Minutes of September 22, 2015
Barrington Area Council of Governments - Executive Board Meeting
Held at the North Barrington Village Hall – 7:00 pm

**Members Present:** Al Pino – North Barrington; Paula McCombie – South Barrington; Dave Nelson – Cuba Township; Karen Darch – Barrington; Gene Dawson – Barrington Township; Chris Mitchell – Lake Barrington; David Parro – Tower Lakes

**Members Absent:** Marty McLaughlin – Barrington Hills

**Others Present:** Joseph Abbate, South Barrington; P. Denise Israel, Resident; Faye Sinnott – BACOG Water Resource Committee Member; Kent McKenzie – Coordinator, Lake County EMA

**Staff:** Janet Agnoletti – Executive Director; Carol McLuckie – Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary; Carol Rolfs - Treasurer

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Vice-Chairman Pino, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance with all present except Chairman McLaughlin.

**Minutes**
Minutes of the August 25, 2015, meeting were approved on a motion by Dawson, second by Nelson, and a unanimous vote.

**Treasurers Report**
Rolfs reported the balance and that there was no unusual activity. The treasurer’s report was approved with a motion by Parro and second by Nelson, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**Community Reports/Public Comments**
P. Denise Israel spoke for Jennifer Kainz about the clothing recycling/fundraising event at Countryside School on October 17. Israel also reminded the board of the styrofoam and shoe collection bins in the Barrington Hills Village Hall. Barrington Hills has now added cork recycling, both real cork and plastic cork types. Many innovative things are done with corks, for instance a solar light that is donated to schools. Cork recycling pays for itself.

**Emergency Management**
Kent McKenzie, Emergency Management Coordinator, Lake County EMA, gave an orientation on Virtual Emergency Operations Center over Internet (VEOCI) software. Pino thanked McKenzie for providing the training for the Board.

McKenzie spoke to the priorities that arise in an emergency situation and how to communicate. VEOCI is a web based system; it shows which web rooms are active upon log in. People belong to groups and can be in more than one group. There is an indication of which people are present. There is a system in place to contact the panel when an emergency arises.

VEOCI creates threads to make it easier to decipher certain themes in the event. Side rooms can be added. Task forms and files are also included. A table of tasks can be scrolled to see who they were assigned to, or how many were assigned to different people. If someone calls and says they need something done, the task field information is entered and the task assigned. McKenzie went through the process of assigning a task.
VEOCI is integrated with google maps. McCombie and Pino asked about confidentiality and privacy; Agnoletti will inquire. National Incidence Management (NIMS) Forms that everyone is used to using are also incorporated into the software.

Licensing and sharing. The county is paying for the licensing of the system for the foreseeable future. Eventually the county may want to do cost sharing, though McKenzie does not think it would be prohibitive. McCombie asked about training. McKenzie said training would be about two hours. The board has just been through the first half, the second half would be more hands on. McCombie asked about sharing with the Cook County System (WEBEOC). There are still some glitches and McKenzie has not yet met with Cook County to work them out. McKenzie feels VEOCI is much more user friendly. There are many other features, for instance it can connect to Excel and GIS.

If BACOG members want to join, the board would send emails to Agnoletti for their key people, maybe 1-3 people total per government; she will send to McKenzie and he would add them into VEOCI. McKenzie said Agnoletti would be the administrator, and a private room could be created for each village. Agnoletti asked about licenses being required and he said Lake County has a service agreement with the company, Graywall Software, and Lake County staff can now facilitate the training for our communities for now. For now, they will set up the organizational structure. There would not be any licenses but training will need to be purchased. They have not explored FOIA compliance yet as VEOCI is not a finished product. McKenzie advised using Chrome as the browser. The board will discuss and then Agnoletti will contact McKenzie.

Coal Tar Update
Faye Sinnott, Water Resource Committee member, gave a coal tar science update. Sinnott discussed how PAH’s were isolated in the 1920’s and they were known to be highly carcinogenic. By early 1930’s it was known that PAH’s could be metabolized. PAH’s were part of the standard protocol for EPA hazardous waste such as PCP’s and DDT’s, but were excluded because they could be recycled. In January 2003, Martin Springs in Austin, Texas was closed for 90 days to examine pollution. Austin followed with a ban on Coal Tar. Children are particularly vulnerable. Austin is also working on remediation. They have a kit to test for Coal tar use. Sharp blasting is used to remove coal tar, this is a technique used on runways to remove rubber. They have found enforcement to be easy, but has it worked? A 58% drop in PAH’s has been measured in one lake.

Minnesota passed a law to ban the use and sale of coal tar sealants. Studies on the contamination by PAH’s show that sealed pavement continues to off PAHs for years after application. There are many chemicals in Coal tar products, which very little is known about. Sinnott added that Austin is more than happy to share their research. DuPage County recently did testing, with results of 75% coming up high in PAH’s. There are a significant number of people wanting regulation when it comes to health and safety.

Agnoletti thanked Sinnott for her research into this subject on behalf of the BACOG Water Committee. Agnoletti noted that she and Sinnott will be giving a presentation to the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP) on November 18 at 1:00 pm at the Barrington Area Library, and the public is invited. Pino asked for this information to be presented to his Environmental Commission.

Finance Committee
Supervisor Nelson stated there was no meeting, and therefore no report.

Policy & Long Range Committee
President Pino said the committee had discussed the idea of moving forward with a corporate sponsorship program, and he asked each board member to submit five potential vendor names for the program. Nelson asked about an amount. The committee was considering $500 to $750 at this point. Nelson moved to approve moving forward with developing a corporate sponsorship program through the Policy Committee, and Darch seconded. In discussion, Nelson suggested a $1,000 minimum. All voted in favor of the motion.
Legislative Committee
Supervisor Dawson reported on the upcoming legislative breakfast. Forty people have already signed up. It is recommended that people arrive early to eat so the meeting can start promptly at 8:00 am. Six legislators are scheduled to be there. BACOG is generating questions along with the Chamber. Dawson will be moderating for the Chamber and BACOG. Either Brian Battle or Harris will moderate for the school district.

Recommend/Approve Work Program Priorities for Legislative Component
Agnoletti spoke to the work program priorities. It was determined that first would be BACOG office action; second, action alerts; third, local legislative events; fourth, lobby days; fifth, the legislative platform; sixth, BACOG bills; and seventh would be bill and session updates. This is the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, and was agreed by the Executive Board members. The issue of shared services has not yet been determined, and it was the recommendation of the committee to refer the matter to the Policy & Long Range Committee.

Recommend/Approve LGDF/Develop Municipal Fund Balance Analysis
Municipal fund balance data will be collected to share with other municipal organizations based on a recommendation of the Legislative Committee. All were in agreement.

Groundwater Directions Committee Report
There was discussion and a motion made to relocate the groundwater monitoring equipment from Deer Park property to South Barrington. There will be notification to the Village of Deer Park about the removal before any action is taken. Motion made by Darch and seconded by Pino to approve the Groundwater Directions Committee recommendation to relocate the well equipment in the BACOG Groundwater Monitoring Program to The Conservancy on Village of South Barrington-owned property; all voted in favor.

Recommend/Approve Video Curriculum Project Review to CUSD 200
A motion was made by Parro and seconded by Nelson to recommend the curriculum project video for distribution to CUSD 220 following edits as recommended by the Groundwater Directions Committee. All voted in favor.

Water Resources Initiative and Committee Report
Northwest Water Planning Alliance - McCombie reported on the last NWPA meeting and presentation.

Approval of FY2015-16 Work Program Priorities
Dawson moved and Nelson seconded to approve the 2016 work program priorities, including the ranked activities as recommended by Legislative Committee for the legislative component. Agnoletti noted the potential assignment to committees of new topics that were introduced in the survey; group purchasing and shared services would be referred to Policy Committee, to be addressed after the current topic of revenues is further along. The vote to approve the motion for the work program was unanimous.

Approval of Lease Extension for Office Space at Barrington Hills Village Hall
Agnoletti has been working for the past six months with the Village of Barrington Hills’ Trustee Harrington and attorney Dickson to obtain a 3-year lease extension with a 5% annual increase, with the term running from July 2016 through June 2019. Darch reviewed the final version of the document that is before the board; it includes a small typo correction. Parro moved to approve the lease in its current form and Dawson seconded; this was followed by a unanimous roll call vote in favor.

Report on the Donald P. Klein Award and Member Dinner
Agnoletti shared McLuckie’s memo that listed the program arrangements for the event on October 30th.
Directors Report
Agnoletti reported on the completion of the coal tar brochure and its distribution to the members. Agnoletti is working on groundwater language and maps for addition to members’ comprehensive plan updates. She has been working with South Barrington on a location and specifications for developing a monitoring well. Water quality mapping is progressing slowly in GIS. Lake County was requested to provide data for BACOG to report on water testing trends and the effectiveness of the BACOG program; it will take a few weeks for their staff to compile the data. The water curriculum video has taken a lot of time in the past month or two. Agnoletti is also planning the Legislative Breakfast, the Member Dinner, and the Annual Well Water Testing Event. The Emergency Management workshop for the fall has been on the back burner as the Deer Park membership change and consequential matters has taken extra time.

Presidents’ and Supervisors’ Reports
South Barrington
There will be an Uncork wine event at the Arboretum; tickets are available on the website.

Barrington
Open House at the White House this weekend with continued fund raising for it. Homecoming is October third and Scarecrow Fest October 17th. Nelson said the civil war reenactment went great and the reenactment group would like to come back next year.

Tower Lakes
There will be a public hearing at Lake Barrington Village hall on a $3.7 million dollar bond issue. The village won a grant from ComEd for a generator but will need a new meter.

North Barrington
Pino reported that fall fest is coming up October 4th. Their new village hall generator was installed last week.

Lake Barrington
Mitchell reported on the Run the Shores event at LBS the past weekend. October 4th will be Pepper Fest which will be a half mile of family events. October 24th will be the Freier Farm Barn Stomp which is a village picnic with a bluegrass band.

Cuba Township
Nelson thanked Mitchell for the Lake Barrington food pantry contribution. Fall Fest is on October 17.

Barrington Township
Dawson mentioned that Art in the Barn will be the September 26-27th at Good Shepherd Hospital.

New Business
None

Dawson moved to adjourn and Nelson seconded at 9:03. All were in favor.

Submitted by:
Carol McLuckie, Administrative Assistant/Secretary