MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Held in the South Barrington Village Hall
September 26, 2017

Members Present:  Karen Darch – Barrington; Mike Kainz - Cuba Township; Paula McCombie- South Barrington; Martin McLaughlin- Barrington Hills; Amy Nykaza - Barrington Township; David Parro - Tower Lakes; Al Pino - North Barrington; Jim Thompson – Lake Barrington (for alternate Chris Mitchell)

Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Sam Adams-Lanham- Barrington Area Library; Joe Abbate – South Barrington; Brian Battle – Barrington CUSD 220; Natalie Karney –South Barrington; Bob Susnjara – Daily Herald

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parro at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – for the purpose of discussing a complaint action filed and pending before a court
On a motion by McCombie and a second by McLaughlin the meeting was recessed by unanimous roll call vote into Executive Session at 7:05pm.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION
On a motion by Pino and a second by McLaughlin the meeting was re-convened by unanimous roll call vote into Open Session at 8:05pm.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2017
Zales reported two small revisions to the minutes which had been previously distributed to the Board. On a motion by Darch and a second by McLaughlin the revised minutes of August 22, 2017 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017
On a motion by Pino and a second by Nykaza, the Treasurer’s Report for September 2017 was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNITY REPORTS / PUBLIC COMMENT
Sam Adams-Lanham, Community Engagement Librarian, Barrington Area Library
Adams-Lanham stated that the library has more to offer residents than just books and reported that the library is reaching out to non-profits and other local entities to provide them with assistance in many areas such as utilizing databases to locate grants. She urged Board members to spread the word about using the library as a resource.

In response to McLaughlin’s question about which non-profits the library has worked with, Adams-Lanham answered that the library had assisted the Care Center at Willow Creek and others. She noted the Library had started a “community organizations” series and BACOG had presented recently. She said that Detlev Pansch had left and a new Executive Director would soon be in place. Agnoletti commended Adams-Lanham and library staff for their assistance in video-recording the presentation she made about BACOG’s groundwater program.
Nykaza expressed appreciation to the library for the $500 donations it made to both Barrington Township and Cuba Township as part of its summer reading program.

**Brian Battle, Board President, Barrington CUSD 220**

Battle reported that so far the new school start times had been well received. He outlined six priorities of the Board: Blueprint 220; social awareness and diversity; monitoring the impacts of the new school start times; budget/financial issues; collective bargaining agreements; and examining the possibility of introducing a “Flex Path” model for high school students.

Battle concluded his remarks by noting that the district is currently exploring possibilities revolving around the debt that is expiring soon.

There was no public comment.

**MEMBER FY2017-2018 PRIORITIES SURVEY RESULTS**

Agnoletti sought clarification from the Board on several items. First was what the Board wants BACOG’s role to be in facilitating shared services. She noted that in the past Board members have submitted ideas for where/for what services could be jointly contracted but feedback from their administrators indicated those areas were not feasible or of interest. While the poll indicated there is considerable interest from Board members, she would like to clarify BACOG’s role and asked for specificity in types of contracts that could be shared. Kainz said there has been interest in a la carte services from the township. It was decided that BACOG will develop a list of possible areas for shared services for members to discuss with their staff.

Concerning emergency management, Agnoletti asked for feedback about continuing to train and use VEOCI software in future emergency management activities. McLaughlin said the exercises and VEOCI were valuable to understand the CEO’s responsibilities in a crisis, even though first responders mostly handle crises. It was agreed that there should be less focus on VEOCI training and members would conduct their own staff training or practice sessions in-house. There was interest in a session where members would gather in their own offices and communicate with other BACOG governments using only VEOCI, including police, fire and public works.

The final Priorities Survey report will be presented to the Board for approval in October.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was nothing to report.

**POLICY AND LONG-RANGE COMMITTEE REPORT**

McLaughlin reported that he has been in communication with a nearby municipality about possibly becoming a member of BACOG. He stated that he will follow-up with that village’s president again in the coming weeks.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Darch reported that in addition to closely watching any pending bills that could impact local government revenues, BACOG is continuing to monitor the small cell wireless facilities bill (SB 1451) and the short-term rental bill (SB 1735). All of these issues will be priorities for veto session and next year.
She noted that BACOG is cohosting a legislative breakfast on October 4th and that Agnoletti will provide the Board with a list of currently registered attendees so members can reach out to their officials and others they believe will be interested in the event. Five legislators are confirmed to be part of the panel.

**WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

Agnoletti reported that in response to a request from U.S. Representative Peter Roskam, BACOG staff and a group from the watershed partnership met with Roskam in August to discuss the Flint/Spring Creek Watershed Partnership needs and activities; they stressed the need for sustainable funding. Roskam was not optimistic about securing funding at this time.

Agnoletti stated that BACOG hopes to use an intern this fall to develop part of the planned report on regional water quality. She also reported that she was asked to serve on a new Advisory Board to the Illinois State Water Survey, had notified BACOG board members, and since has accepted.

McCombie said that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum. Karney stated that she accepted the nomination by the BACOG Board to serve on the NWPA’s Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). McCombie noted that South Barrington is donating her time on behalf of BACOG to this committee. Karney reported that the hydrogeologist from Illinois State Geological Survey who presented on aquifer modeling at the last TAC meeting said the ISGS is using some of BACOG’s techniques in their modeling work.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Agnoletti reported that she met with Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital to discuss the next tabletop exercise and asked members about dates to schedule the next exercise. It appeared that the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month worked for most Board members, and a morning time was good.

**PENDING ANNEXATION TO NORTH BARRINGTON**

Pino announced that the Village of North Barrington had filed an annexation petition for property at or near a parcel along Route 59 that is being developed as a chicken farm; the petition was responded to with a motion to dismiss and a request for the motive behind the petition. McLaughlin suggested Pino look into the Livestock Facilities Management Act. In response to a question from Kainz asking if Lake County Health Department was involved, Pino stated that the department was not, and told the group that because the land is zoned for agriculture it is exempt from regulation by the county.

**PLUM FARMS DEVELOPMENT – HOFFMAN ESTATES**

McCombie stated that a complaint had been filed by a group of homeowners from South Barrington.

**REGIONAL BUILD TEAM HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORT**

Agnoletti discussed the Barrington Regional Hurricane Relief Effort which will help victims of the hurricane in Houston, Texas. She stressed that the initiative is looking for volunteers to go to Houston and work and hopes the project will be a regional effort. The Board agreed that BACOG’s best role is for Agnoletti to facilitate communications by providing member governments with information about the effort to share with their residents.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Agnoletti reminded the Board that this year’s Annual Member dinner is on October 27th and that the Donald P. Klein award recipient will be announced that night. She said that BACOG staff and board officials met with Representative Sauer to provide him with information about BACOG’s groundwater program and need for funding. She announced that she attended the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus environmental committee meeting and would attend one day of the Illinois Municipal League’s Annual Conference. She told members about the upcoming McHenry County Water Forum on November 8th.

Agnoletti concluded her remarks by reviewing how BACOG intends to adjust its insurance policies to ensure staff and volunteers are protected and a proposal for enhanced insurance will be presented soon.

**PRESIDENTS’ AND SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS**

**Cuba Township**

Kainz announced that the Township would hold its annual Fall Fest on September 30th.

**North Barrington**

Pino reported that the village was working with a group of engineers and others to find a joint solution for drainage problems on a portion of Route 59.

**Barrington Township**

Nykaza noted that the Township is discussing how to proceed with a grant received from Cook County for road and drainage infrastructure improvements due to resistance from some of the neighbors.

**South Barrington**

McCombie reported that the Village held a successful document shredding event on September 23rd and would hold its Scarecrow Fest over the next two weeks. She concluded her report by noting that the Harris Bank in South Barrington was robbed, but no one was injured.

**Tower Lakes**

Parro reported that the Village had received approval for a low interest $3.7M loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to use on improvements to its municipal water system. He mentioned that Lake County is working to fulfill a state requirement that if police stop someone and are suspicious that the person may be under the influence of drugs, only an enforcement official with a special certification can conduct a test for impairment. Few personnel are certified at this time.

**Barrington**

Darch reported that final approval had been granted for a 62-unit townhome development near Dundee Road and Grove Avenue and noted three upcoming events in Barrington: October 7th – Barrington High School homecoming; October 15: Crop Walk; and October 21: Scarecrow Fest at Memorial Park.

**Barrington Hills**

McLaughlin said he was approached by someone trying to pre-sell locations to construct cell towers. He provided an update on the Longmeadow Parkway project, including that Phase 1 to widen a stretch of Route 62 was approved. A shell bill was introduced for quick take of property for Longmeadow; it appears to be going nowhere, and IDOT is negotiating with residents for property acquisition. McLaughlin reported that the Honor Ride raised approximately $35,000, Ignite the Night will be held this weekend, and noted that the tax levy in Barrington Hills was down by 18% over the last four years.
Lake Barrington
Thompson noted that the Village’s new manager, Karen Daulton-Lange, will begin on October 10th and that the Village will hold its Barn Stomp on October 14.

ADJOURNMENT
On a motion by Pino and a second by Darch the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jenny Zales