Barrington Area Council of Governments  
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
June 28, 2016 – 7:00 pm  
At the Cuba Township Office

**Members Present:** Amy Nykaza, Barrington Township; Paula McCombie, South Barrington; David Nelson, Cuba Township; Albert Pino, North Barrington; Martin McLaughlin, Barrington Hills; Karen Darch, Barrington; David Parro, Tower Lakes; Jim Thompson (alternate), Lake Barrington

**Not Present:** Carol Rolfs, Treasurer

**Staff:** Janet Agnoletti, Executive Director; Carol McLuckie, Secretary

**Others:** Tom Crosh-Citizens for Conservation, Edith Makra-Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman McLaughlin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance with all members present.

**Minutes**
A motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2016 was made by Parro and seconded by Pino. Thompson made a correction to the minutes adding that Al Potts is the owner of the Marketplace on Pepper Road and Lynne is the correct spelling of Richardson’s wife’s name. The revisions were accepted, and the minutes were approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

**Treasurer’s Report**
The Treasurer’s report was approved on a motion by Nelson and second by Pino. All were in favor with a roll call vote.

McCombie arrived at 7:05.

**Public Comment**
None

**Finance Committee Report**
Supervisor Nelson stated there was no report.

**Policy and Long Range Committee Report**
President Pino stated that no meeting was scheduled in the near future.

**Legislative Committee Report**
Agnoletti reported on the upcoming scheduled legislator visits to the BACOG Board meetings. Senator McConchie and Representative Sullivan will attend the September meeting. Cook County Commissioner Schneider will attend the October meeting, Lake County Board Member Sauer and Lake County Board Chairman Lawler will be invited for October, and Representative McSweeney will be invited for November. Pino added that McHenry County Board Member Walkup may come. McLaughlin noted that the McHenry County Board has a new representative who covers Barrington Hills, Tom Wilbeck, who should be invited.
Topics and bills of interest were discussed next. The potential shut down of IDOT, as there is still no state budget, could be fixed with a short term budget by June 30th. Stop Gap education funding will be implemented, with a big gap to close.

The Legislative Breakfast will be held on October tenth at Makray golf club, and promotional materials are already circulating. So far, Sen. McConchie, Rep. McSweeney, and Rep. Morrison will be attending the event. Rep. Moeller and Lake County Chairman Lawlor are not able to attend. CUSD 220 administrator Jeff Arnett is leaving the district to take another position in Austin Texas. The Chamber’s President Suzanne Corr, CUSD 220 Superintendent Brian Harris, President McLaughlin and Agnoletti will be planning the event.

**Greenest Region Compact 2**

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives at the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, presented the GRC2 (Greenest Region Compact 2) initiative to BACOG. Makra put together a consensus plan for regional sustainability that indicates what communities are doing and their priorities and goals; this became the GR2 Framework. She noted Agnoletti’s involvement in developing the water resources section.

The consensus goals are listed in the handout she provided titled “The Framework”. Makra is asking for BACOG’s support of the GRC2, the Compact. Thirty-five communities have already endorsed the GRC2. Community adoption helps with obtaining funding and grants and acts as a sustainability resource. A sample resolution is included in the back of the handout and refers to the two pages of basic goals; it serves as a tool for communities to do their own sustainability plans.

Makra said endorsement of the GRC2 Compact does not mean endorsement of every goal in the Framework and any activity done under the Framework is voluntary. She noted that endorsement does not mandate taking any local actions. She said each municipality could adopt the resolution at their board level too. Nelson asked if townships were being asked to endorse, and Agnoletti said even though townships might not choose to adopt at their board level, adopting the GRC2 Compact through BACOG would provide a basis for township planning and also give a leg up on obtaining funding from state or other entity. Makra noted the counties have not yet been asked for support, and the focus has been on municipalities.

Agnoletti asked if there was interest from the board to pursue endorsement. Consensus was to proceed and offer a resolution for adoption at the August board meeting. GRC2 documents can be viewed at: [http://mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/environment/regional-environmental-collaboration/](http://mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/environment/regional-environmental-collaboration/)

**Emergency Management Report**

A tabletop exercise is set for October 14th, 8:00 am to Noon at the Barrington Public Safety Building. A small group of individuals from the BACOG board and village boards has been working with Kerry Smith and Beth Keane of Good Shepard Hospital to develop the scenario and manual; their next meeting is June 30. Agnoletti will contact the various outside groups that will be involved in the exercise after the next planning group meeting and begin the invitation process.

**Water Resources Initiative and Committee Report**

Agnoletti gave an update. The Water Resources Committee has developed a “sticker” program, whereby residents can pick up a sticker and place it on a garage wall or appliance to remind them of what to ask for (asphalt or latex) when sealcoating driveways. She asked the board to make the stickers available to their residents on their front counters. McLuckie will distribute packets containing brochures, signage and stickers.
A promotional flyer for the October 5th Private Well Water Testing Event was shared with the board. It includes basic information about the event, speaker and location, including the topic for the presentation “Lead in Drinking Water”. The flyer will be used to promote the event.

Under the Aquifer Water Levels Monitoring Program, the equipment from the U.S. Geological Survey that is currently in the Deer Park monitoring well will be relocated to the new South Barrington monitoring well in the Conservancy. This should occur within the next week. There is no charge to BACOG to move the equipment.

Agnoletti is collecting well measurements every year in the interim, before the next five year report, and intends to present this information in an Interim Report. On July 7th Agnoletti will collect municipal well water level measurements from 13 municipalities with pumping wells in and adjacent to BACOG; the GIS Analyst Szczuka will collect water levels from four stream gages; and the USGS agreed to take water level readings from 15 wells that do not have electronic measurement equipment as a contribution to BACOG. The Illinois Geological Survey will also help by providing historical data from the 15 wells. The data collected will be presented without analysis or interpretation in the Interim Report.

Agnoletti attended the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) technical advisory committee meeting on June 28. Walt Kelly, Illinois State Water Survey, presented a study of groundwater quality in the shallow aquifer system in Kane County, which covers a small portion of BACOG, comparing water samples in 2003 to 2015. The quality of water in Kane County continues to be good, but in Kane County’s eastern corridor, which would be along the Fox River, the water has degraded, mostly from road salts. It was also noted that in the last week there has been an excessive amount of MIB, which is a byproduct of algae, in the Fox River at Aurora and Elgin. Both communities had to entirely stop using river water for their municipal supply and switched to all groundwater. It was noted that Flint Creek, South Barrington Lakes and Mud Lake also have an abundance of algae this year. Kelly noted the importance of the counties reducing chlorides in the water through better road salting techniques. He also said the effect of septic system and water softener discharge is “not insignificant”. McLaughlin said the current type of salt water softeners may be banned in the future.

Changing regulations about septic systems were briefly discussed including mound and bio-filter type systems. New technology is allowing septic fields to be smaller which, on the downside, increases pressure for denser development. Pino said that Lake County is not allowing the bio-filter system. McCombie reported that South Barrington is allowing the new technology, but its use could be restricted to re-adapting a failed septic system. Parro referenced the North Barrington septic inspection program and said Tower Lakes has developed such an ordinance modeled on South Barrington’s although there are limitations for non-home rule communities. Agnoletti asked if everyone would like to hear a presentation on the bio-filter system. The consensus was to set up a presentation. Pino noted that closing on a house requires passing the septic and well system inspection.

McCombie reported the Executive Committee of NWPA will meet July 14th.

**Member Priorities Survey for FY2016-17 Work Program**
The online survey (Survey Monkey) is almost ready, and a link will be forwarded within one week to board members so they can rate their priorities. A due date of July 20 was set by the board. A summary will be presented by staff at the August meeting.

**Annual Member Dinner**
McLuckie summarized the responses to her poll for the date choices, and November 11th was chosen.
FY 2016-17 Schedule of Meetings

On a motion by Nelson and second by Pino, the 2016-17 schedule of board and standing committee meetings was unanimously approved.

Nominations Committee- Recommended Slate of FY 2016-17 Officers

Recommendations were presented from the committee for the election of the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson. On a motion by Darch and second by Parro the recommendation to elect Albert Pino as Chairman and Kevin Richardson as Vice-Chairman was approved with all in favor.

Darch moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Carol Rolfs as Treasurer and Carol McLuckie as Secretary for 2016-17, and there was a unanimous vote in favor.

Directors Report

Agnoletti reported on the new Robinson Engineering silver level sponsorship at $500. Commonwealth Edison’s potential sponsorship is still going through the W-9 tax research process with legal counsel.

Agnoletti has a new lead for a new treasurer who lives in Wauconda. If chosen, a bylaw change would be necessary to allow the appointment of a treasurer from outside of the BACOG area. Agnoletti has posted the treasurer position on Indeed.com, there are four candidates from that website. Darch suggested posting the position on Barrington’s website, and perhaps all of the other members’ websites. Agnoletti will re-sent the posting.

Presidents and Supervisors Reports

Darch reported for Barrington that the Plan Commission passed a 64-unit residential development on the ADCO site. She brought up the court decision that affects local sign ordinances. This is more important in an area with commercial property. She said the National League of Cities is developing a template and to watch for it. She noted the 4th of July events that will take place in Barrington.

Thompson reported for Lake Barrington. Pepper Road multiuse pathway is now open. It presents a nice opportunity to walk through the area. Veterans of Lake Barrington Shores will be selling unfurled American Flags for fifty dollars.

Nykaza reported that Barrington Township was awarded a grant to address flooding in the College Street area and that Gene Dawson will stay involved in that project. The Cook County second installment on taxes will be out in the next week or so.

Pino reported for North Barrington that the new traffic light on Route 22 at Old Barrington Road is almost finished. He is trying to work out the completion before the possible IDOT shutdown.

Nelson reported that Cuba Township will have their run for family fitness on the fourth of July. The Northshore Concert Band will be performing at the White House with patriotic music. August 20 will be the annual Fred Fest on Roberts Road.

McLaughlin said completion of the Cuba Road Bridge in Barrington Hills could become an issue if IDOT shuts down. Barrington Hills would like to open Buckley corner if that happens. August 14 is the honor ride with running and cycling opportunities plus bike safety for kids. This event is to honor active and former military
veterans and to support disabled veterans and he asked members to mention it to their communities. The bridge will be renamed to Veterans Crossing soon. The topic of horse boarding is going to be revisited.

Parro for Tower Lakes said there was no report.

McCombie stated that South Barrington is in the middle of their road program, which includes a new left turn out of the Arboretum. The next concert in the series at the Arboretum will be August 10.

Darch added that there will be a 15 year memorial service on September 11th at Memorial Park.

Recognition of FY2015-16 Executive Board Chairman
Pino presented a plaque to Martin McLaughlin-Barrington Hills, for his leadership as Chairman of BACOG for the 2015-16 year and thanked him for his service.

Executive Board Photo
The official Executive Board photograph for 2016-17 will be taken before the board meeting on August 23. Board members were asked to arrive by 6:40 pm.

Recess to Executive Session
At 8:23 pm, Nelson moved and Darch seconded to go into closed session to discuss the annual Executive Director’s personnel review. All voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Reconvene in Open Session
At 8:33 pm, on a motion by Pino and second by Parro, the board reconvened to open session with all voting in favor.

The board offered Agnoletti a 2% salary increase and she was asked to discuss her tenure and retirement plans. A potential date needs to be considered to plan for the financial impact to the organization. Agnoletti said she would like to see, at a minimum, the aquifer water levels monitoring program stable through the five year report which would be 2019. Agnoletti is to decide on compensation increase for McLuckie and will recommend a revised budget that adjusts for salaries at the August meeting for the board’s approval.

New Business
None

On a motion by Pino and second by Parro, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm. All voted in favor.

Submitted by:
Carol McLuckie, Secretary