pursue this topic, and discussion followed on gun control, guns in the schools, the lack of authority in local government to regulate, and BACOG possibly taking a stance on these issues.

Agnoletti reported she had spoken to 220 Board President Battle and he and Superintendent Harris are available to attend a meeting with the Board at the May or June meetings. She will also invite all the police chiefs and the sheriff representative for North Barrington. The topic will include existing plans and security measures in the schools. There was consensus among those present to consider taking a supportive position on school security.

A closed session will be scheduled for an hour before the selected Board meeting on security.

LEGAL ACTION REGARDING PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT IN LAKE COUNTY
Kainz reviewed the lawsuit filed by eight township tax assessors/associations. Their position is that the county assessor has revised property tax assessments without taking township assessment data into account, making the assessments less accurate. This also puts more tax burden on local governments and benefits the county. Eight of 18 townships in Lake County have joined the lawsuit. Kainz will update the Board as the suit progresses.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Agnoletti reported her time was mostly spent preparing for BACOG’s lobby day, recruiting and interviewing for a new staff person, and writing her annual report. She said Jennifer Shimp was hired last week for the position of Program Coordinator/Administrative Assistant.

Agnoletti noted the large amount of time needed to prepare the detailed annual report and asked the Board if they would be satisfied with a summary in future years; the response was to change the format to a shorter narrative.

MEMBER REPORTS
Pino reported for North Barrington that he has had trouble finding volunteers to serve on commissions and committees. He had wanted to consolidate several of the village commissions
with similar purviews but decided not to pursue it due to pushback. Others reported that they had consolidated commissions in their own villages.

He reported the village budget will save ~$100,000 over the previous year. The village revenue has increased from sales tax and discussed where it might be coming from, such as internet sales tax and Amazon.

Kainz reported for Cuba Township that their road department had done more snow plowing in the past week, including on Route 14 where it was iced over.

McCombie reported for South Barrington that the lawsuit with Hoffman Estates over the Plum Farms development was still not decided. April 30 is the re-scheduled date for hearing at the Daley Center. The village just started working on the police union contract.

Darch reported for Barrington on the village’s support for the realignment of Lake Zurich Road at Route 14. The project requires an IGA with the Barrington Area Library Board, which will decide whether to sign it at their meeting on April 23 at 6:00 pm at the library. Darch distributed materials about the history and need for the realignment and asked members to go and state their support.

McLaughlin reported for Barrington Hills that the village completed a 5-year contract with the police department. Trees are being cut down for the Longmeadow Parkway project, and residents are concerned they are not receiving a fair value for the properties that are being acquired by IDOT. He attended a meeting with Cook County Board President Preckwinkle in the suburbs where transportation projects were most discussed by attendees. He is asking for aesthetic and landscape improvements for the Longmeadow/Algonquin Road project.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION
Darch moved and McLaughlin seconded to go into closed session for the purpose of considering closed session minutes and disposition of closed session recordings and for the purpose of considering employee performance. All voted in favor on a roll call vote. The open session recessed at 8:35 pm.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION
On a motion by Darch and second by McLaughlin and all voting aye, the open meeting reconvened at 8:45 pm.

The Board requested to put approval of closed session minutes and disposition of recordings on the regular agenda for the May meeting.

On a motion by McLaughlin and second by Darch, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Submitted by:
Janet Agnoletti, Executive Director