MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
Held in the Barrington Township Office  
August 22, 2017

Members Present: Joe Abbate - South Barrington (alternate); Karen Darch – Barrington; Paula Jacobsen - Barrington Hills; Mike Kainz - Cuba Township; Amy Nykaza - Barrington Township; David Parro - Tower Lakes; Albert Pino - North Barrington

Members Absent: Kevin Richardson – Lake Barrington

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

Others Present: Aaron Golden - IMLRMA; Maria Peterson- North Barrington resident; Al Stefan - Robinson Engineering;

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parro at 7:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2017
On a motion by Darch and a second by Pino, the minutes of June 27, 2017 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2017
On a motion by Darch and a second by Nykaza, the Treasurer’s Reports for July and August 2017 were approved on a roll call vote with Abbate and Jacobsen abstaining.

DISCUSSION WITH INVITED LEGISLATOR
State Senator Cristina Castro (D-22 Elgin)
State Senator Cristina Castro stated that although some legislative agreements fell apart at different points during the session, she was encouraged that leadership in both chambers showed signs of working together in a bipartisan manner. A fully-funded budget was passed, and cuts to the Local Government Distribution Fund (LGDF) could have been worse.

She highlighted two bills she sponsored which were approved by Governor Rauner: SB 422 (now Public Act 100-0210), concerning competitive bidding exemptions which will benefit townships; and SB 1783 (now Public Act 100-0236) which extends until December 31, 2021 a 25 percent income-tax credit for developers who rehabilitate historical buildings and put them to productive use in five cities including Elgin. Recognizing that schools need an agreement on school funding, Castro said she was hopeful that agreement on SB 1 could be reached (now Public Act 100-0465).

Castro outlined a state version of the “Marketplace Fairness Act” she sponsored which is modeled after a bill passed in South Dakota. The bill, which she hopes to move beginning in January, would impact businesses with online sales of over $150,000 and is expected to generate $180 to $300 million in revenues.

Darch asked if the intent was still that 1% of revenues collected would go to local governments, and Castro answered that she believes all revenues go to the state general fund, but she would look into it and work with us.

In response to a comment from Agnoletti that it seems unusual that so many bills are being introduced at this point in the legislative session, Castro explained that sessions are two years long during which time
any bill can be introduced or moved. She pointed out that while in the regular session, a simple majority is needed for a bill to pass, during a special session 3/5 vote is required. In addition, she explained that days spent in special session for overrides (often on extremely consequential bills) are taken from available veto session days.

Responding to Kainz’s request for more information about a cut to local revenues, Castro replied that LDGF funds will decrease by 10% for the second half of 2017 but will be paid in full in 2018 and underlined that townships receive Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) funds, not LGDF.

Castro affirmatively answered Agnoletti’s question about whether she voted against the small cell wireless facilities bill (SB 1451). Concerning the legislative issues Castro expects will be important in 2018, she believes that changes in Governor Rau ner’s staff may impact future gubernatorial priorities and also stated that she expects the issuance of bonds at a lower rate than they are currently.

Pino asked if the adoption of the constitutional amendment on road funding would impact state funds, to which Castro answered that it only will prevent the sweeping of funds away from transportation.

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

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION
Aaron Golden, Member Services Specialist
Golden reported that the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA) provides services to two of BACOG’s municipalities. Townships are not eligible for membership. The Association covers a variety of needs including property and workers’ compensation. Pino commented that the Village of North Barrington has found IMLRMA provides “one-stop shopping” and good customer service.

Goldman offered a potential discount from a group rate if all BACOG’s eligible members signed up for services from IMLRMA, including for those already signed up, and Agnoletti offered to follow-up with members to gauge interest.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND DESIGNATED ALTERNATIVES FY 17-18
Agnoletti explained that Cuba Township is still working on assigning members to committees and that she expects Jackie Andrews, representing the Village of North Barrington, and Jim Thompson, representing Lake Barrington, to join the Water Resources Committee. McCombie will continue as BACOG’s representative to the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA), and Natalie Karney is nominated to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

On a motion by Abbate and a second by Nykaza, the nominations and roster of committee memberships and designated alternatives was unanimously approved.

MEMBER FY17-18 PRIORITIES SURVEY RESULTS
Agnoletti summarized the results of the members’ priorities survey and noted, as in recent years, BACOG’s groundwater program has been ranked the highest priority. Concerning private well water testing, she noted that the original intent of Level 1 testing (which tests for contaminants) was to engage residents and provide education about the importance of groundwater in our region. Level 2 testing,
which tests natural water quality, is beneficial for the data it provides to better understand and map the quality of our region’s water.

Darch suggested it would be interesting to compare the results of private well water tests with samples from municipal wells. Asked by Pino if BACOG had reports concerning the regional water quality, not just the groundwater levels, Agnoletti responded that the office has been working on maps and a report.

Concerning emergency management, the group discussed the importance of focusing on procedures to work in any scenario, including how to communicate in the absence of cellular or internet availability. They agreed that if VEOCI will continue to be used, more training is needed. Agnoletti agreed to put together a proposal for emergency management training and coordination going forward.

**PLUM FARMS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**
Agnoletti confirmed that there will be a closed session during the September 26th Executive Board meeting to discuss litigation related to the Plum Farms development. She urged the Board to bring a second representative with them to the meeting and told the group that a complaint has been filed, with 45 days granted to respond.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**
There was nothing to report.

**POLICY AND LONG RANGE COMMITTEE REPORT**
There was nothing to report.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
Darch echoed Senator Castro’s comments about the status of education funding legislation. She commented on SB 1947 Amendment 4 which addressed some of the Governor’s concerns about SB 1, but pointed out that the amendment includes a provision which would allow the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) growth captured within Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts to count toward the overall EAV used to calculated state aid for schools. The Illinois Municipal League (IML) has expressed opposition to this proposal and Darch reported that she also wrote to the Governor to express opposition.

Agnoletti reminded the Board that BACOG, together with CUSD 220 and the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce, will host legislative breakfast on October 4th at the Garlands. She reported that unlike previous years, this year legislators will not begin with introductory statements. She encouraged members and their officials to attend.

**WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORT**
Concerning water testing, Agnoletti reminded the group that BACOG will hold its annual Level 1 testing event on October 11, and that PR materials had been sent to staff. She reported that resident interest has been high this year in Level 2 testing and that BACOG is considering focusing Level 2 water testing on regional sites on a regular basis, such as the 8 to 10 semi-public and public sites Barrington Hills recently had tested.

She also mentioned that Angel Water had provided information about BACOG in its recent blog. She added that she helped edit the “Drinking Water 1-2-3” guidebook, which cites BACOG’s work, and it will be out this fall.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT
There was nothing to report.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Agnoletti stated that this year’s Donald P. Klein award recipient will be honored at the BACOG annual member dinner and reminded members that nominations are due by August 31. She identified this year’s judges: Bob Dean, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP); Danielle Gallet, Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC); and Ryan James, Northern Illinois University (NIU).

Zales reminded members that the annual dinner will take place on October 27 at Pinstripes.

Agnoletti encouraged members to participate in the local ordinance review for Environmentally-Friendly Standards as part of the Applied Ecological Services/Flint Creek Watershed Partnership (AES/FCWP), reminding the group that this effort will potentially allow villages access to federal funds for their projects.

Agnoletti reported Zales joined 100 representatives of the local community in a Barrington Area Development Council (BADC) delegation at the Willow Creek Association Global Leadership Summit from August 10-11.

She announced that BACOG will hold a roundtable on October 16 on insurance, liability and volunteers with attorneys Brad Stewart from Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle (ZRFM) and Bob McCabe from Ancel Glink, and encouraged members to attend if they are interested.

PRESIDENTS’ AND SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS

Tower Lakes
Parro reported that the Planning Commission is looking into whether to it is necessary to develop regulations about raising chickens in the Village.

Barrington Hills
There was nothing to report.

Cuba Township
There was nothing to report.

Barrington Township
There was nothing to report.

North Barrington
Pino reported on a chicken ranch located in unincorporated Lake County adjacent to North Barrington which is planning to expand to include up to 20,000 chickens on its property. The property is zoned agricultural. Some North Barrington residents, concerned about property values, water drainage and other issues, have asked the Village to get involved. The Village has filed an annexation petition. Agnoletti suggested residents do a baseline water quality test now, and Pino answered that this was underway.
South Barrington
Abbate reported that the Village has established its police department as “safe zone” for residents to conduct internet transactions and asked members to promote the Village’s document shredding event on September 23rd.

Barrington
Darch reported that Barrington’s White House will host a “Seasonal Sampler” on August 31st and reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved a townhome development near Dundee and Grove.

ADJOURNMENT
On a motion by Darch and a second by Abbate the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jenny Zales