

Minutes of June 23, 2015  
Barrington Area Council of Governments - Executive Board Meeting  
Held at Cuba Township Office – 7:00 pm

**Members Present:** Board Chairman Robert Kellermann – Deer Park; Al Pino – North Barrington; Paula McCombie – South Barrington; Karen Darch – Barrington; Gene Dawson – Barrington Township; Chris Mitchell (Alternate) – Lake Barrington; David Parro – Tower Lakes; Martin McLaughlin - Barrington Hills; David Nelson - Cuba Township

**Others Present:** Carol Rolfs – Treasurer; Brian Battle – CUSD 220 School Board President

**Staff:** Janet Agnoletti – Executive Director; Carol McLuckie – Administrative Assistant/Secretary

The meeting was called to order with a quorum at 7:07 pm by Chairman Kellermann. Roll call attendance was taken with all present.

**Minutes**

Dawson made a motion which was seconded by Darch to approve the minutes of May 26, 2015. Kellermann said that revisions to the budget were not sent back to or approved by the Finance Committee or the Policy Committee prior to the final vote by the board. All voted in favor via roll call vote, except Kellermann, who opposed.

**Treasurers Report**

Rolfs presented the treasurers report with nothing unusual noted. Rolfs presented the bills list along with one bill that came in after the report was prepared; Rolfs stated that she would like to add this bill to the list so it would be paid in this fiscal year. There was a motion by Nelson and second by McLaughlin to approve the treasurers report including the bills list; all voted in favor via roll call vote, no discussion.

**Recommendation to Proceed with FY 2014-15 Audit**

A recommendation was made to use Randall Gross & Company for the 2014-15 audit at a cost not-to-exceed \$3,900 plus incidentals and to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract. On a motion by Parro and second by Pino, the motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote and no discussion.

**Budget and Member Assessments for FY 2015-16**

There was a motion by Darch and second by McCombie to approve the budget and assessments for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Discussion followed led by Kellerman. Kellermann referenced a packet he had sent to each of the board members; he distributed additional copies at the meeting of the 18-page document. This document showed, among other things, that Barrington used to pay more in dues than Deer Park. Kellermann presented other information therein such as his alternate calculations for dues based on sales tax and population. Kellermann said that Deer Park and the other villages have been paying dues to make up for what Barrington has not been paying for the past five years and he would like to discontinue this practice.

Kellermann moved on to payroll. He felt there was no disclosure on the effects of a salary increase. He sees a 26% discrepancy in the net and gross portions of the increase. Darch explained to Kellermann how the payroll system works at the village of Barrington, which is where Agnoletti's check is issued. McLaughlin did not understand Kellermann's math or where the 26% discrepancy came in. Mitchell did not understand the non-disclosure aspect of Kellermann's argument; he did not see any missing figures. Darch added that BACOG's budget would be short 26% if there was a discrepancy. McLaughlin expressed a desire to understand what Kellermann was talking about.

Kellermann went back to dues and shared information on what other organizations charge. Parro said different benefits are gained from different organizations, and they are not comparable. Kellermann continued with more complaints about BACOG, in particular that the Legislative Program was not necessary or effective. Kellermann also told the board that Agnoletti came to his last Deer Park Board meeting, but missed the open forum time period. Mitchell said that he had been informed that she had been at the Lake Barrington board meeting previously and asked how this related to the budget, dues and payroll issues the board was presently discussing. Mitchell had read the details of the Deer Park meeting and asked Kellermann about his request to his board for a motion to withdraw from BACOG while his board did not respond with the requested motion.

Dawson spoke about the Legislative Program which he feels is extremely important and effective and also disagreed with Kellermann's logic that Deer Park has been covering dues for Barrington. He said Kellermann did not understand the value of the legislative program because he has never been to Springfield or to a committee meeting, and we go to fight for what we believe in. Dawson said during difficult financial times that every government experienced that everyone stepped up and helped pay. Kellermann went back to valuations and the calculation of a base. McCombie read the bylaws on the dues policy, which said the dues policy *may* be reconsidered. Darch pointed out that Barrington and Deer Park pay the same amount to Northwest Municipal Conference and that the BACOG dues were restructured after the economic downturn in 2010. It was determined that Barrington could no longer carry the burden of the largest percentage of dues. Barrington is able to replace some of the things BACOG offers, making it harder to justify the proportionately larger share of the dues. She said that BACOG is a small organization and all members receive some of the benefit and share some of the cost equally, and that is what the base represents. She noted that Barrington has paid the entire cost of the CNRR effort since after the first year, and that was on every BACOG member's behalf. Dawson noted that Deer Park is the only member that does not have a representative working on the Finance Committee and it is wrong that they are the only one who criticizes that work.

There was some discussion about IMRF and then about restructuring the dues Pino said any member can ask for dues to be addressed but this issue should be considered in the Policy Committee and then brought to the board for resolution. Pino also expressed hurt that Kellermann presented a motion to his board to withdraw without discussing it with the BACOG board first and that he had made statements to his board that BACOG had given no assistance in areas such as emergency management when that was not the case. Discussion ended at 7:52 when Kellermann suggested voting on the motion. All voted yes on a roll call vote to adopt the budget and assessment policy, except that Kellermann voted no.

#### **Schedule of FY 2015-16 Executive Board and Committee Meetings**

On a motion by Darch and seconded by Dawson the schedule of FY 2015-16 board and committee meetings was approved with all in favor.

#### **Community Reports/Public Comments**

Brian Battle, CUSD 220 School Board President, reported on that the district is projecting a \$900,000 surplus. Enrollment should remain steady in the middle and high schools with a slight decline at the elementary level. Staffing levels and class sizes are at or below guidelines. Proof of residency is changing with more requirements. Battle stated that all the external windows will be covered with shatter and bullet resistant and security cameras will be installed in various locations as an upgrade to school security. The team looking at later school start times will be divided into groups: transportation and traffic, the science of sleep, and extracurricular activities. Summer school enrollment is good, with almost half of the 9,000 children enrolled.

### **Finance Committee**

President McCombie stated there was no meeting and therefore nothing to report.

### **Policy & Long Range Committee**

President Pino stated a meeting will be scheduled in July.

### **Legislative Committee**

Supervisor Dawson spoke about the bills concerning the freezing of real estate taxes. Dawson feels the democrats want more taxes, and the budget is going to come up short. McLaughlin wondered how the balanced budget amendment could be broken, but pension reform cannot. Agnoletti said that mid-July looks like the earliest a budget may be approved and the State Treasurer has said if there is not a budget approved by June 30<sup>th</sup> some payments will stop. LGDF is not being discussed at this time. The property tax freeze may not pass because it would have a large impact on the schools. Rep. Ed Sullivan has rolled the many transparency bills into a more comprehensive review via a task force; BACOG was active in requesting modification of Sullivan's transparency bill and supported his comprehensive approach. Darch added that the Open Meeting Act bill passed with some of the modifications discussed and proposed at one of BACOG's legislative meetings. Agnoletti noted that she invited Brad Cole, IML Executive Director, to come to a BACOG Board meeting and he will attend the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting; she extended an invitation to the board to join him for dinner prior to the board meeting.

### **Emergency Management Report**

Agnoletti shared the report from Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital on the emergency management exercise. There were recommendations in the report that Agnoletti discussed for follow up. One was to determine the role of clergy in a disaster. Darch noted that Barrington has used the crisis intervention team at the high school in the past and she can look into getting this information. Agnoletti asked the board if they wished to convene the Emergency Management Committee again and the answer was no.

Agnoletti also gave an update on the information she gathered on Virtual Emergency Operations Center over the Internet (VEOCI) from the company and from Kent McKenzie at Lake County EMA. She learned that every individual using the software needs a license. Lake County has several so the cost would be free. Agnoletti suggested starting with a half hour orientation at the September 22 board meeting and then determine what BACOG members may use this for and how to proceed from there with a more in-depth training. Agnoletti said there should be some ability to share information between the Cook and Lake systems but they are not totally compatible.

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

Agnoletti reported that educational materials on coal tar sealants have been created including a fact sheet and a newsletter/website article that members can use to get information out to the public. The fact sheet and other materials are posted on the BACOG web site as well. Additional materials including a color printed brochure and information on how to talk to your contractor are under development. Pino requested a copy of South Barrington's coal tar ordinance. McCombie will bring a revised version after her July board meeting, when enforcement provisions will be appended.

The annual Private Well Water Testing Event is set for October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Garlands. McLaughlin asked about the number of households BACOG tests versus the number the county tests to demonstrate that BACOG is making a difference. Darch suggested doing a survey of residents, "are you getting your water tested?" As a value proposition it would be good to quantify this information. Agnoletti noted that she had gotten a number of new questions on groundwater added to the Healthier Barrington Communities Survey (done every three years in the 60010 zip code), and one of the questions asked if the household tested their private well water in the past year; this will be a long term measure of the effectiveness of the BACOG program, both in terms of

education and awareness and in terms of actual water testing. She also brought up the proposition that had been discussed in the past about using the data from Level 1 tests to see which neighborhoods, subdivisions, areas, or municipal areas have or have not tested – and should be testing in the future. BACOG can do this analysis but it has not been done because of privacy concerns and because it might imply that government has some responsibility to get private well owners to test, which is not the case. There was no consensus for BACOG to proceed with this work. Agnoletti said Level 2 and Level 3 tests are mapped and show water quality throughout the region; a re-do of this work is in progress, and she hopes to have water quality maps by the end of the year. Mitchell added that this data would be helpful to have prior to changes being made in the area as a reference. Agnoletti shared that Barrington Hills is testing about 10 semi-public locations for (mostly natural) water quality through BACOG, using the Level 2 test with the ISWS, and these locations will be re-tested periodically to look for changes in water quality.

Agnoletti reported that she has been asked to present BACOG's work in water testing and groundwater programs to the Lake County Board of Health as an example of a model program for excellent groundwater quality work that could be used in other areas of the county.

### **Member Priorities Survey**

The survey will be available in July for members' input.

### **2015 Member Dinner**

The event date and location need to be determined. This will be followed up with an email. A brief survey of dates at the meeting narrowed the choice down to November 13-14. Preliminary Donald P. Klein Award information was passed out.

### **Executive Board Photo**

Kellermann announced that staff arranged for the photo to be taken on August 25<sup>th</sup> prior to the board meeting at 6:40 pm.

### **Directors Report**

Treasurer Transition - Agnoletti shared that Rolfs plans to retire from the Treasurer position by the end of the fiscal year. Agnoletti will be looking for suggestions from the Finance Committee and the Board for a person to fill the position.

Alternates and Committee Membership Roster – The list was passed out and the alternates were confirmed with the board. Tom Bolger will be Dave Parro's alternate. Agnoletti will also be speaking with each member to see what committees they would like to be on. Dawson nominated Mitchell to be the Legislative Committee co-chair.

Agnoletti said she reviewed the Lake County Community Development and Housing Plan Amendment 1, which was in line with the Impediments to Fair Housing Plan so no action was taken. Protect My Town has generated 6,823 letters to legislators and the governor, with only seven letters coming from the BACOG area. Agnoletti was interviewed by the National Groundwater Association which will use BACOG as one example of three model programs that are addressing groundwater in an appropriate and progressive way. Agnoletti also worked on the BACOG article for the sesquicentennial edition of Quintessential Barrington magazine. BACOG completed a public official's directory which was passed out.

### **Presidents' and Supervisors Reports**

#### **Barrington Township**

Dawson had no report

#### **North Barrington**

Pino had no report

### **Lake Barrington**

Mitchell reported that community gardens are going well. The Herd property program continues. The rotary work is underway.

### **Cuba Township**

Nelson said that August 15<sup>th</sup> is Fredfest, there will be six bands and kids' activities.

### **Barrington**

Darch announced Fourth of July events including the White House will have an open house and the brat tent will be open, along with other festivities.

### **South Barrington**

McCombie spoke about early retirements from their police force where the retirees get full pensions, which is 70% of their salary, and they are finding new jobs elsewhere with similar pay.

### **Barrington Hills**

McLaughlin spoke about the Route 53 issue. Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawler has contacted officials looking for support for the expansion, and he asked Deer Park's opinion and if he thought it would reduce business at his mall. Kellermann said the county wants the villages to cover the cost. The Honor Ride through Barrington Hills is August 16<sup>th</sup>. A portion of Horizon Farms is open. Congratulations to South Barrington on their new village hall open house. He discussed Longmeadow Parkway, which is supported by the State with a \$63M funding allocation but the new Barrington Hills board has a majority against it. He noted the village board supported the project in the past. Construction could start in less than a year.

### **Tower Lakes**

The vacant trustee seat should be filled by next month. Tower Lakes is switching waste removal contractors and will now be using Prairieland who is lower in cost, and uses the same truck for garbage and recycling. This will reduce one third of the truck traffic and reduce wear on roads. Prairieland is ahead of everybody else in recycling.

### **Deer Park**

Kellermann passed out a one-page document from one of his trustees that suggested a motion for his Deer Park board meeting, with a statement to BACOG that changes are desired as follows: restructuring of the dues to be based on population; eliminating redundancy the legislative program with Northwest Municipal Conference's program; and coordinating and advising on best practices in areas such as park facilities, bike paths, law enforcement, safety, emergency management, drainage and road maintenance. Kellermann said Deer Park was looking for changes by September 15. Darch commented that much consolidation was not practical for Barrington, and there were no further comments from board members.

### **Nominations Committees Recommendations for FY2015-16 Officers**

Dawson presented the nominations as introduced in the memo. For the appointment of Secretary, Carol McLuckie, and Treasurer, Carol Rolfs; a motion was made by Pino and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the appointments. All voted in favor. For the election McLaughlin as Chairperson and Pino as Vice-Chairperson, a motion was made by Parro and seconded by Nelson. All voted in favor.

### **Recognition of Chairman Kellermann, President – Village of Deer Park**

McLaughlin presented Kellermann with a plaque to thank him for his service as Chairman this past year.

**New Business**

No new business

**Adjournment**

Dawson moved to adjourn at 9:18, and Nelson seconded; all voted in favor.

*Minutes submitted by:*

*Carol McLuckie, Secretary*