Revised Minutes of November 24, 2015
Barrington Area Council of Governments - Executive Board Meeting
Held at the Tower Lakes Village Hall – 7:00 pm

Members Present: Al Pino – North Barrington; Paula McCombie – South Barrington; David Nelson – Cuba Township; Karen Darch – Barrington; Gene Dawson – Barrington Township; David Parro – Tower Lakes; Martin McLaughlin – Barrington Hills

Members Absent: Kevin Richardson – Lake Barrington

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

Others Present: Brian Battle – CUSD 220 Board; Joseph Abbate – South Barrington Trustee; P. Denise Israel – Resident; Rachel Schindler – American Cancer Society; Sam Oliver – Citizens for Conservation; Mary Sneed – American Cancer Society

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 present except Lake Barrington.

Minutes
Minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Dawson with a second by Parro, and a unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report
Rolfs reported the balance and that there was no unusual activity. The treasurer’s report was approved on a motion by Parro, second by Pino and followed with a unanimous roll call vote. On discussion, Rolfs stated that money transferred from the Money Market account will be transferred back. There were no questions.

7:06 Nelson arrived.

Community Reports/Public Comments
P. Denise Israel spoke about the success of the pumpkin collection effort and also promoted the cork and election sign recycling programs. Volunteers are available to collect and repurpose the election signs. The villages can get the word out when candidates file their petitions. Prairieland supports this effort; Groot is not participating. Darch added that it is not a municipal election this year so the clerks would not be involved. The federal board of elections would be a better contact for this election.

Brian Battle of CUSD 220 gave an update on Input 220’s work on school starting times. A recent public session brought comments in favor of moving high school start time later but no consensus on changing the start times of the other schools. No real options have been discussed yet. A survey is circulating.

The High School will have a live shooter exercise during an in-service day, which will be repeated at the middle school and grade school levels. Hough Street School received a Blue Ribbon Award, Hough Street is the original one building school so this was particularly nice in this
sesquicentennial year. A Hough School teacher won the Golden Apple, one of ten in Illinois. Dawson added that several other teachers were Golden Apple winners as well. Battle also recognized Kirsten Jacobson as an outstanding Illinois swimmer. Darch added that Jacobson was also recognized by the village for her accomplishments. Battle thanked everyone at BACOG for their leadership during this Thanksgiving week and for making this a great community. McLaughlin thanked Battle for his and the school district’s contributions.

Pino inquired about school safety concerns. Battle discussed some of the new procedures that are in place including upgrading internal cameras to a higher capacity so they can go back longer periods of time, more paperwork for volunteers, background checks, colored lanyards Identification for different roles of people. The district has a special security enhancement group including architects for design improvements in case of a lock down. The district also participated and will participate in tabletop exercises with the police, first responders and BACOG.

Mary Sneed and Rachael Schindler presented on the American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay for Life fundraiser. There is an open invitation to the event on Friday, June 10th, 2016. The leadership team welcomes suggestions for reaching out to neighborhood associations and groups for representation from the BACOG area. The kick-off has been announced for Wednesday, January 13th, at Francesca’s. The Honorary Chair will be the former CEO of NW Community Hospital, Bruce Crowther. She is leaving postcards and flyers to promote this event.

McLaughlin read from and presented Resolution #15-03 honoring Sam Oliver’s work at Citizens for Conservation and contribution to the BACOG community. Oliver thanked the board, and stated how BACOG and Citizens for Conservation were both created in 1970 following the Barton-Aschman study. Oliver commented on how both organizations have carried on their original missions and stayed true to their goals. Both organizations had great founders with great vision. She has always been inspired by the words of Don Klein “We have staked our principles on human scale”. The resolution was approved with a unanimous roll call vote.

**Finance Committee**
Supervisor Nelson stated there was no meeting this month, and nothing to report.

**Policy and Long Range**
President Pino stated there have been many discussions and the next meeting is anticipated for 2016.

**Corporate sponsorships**
A summary email from Ruth Schlossberg was included in the packet. It is not clear that donors would qualify for tax deductions although businesses would likely not be concerned because their donation would be a business expense. While BACOG could re-form as a 501c organization, there would be considerable paperwork required, increasing the amount of work for BACOG. Schlossberg said there is no clear goal for taking this step.

Information was gathered on the sponsorship programs of other similar organizations. Agnoletti wrote a letter for the board to use in requesting sponsorships. Whether to include the sentence on tax deductibility will be determined after the answer to that question is received. Discussion on the handling of who the solicitation letter should be from and who it would go to followed,
and it was determined that all of the board members should be listed, without signatures and Agnoletti would sign the letter and follow up, no note from members would be included on this mailing. There was discussion about the member dinner and sponsors tickets, which will be addressed at another time.

**Legislative Committee Report**

Supervisor Dawson stated that this year’s Legislative Platform had been developed by the Committee and he presented it. The recommended platform will be sent out to the BACOG members for review with their respective boards, and this will be followed by a vote on its approval at the January 26th board meeting. A motion was made by Dawson and seconded by Pino with a unanimous vote to accept the platform and refer it out to members’ boards for review.

McLaughlin brought up transportation issues. Barrington Hills is advocating a phase one study on Longmeadow Parkway, the expansion of route 62 and its regional impacts. There has been no coordination with IDOT as to impacts elsewhere. The project is four years off from a construction study. 10,000 more cars would use the road. He asked if BACOG would want to take a position and is it a local or a regional issue. Discussion followed as to whether this is a BACOG issue or not. It was determined that BACOG members should look at the study and make a decision after that. Darch was concerned about BACOG advocating for this transportation project when it had not done that for the Route 59 project and the inconsistencies of the positions. McLaughlin added that Barrington Hills passed a resolution against the Parkway recently, but it is rather late in the game to make a difference. Dawson asked if this could be something that is dealt with directly with legislators and legislation, or should it be a platform item to study. Would the Administrator of Barrington Hills be able to send excerpted information, including potential impacts on the region; McLaughlin agreed. It was noted that in Legislative Committee in October, Konicek-Hannigan had said not to include a position but would discuss further with President McLaughlin.

**Emergency Management**

Agnoletti gave an update on VEOCI emergency management software training session. Members have all been added to the system by Lake County. Agnoletti can add others to the BACOG Coordination Room if names are submitted to her. Training will be two hours and everyone will need to bring their own laptop. There was discussion as to who should attend and where it will be held. Agnoletti is going to check if this can be done remotely; other options would be a Friday or Saturday morning in January or a thirty minute BACOG board meeting followed by the two hour training. Agnoletti will work with Kent McKenzie at Lake County to determine the details of the arrangements.

**Water Resources Initiative Committee**

The video project for CUSD220 fourth grades is complete. The finished video was shown to the school representative and received terrific feedback. The project consists of the BACOG video, a recharge map for each fourth grade classroom, a Skype Q&A session for students with a scientist from the ISGS or ISWS, and use of the aquifer model. Agnoletti commended members of the Water Resources Committee who worked on this project.

**Water Testing Event Report**

Agnoletti reported there were extra efforts taken to work with Lake County and obtain more
accurate numbers for this report; the county data covers many areas, including BACOG and non-
BACOG testing households. Another difficulty arises out of all the BACOG communities having
the same zip code. She said the BACOG water program for private well owners resulted in
nearly 14% of total households’ samples testing positive for bacteria; no nitrates were found.
The complete report on test kit sales and test results by community in October 2015 was
distributed.

Water Levels Monitoring Status Report
A letter is prepared to go to the Village of Deer Park, notifying them that the electronic
equipment in the well at Vehe Farm under the BACOG Water Levels Monitoring Program will be
relocated. BACOG pays for the contract with USGS that covers this equipment and Deer Park is
no longer a dues-paying member of BACOG so the equipment will be relocated as soon as the
new well in South Barrington is completed.

Coal Tar Sealant Resolution
A copy of the resolution was included in the packet. There was a revision made from the last
version received by the Board, and the Resolution now includes a numerical threshold for total
PAH as well as all the descriptors for coal tar and high PAH sealants that are currently known.
There was discussion about this addition. Some members would like to take this document back
to their staff for review. McLaughlin suggested tabling this discussion and resuming it in January.
Parro agreed with postponing the decision. A motion was made by Pino and seconded by
Dawson to defer a decision on the resolution until January.

Northwest Water Planning Alliance
State funding to CMAP and the NWPA was lost, so the Alliance is exploring ways to continue
with staffing support.

LEADS Community Survey
The LEADS youth group would like to present to the board in April to discuss the results of their
community survey. The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is asking BACOG members to link to the
survey in their newsletters to encourage community participation. It was determined that YAC
will be invited for a 20 minute presentation in April.

Director’s report
Agnoletti thanked McLuckie for her work on arrangements for the successful member dinner.
She encouraged members to attend the jointly-sponsored BACOG and Lake County Municipal
League Legislative Breakfast on February 6, 2016, at 8:30 am at Round Lake Beach Civic Center
and to promote the event to their officials and staff. The Water Resources Committee met
November 4th to review the status of the coal tar sealant program and to evaluate and make
recommendations for next year’s Private Well Water Testing Program event. On November 18th,
Agnoletti and Water Resources Committee member Sinnott gave an hour-long presentation on
sealants to members of the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP). Agnoletti also noted that
McHenry County will be hosting a snow and ice workshop in December. Other activities were
covered in the agenda items.

Cuba Township
Nelson reported that Baby Face Nelson will be in town on November 27. Nelson has talked with someone who witnessed the event that will be present to tell his story. This is the final activity of the Barrington Sesquicentennial year.

**Barrington**
Darch reported that December 5th will be the tree lighting. On December 5th and 12th there will be a trolley for patrons in the village. Planning and Zoning is working on a condo building on Main Street, it will be brick, twelve units, and three stories. Letters went out last week about the south lot at the Metra train station; the village will not renew permits to anyone who is not a BACOG member, per the posted signs in the lot that have always been there.

**Tower Lakes**
Parro reported that Tower Lakes is having their first annual Turkey Trot on November 26. Ten percent of the town has signed up.

Agnoletti shared information about their potential participation in a bike marathon that could run through all the villages. Information was distributed.

**Barrington Hills**
McLaughlin reported that the Barrington Hills police department received CALEA certification. 3.2 miles of roadway will be repaired next year. Barrington Hills is reducing their budget by five percent next year and lowering their taxes. The village will be looking for a new treasurer starting January 1st and is open to a contract provider; recommendations are welcome.

**North Barrington**
Pino reported that the new traffic light at Route 22 and Old Barrington Road should be in place early in 2016. North Barrington will be holding their Winterfest on December fifth at Eton Park.

**South Barrington**
McCombie lit the tree at the Arboretum tree lighting ceremony. Signs are going up outside the Village Hall building. South Barrington is purchasing trees for planting in front of the Village Hall in conjunction with Willow Creek, at a highly discounted price. The first group of trees is being planted now.

**Barrington Township**
Dawson reported that two townships and Barrington Area Soccer Association had a terrific food drive. A project is underway in the unincorporated areas to address flooding problems. The township is hopeful that they will be able to obtain grants to pay for health and hazards.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm on a motion by Darch, second by Pino, and a unanimous vote.

*Submitted by:*
*Carol McLuckie, Administrative Assistant/Secretary*