

Barrington Area Council of Governments  
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting - revised  
May 24, 2016 – 7:00 pm  
At the Lake Barrington Village Hall

**Members Present:** Gene Dawson, Barrington Township; Joseph Abbate (alternate), South Barrington; David Nelson, Cuba Township; Al Pino, North Barrington; Martin McLaughlin, Barrington Hills; Karen Darch, Barrington; David Parro, Tower Lakes; Kevin Richardson, Lake Barrington

**Not Present:** Carol Rolfs, Treasurer

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman McLaughlin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance with all members present.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the April 26, 2016 were approved on a motion by Pino and second by Parro, followed by a roll call vote. All were in favor except Richardson who abstained.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Nelson and a second by Parro. All were in favor with a roll call vote. Agnoletti pointed out the cash reserve balance now is reduced by the amount reserved for the 2019 groundwater report. Darch suggested adding a line item to the budget. Parro also thought this would be a good idea for reporting purposes. Darch said there should be a way of reporting the groundwater restricted funds as a separate category and not combined with the reserves.

**Public Comment**

None

**Finance Committee Report**

Nelson reported on the status of the treasurer recruitment process. The committee is still looking for someone to replace Rolfs.

On a motion by Darch and second by Pino, there was a unanimous roll call vote to approve the proposal from Evans, Marshall and Pease, P.C., to conduct the FY2015-16 audit for \$2,750, and to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the firm.

**Budget and Dues FY2016-17**

Agnoletti reported the proposed budget is based on receiving \$4,700 in sponsorships, and the budget reductions of \$4,000. Approximately \$21,013 will come from cash reserves. The budget reflects an increase of \$142 for IMRF and medical, a \$300 reduction for travel expenses, \$75 reduction on workers compensation insurance, \$1150 reduction for the audit, a \$500 reduction in computer support technology, a \$500 reduction in legal services, an increase of \$132 in rent, a reduction of \$200 to committee materials, a reduction of \$2060 for the Water Advisor mileage, an increase of \$360 for phone and an increase of \$445 for the groundwater monitoring program. On a motion by Nelson and second by Pino the budget and member dues assessments were approved on a roll call vote with all in favor.

### **Policy and Long Range Committee Report**

Committee Chair Pino reported that a decision was made at the last committee meeting to not meet again for six to twelve months on the topic of dues.

### **Legislative Committee Report**

Dawson reported that the Illinois budget is being piece-mealed and what will happen is unknown at this point. Agnoletti reported on the budget crisis with no resolution in sight. She said Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) is still on the table for a possible reduction and there is the possibility of cuts in CRRPT funds. Richardson said the courts will enforce 90% of the current budget which would give the governor 10% to cut. Unions and school funding are other components making resolution difficult. Lake Barrington is eliminating 100% of LGDF from their revenues in the next budget.

Agnoletti reported on bills of interest. The Verizon bill would bring expansion of facilities to suburban areas. Verizon has talked to a couple of counties and hopes to proceed on the input of those few. Illinois Municipal League (IML) feels everyone should be at the table, not just a few counties. On a question, BACOG board members reported they have not been contacted by Verizon. Parro has been contacted by a siting company. Darch added that AT&T is part of the expansion program as well. Agnoletti will report this to IML.

The lead in drinking water bill would require extensive testing water supplies within schools, expanded water infrastructure inventories and plans by municipalities, and in its current form BACOG would oppose. Agnoletti informed the board that there will be a program at the water testing event on lead. Lead testing kits will be available to purchase at the event. The return of water samples will be up to the resident, and the county will provide follow up.

The firefighter initiative had an amendment for parity added today which if passed would make the initiative more palatable. The claimant would be responsible for legal costs if the claimant fails in its appeal.

Agnoletti submitted an Op-Ed Article to the Tribune and Daily Herald which is in support of PSEBA and unfunded mandate reform; Darch complimented Agnoletti on the writing. The article has not been picked up yet. The Tribune told Agnoletti that if it was offered to anyone else, the Tribune would no longer consider using it. This article served as a statement of support for items on the turnaround agenda.

Three participants attended the May 4-5 lobby day in conjunction with IML. Groundwater meetings were organized to explain the need for funding and make requests. Other focus issues of the day were to support automatic appropriations for MFT and 9-1-1- Funds (SB 3019); to require the State to report on unfunded mandates every two years (SB 2227), the reform of pension programs including FT employees (HB 1334), to oppose a property tax freeze (HB 696) because it is not tied to relief from unfunded mandates, and to reform labor standards including support for Althoff's minimum manning trailer bill. These items were discussed with legislators in scheduled meetings.

### **Nominations Committee Report**

Committee member Parro gave a summary of the proposed slate. Pino of North Barrington for Chairman, Richardson of Lake Barrington for vice chair, McLuckie would remain secretary and for now Rolfs would remain treasurer. This will be up for vote next month

### **Emergency Management Report**

Agnoletti reminded the board on the next step in the VEOCI training. She suggested each community practice

in-house and then call Kent McKenzie to train them at their office. She believes there will be a cost in the future, so it would be good to take advantage of this opportunity now at no cost.

### **Water Resources Initiative and Committee Report**

Agnoletti gave an update on the status of the South Barrington monitoring well and equipment relocation. A few minor items still need to be resolved per the South Barrington village engineer. Agnoletti added that the United States Geological Survey (USGS) has set equipment relocation as a priority and are ready to go; USGS is a great partner to BACOG. When the relocation is ready, Agnoletti will notify the Village of Deer Park so everyone is prepared for the construction.

Darch reported on the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) and spoke about the regional Water Supply Forum. Agnoletti and McCombie and her staff attended. It was a terrific program with great information and a large audience. Darch said the biggest take away was that it happened, and successfully, and some who were not aware came and listened.

### **Resolution #16-02 Adoption of the 9 Lakes Watershed-Based Plan**

There was a motion by Nelson and second by Parro to approve Resolution #16-02, adopting the 9 Lakes Watershed-based Plan. Richardson said Lake Barrington, which is covered by the plan, is not concerned with its content even though there might be bias against the suburbs, and the village can support it. Parro said a presentation was given to the Tower Lakes board and the role of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, which wrote the plan, was to coalesce what was being done throughout region and then develop a plan and Best Management Practices (BMPs). With this plan, Tower Lakes village is now in a position to obtain grant money. \$160,000 in federal grants is pending, along with \$10,000 from Lake County Storm Water Management Commission (LCSWMC). Representatives of Lake Louise have started attending meetings adding more weight. Pino said North Barrington had no concerns. Lake Barrington, Cuba Township, North Barrington, and Tower Lakes are all affected. There was a unanimous vote to approve the motion.

### **Annual Dinner – Dates for Consideration**

Potential dates were handed out. The dates were narrowed down to two that could work. This will be followed up with a poll of the board and administrators for any other conflicts. Sponsors will be invited so it would be good to have a large turnout.

### **Directors Report**

Agnoletti reported on the Chamber of Commerce, CUSD 220 and BACOG's Legislative Breakfast planned for October 6<sup>th</sup> at Makray Golf Course. Registration and breakfast are at 7:30 and the program starts at 8:00. Agnoletti handed out a flyer, and encouraged all to attend. McLaughlin offered to help plan the event with the three organizations. Parro asked if the event would be useful due to the lame duck session. Dawson said the candidates will want to be present to make comments. With earlier notice to get the word out, the attendance will likely be greater. Nick Sauer will likely replace retiring Rep. Ed Sullivan, and there was discussion on whether a candidate without an opponent could replace the official on the panel, with consensus being no. Darch said she would like to hear comments from the legislators on the upcoming veto session, if there is one.

Agnoletti said she is in process of inviting the area's state legislators and county officials to upcoming Board meetings, to discuss legislative issues with members. Dawson offered to contact Cook County Commissioner Tim Schneider. The proposed schedule of meetings for FY 2016-2017 was passed out. Village and township administrators will be contacted to check room availability. There is a mistake in the handout; March needs to change to the third week, and a revised version will be emailed to members.

BACOG has a new sponsor, Robinson Engineering, at the \$500 level. BACOG's attorney is looking at a request from potential sponsor Commonwealth Edison to complete a tax form, even though BACOG does not pay taxes.

Agnoletti asked members to consider which committees they will serve on in the coming year. McLaughlin suggested consolidating all the meetings into one meeting prior to the board meeting because the same people are on the different committees. Darch noted having separate committees allows delegating this duty to a trustee. Dawson said the board gets great reports from BACOG on legislative activities, so he feels that legislative could be combined with another committee, whereas Darch said legislative meetings can be long and would take up more of the board's time if combined with other topics. Pino said he preferred putting trustees on the different committees, to save the board's time. Dawson stated that township boards have fewer people than municipalities to assign this to. Darch likes being on the legislative committee, she feels she can share information from some of her other involvements, and it is good to have separate meetings for separate purposes. Pino added it can be refreshing to have opinions from trustees other than the board members' own opinions. It was determined to stay with the status quo.

### **Presidents and Supervisors Reports**

Abbate reported that South Barrington is heading into their road program and getting trees replaced.

Pino reported that North Barrington's road program came in about half the cost expected, receiving bids of \$360,000 while they expected \$600,000. Route 22 and Old Barrington Road construction is progressing. Summerfest will be held at Eton Park from 6:00 to 8:00 on June 4th.

Nelson complimented Agnoletti on the great groundwater video presentation she gave to his board, which was well received. Cuba Township will lose Pricilla Rose at the end of the month because she is retiring. Nicole Knapik will take her place as Clerk.

McLaughlin reported for Barrington Hills that they had the same results on bids for their road program as North Barrington, which will put Barrington Hills 30% ahead of schedule. Cuba Road Bridge will be named Veterans Crossing. Barrington Hills is considering re-annexing land in unincorporated Cuba for a gathering point. A new treasurer has been hired, part-time; Barrington Hills and Lake Barrington are sharing the person's time, which would not have been possible without intergovernmental cooperation.

Richardson said Lake Barrington is about a third through updating their comprehensive plan. New businesses and activities are coming on Pepper Road, and the village has a long term investment by Al Potts, owner of the Marketplace on Pepper Road. Canlan Sports is doing a great job at the field house. A lot of money is going into it and none of it is taxpayer funded. Richardson reported that his wife, Lynne Richardson, has been cancer free for six and a half years; board members expressed their pleasure at this last report.

Parro discussed the IEPA insurance requirements and said he believes Tower Lakes is the only municipality in the area that is with a private insurance company. He asked the board if they are using IML's insurance program. Pino said North Barrington uses Illinois Risk Management Association (IRMA) program through the IML. Karen recommends IML's IRMA because Tower Lakes has pension with the police force, and IRMA is considerably less expensive than private. McLaughlin said Barrington Hills has private group insurance.

Darch reported that Barrington is considering the short term rental issue of "air B&B". They are recommending a one month minimum rental because of the corporate rental company that has operated in Barrington for years; if a company were to advertise for a shorter period than one month, then that would be a

violation. They are considering changes to their sign ordinance due to *Reed vs Arizona* and they are looking for a template for the ordinance. The Art Festival is two days, downtown, this weekend. Also Cruise Night will start on June 7th.

Dawson informed the board that he is retiring at the end of May 2016. There will be a special meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to determine the next Supervisor, who would begin that term on 1<sup>st</sup> of June. In response to questions about procedure, he said there will be a recommendation for the appointment with the board's approval. The next township elections will be in 2017. Dawson learned in Springfield that many township officials will be retiring.

**Resolution #16-03 Recognizing the Retirement of Barrington Township Supervisor Eugene "Gene" Dawson.**

Richardson moved and Darch seconded to approve Resolution #16-03 which recognizes Gene Dawson for his contributions to BACOG and years of public service to the community. McLaughlin read the Resolution aloud and the motion was unanimously approved. Dawson thanked the board and said he has enjoyed serving. There will be a retirement party from 6:00 to 9:00 at McGonigals on June 23rd, and all are invited. Darch added that Barrington recognized him at their board meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

Pino moved to go into closed session to discuss the annual Executive Director's personnel performance review, and Nelson seconded. At 8:26 pm, all were in favor on a roll call vote and the meeting adjourned to executive session.

**Reconvene in Open Session**

At 8:45 pm, on a motion by Pino and second by Nelson to reconvene in open session, all voted in favor and the meeting was opened.

On a motion by Abbate and second by Darch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. All voted in favor.

*Submitted by:*

*Carol McLuckie, Secretary*