MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Held in the Barrington Village Hall
April 25, 2017

Members Present: Bryan Croll - Barrington Hills (alternate); Jim Daluga - Barrington (alternate); Paula McCombie - South Barrington; David Nelson - Cuba Township; Amy Nykaza - Barrington Township; David Parro - Tower Lakes; Al Pino - North Barrington; Kevin Richardson - Lake Barrington

Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Hugh Brady – National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; Lydia Scott – Morton Arboretum; Al Stefan - Robinson Engineering

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pino at 7:02 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance with all members present.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2017
On a motion by McCombie and a second by Parro, the minutes of March 21, 2017 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR MARCH 2017
On a motion by Parro and a second by McCombie, the Treasurer’s Reports for April 2017 were unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

COMMUNITY REPORTS / PUBLIC COMMENT
Hugh Brady-National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
After thanking the Board for its time, Brady explained that the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is a grassroots mental health organization which provides support to individuals suffering from mental illness, as well as to their families and other caregivers. Locally, NAMI services include weekly and semi-weekly support groups and a 12-week “Family-to-Family” class.

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION
Lydia Scott – Morton Arboretum: Chicago Regional Tree Initiative
Scott reported that a primary goal of the Chicago Regional Tree Initiative is to promote a healthier and more diverse urban forest in the Chicago area and added that studies indicate trees improve property values by 3 to 10 percent. With over 280 community-specific summaries of canopy cover and other imagery, she pointed out that the Initiative is a valuable resource for local governments to better understand the trees in their communities and how to implement goals and policies going forward. She provided copies of several BACOG community reports and will forward the rest when they are completed. She said she is working with Lake Cook Counties to set stakeholder meetings and BACOG members will be invited.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Pino, on behalf of Chairman McLaughlin, reported that the Finance Committee approved a recommendation to the Board to allow for an annual review for BACOG rather than an audit. Concerning the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) groundwater monitoring contacts, he noted the committee
recommended BACOG request a series of one-year renewable contracts covering a three year period.

Concerning the proposed FY 17-18 budget and dues, Agnoletti explained that BACOG’s revenue gap is covered by cash reserves and sponsorships. She reported that the finance committee discussed the possibility of requiring a cash reserve amount of $60,000 or 30 percent of the budget – whichever is greater. On a motion by Daluga and a second by Croll, the recommendation to allow an annual review in lieu of an audit, and to refer this matter to the Bylaws Committee for a revision of the bylaws, was unanimously approved.

POLICY AND LONG RANGE COMMITTEE REPORT
Chairwoman McCombie reported that the committee discussed outreach to other municipalities regarding membership. The committee also recommended that members will administer grants on behalf of BACOG and that BACOG will not pursue incorporation. The recommendation regarding grants was agreed by the Executive Board by consensus. On a motion by McCombie and second by Daluga, all voted in favor of dropping pursuit of incorporation or federal tax status. In conclusion, McCombie said that the Policy Committee concurred with the Finance Committee about allowing a review, and that all members should encourage their trustees to attend a Lobby Day event each year.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Agnoletti informed the group that Chairwoman Darch was in Springfield. She continued that it appears unlikely that a state budget will be approved which impacts the appropriation of funds and could lead to delays in distribution of continuing appropriations such as the Local Government Distribution Fund (LGDF).

She drew the Board’s attention to two bills BAGOG has been actively opposing, SB 1821 and HB 1969, which would eliminate the requirement for geologists to be licensed, which would negatively affect BACOG’s ability to implement its groundwater program. Responding to questions about the intent of the bills’ supporters, Agnoletti answered that it was an effort to eliminate regulations some believe are unnecessary. She also reported on the status of HB 2958, HB 2493, SB 1335 and SB 1451.

Finally, Agnoletti provided a brief summary of BACOG’s Lobby Day from April 26 and 27 during which she met with a number of area legislators, as well as representatives from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Environmental Council (IEC), the Illinois Municipal League (IML) and the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI).

WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORT
Zales reported on BACOG’s recent Level 2 water testing event and said BACOG hopes to increase participation in subsequent events. The next event is in July.

McCombie stated that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) did not meet due to a lack of quorum.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT
Responding to Agnoletti’s request for feedback about the VEOCI emergency management training on April 19 and April 25, Richardson suggested that the training and exercise take place on a weekend instead of during the week. Pino asked what would happen if officials lacked Internet connections to use
VEOCI; responses indicated cell service is more likely to go down and VEOCI could be used in that case. He also told the group that North Barrington recently convened an emergency response committee.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Agnoletti informed members that BACOG had raised $7,750 in sponsorships to date during this fiscal year. She reported that BACOG sent letters to more than 70 owners of business parking lots to educate them on alternatives to coal tar and other high PAH sealants. She reminded the group about the upcoming workshop for newly elected officials on May 10, and responded affirmatively to McCombie’s question about whether planning commission members should be included in the workshop.

**PRESIDENTS’ AND SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS**

**South Barrington**
McCombie provided an update on the proposed Plum Farms development in Hoffman Estates and reported that a group of South Barrington residents had hired a zoning lawyer. She reiterated her concerns about the density of the proposed project and a lack of data and due diligence associated with the project. Agnoletti urged members to reach out the Board of Hoffman Estates to express their views. She will forward her letter to the Hoffman Board and asked each member to select a point and write a short letter before their May meeting.

**Barrington Township**
Nykaza had nothing to report.

**Barrington Hills**
Croll had nothing to report.

**Lake Barrington**
Richardson had nothing to report.

**North Barrington**
Pino briefly outlined some of the proposed legislation mentioned during a podcast he participated on with Senator Pamela Althoff (R-Crystal Lake), including bills on prevailing wage and when the scope of a project should require a municipality to seek public bid or council approval for a project.

**Barrington**
Daluga provided an update on the status of the underpass proposed for at the intersection of Route 14 underpass and Lake Zurich road realignment project, and emphasized that although the majority of residents are in favor of the project, the board of the Barrington Area Library does not support the project. There was agreement that the BACOG would pass a resolution in support of the project. Daluga said he would forward a draft resolution to each community for their use.

**Tower Lakes**
Parro reported on the election of a new trustee, and provided information about an ordinance passed under which residents must apply for a permit to cut down a tree and pay $100 deposit which is refunded if a tree is planted to take its place.
Cuba Township
Nelson announced that Michael Kainz was elected as the next supervisor and that several new trustees were also elected. Nelson said he has greatly enjoyed his 21 years with the township and his time on the BACOG Board, and members congratulated him on his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT
On a motion by McCombie and a second by Daluga the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jenny Zales