MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Held at the North Barrington Village Hall
October 23, 2018

Members Present: Karen Darch - Barrington; Dale Sands - Deer Park; Paula McCombie - South Barrington; Amy Nykaza - Barrington Township; Albert Pino - North Barrington; Mike Kainz – Cuba Township; Martin McLaughlin – Barrington Hills; Jim Thompson – alternate for Lake Barrington

Members Absent: David Parro - Tower Lakes

Staff Present: Jennifer Shimp - Program Coordinator/Board Secretary
Staff Absent: Janet Agnoletti - Executive Director

Others Present: Faye Sinnott – Flint Creek Watershed Partnership; Albert Stefan – Robinson Engineering; Mark Pruitt- The Power Bureau; Matt Moffitt-Baxter and Woodman; Edith Makra-Metropolitan Mayors Caucus; Dan Fitzgerald

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kainz at 7:03 pm and roll call was taken.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
On a motion by Pino and a second by McLaughlin, the minutes of September 25, 2018 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT
On a motion by Pino and a second by McLaughlin, the Treasurer’s Report for October 2018 was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

COMMUNITY REPORTS/PUBLIC COMMENT
Dan Fitzgerald
Fitzgerald introduced himself, stated he is running for Cook County Judge during the upcoming elections and asked everyone to vote.

Sands entered the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Mark Pruitt – The Power Bureau, and Edith Makra – Metropolitan Mayors Caucus / Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution
Kainz introduced Makra and Pruitt who gave a presentation on the Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution. Makra advised the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) partnered with the Power Bureau to bring the benefits of Community Solar to MMC member municipalities through the CS² program. She explained how the new program provides technical and management expertise to allow MMC members to implement an innovative and collaborative procurement program designed to secure long term cost savings.
Pruitt introduced himself and began to review the newly developed CS\textsuperscript{2} program that was created with MCC. He explained how the CS\textsuperscript{2} program provides a simplified procurement process that efficiently manages the complexities of the community solar development process and how the program will create a purchasing pool to secure favorable terms and lower prices from qualified Community Solar project developers. It may provide cost savings to municipal accounts and access the benefits of solar energy without committing capital or obligating open space within every community. The CS\textsuperscript{2} program will provide municipalities with a portion of the output of one or more Community Solar assets (also called a “subscription”). A subscription credits a ComEd account with a portion of the output from a Community Solar asset resulting in a lower monthly ComEd bill. Pruitt further explained how the program operates through an eight step process.

Darch asked Pruitt why the solar developers are not working directly with the power companies. Pruitt did not have a definitive answer, but advised the power companies are not owned by Illinois and that may play a factor as to why the program was set up the way it is. Sands asked Pruitt what the cost of a kilowatt hour is. Pruitt responded around $.14-$1.15 for solar energy with a net cost of approximately $.04 and current electricity is $.06.

McCombie asked if there was a separate group that has brownfield solar procurement in the Illinois Power Agency. Pruitt advised that group is not a community solar program, but a utilities scale solar program. These are projects that are larger than two megawatts in size or are connected to the regional transmission grid as opposed to the Com Ed distribution system. He stated these projects are being held on a separate track.

Kainz asked about timing of the program and Pruitt explained to the board how the next step would be to have each municipality or township submit their energy bills to be analyzed for consideration by November 12\textsuperscript{th}. If an account can save money, you would be invited to join the CS\textsuperscript{2} Program purchasing pool in December 2018.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
Committee Chairperson Darch advised the next committee meeting will be held on November 7\textsuperscript{th} at 5:30 pm at the Barrington Village Hall. Veto session begins in Springfield on November 13\textsuperscript{th}. Another successful legislative breakfast was held on October 3\textsuperscript{rd} at The Garlands of Barrington.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**
Committee Chairman McLaughlin advised there was nothing to report.

**POLICY AND LONG RANGE COMMITTEE REPORT**
Committee Chairperson McCombie advised there was nothing report.

**WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORT**
Kainz advised called everyone’s attention to the private well water testing event summary report for September 2018. The laboratory reported that 38 water samples had coliform bacteria, which is 17\% of the total samples tested, and which is at the highest end of the percentage range BACOG has seen within the past ten years of testing. Deer Park sold the most test kits.
McCombie stated she did not have a Northwest Water Planning Alliance report since she could not attend the last meeting. Darch advised she attended and a presentation was given by the Illinois State Water Survey on model results for sustainable yield of the deep aquifers.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Executive Chairman Kainz advised that Agnoletti had nothing to report.

**ROSTER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATED ALTERNATES**

On a motion by Darch and a second by McLaughlin, the 2018-2019 rosters of committee membership and designated alternates were unanimously approved.

**STORMWATER DISCUSSION**

Kainz provided a recap of the compilation of stormwater problems, concerns, successes and projects that were discussed at the last board meeting: aquatic health of ponds, proper water flow mapping, illegal discharge of sump pumps, successful installation of rain guards, green infrastructure, proper maintenance of stormwater managed basins, stormwater grates clogging, and possible creation of a committee to help develop a stormwater flow map and analysis.

Darch advised that Barrington has engaged in stormwater management studies in previous years and is happy to share results with the board. Sands stated Deer Park too may have information to share.

Kainz introduced Sinnott and Moffitt to discuss the stormwater grant application to CMAP. Sinnott passed out her draft and reviewed with the board. She outlined the draft by three major discussion points: resilience, community, and prioritized investment. She discussed the importance of water resilience, management of stormwater and how to replenish the groundwater in a safe way while improving the area’s surface waters. Sinnott advised CMAP’s initial feedback of her submitted draft was too extensive and needed simplification. She suggested focusing on rainfall water flow analysis, its impact on specific areas and how it affects road infrastructure. She advised the proposal is due on Friday, October 26th and would need a letter of support from each village by Thursday.

Darch asked Sinnott about financial expenditures. Sinnott replied that she was not sure and was planning to speak with some of the hydrologists. Moffitt said he thought the project would be approximately $75,000-$150,000. Darch advised Barrington could not provide any type of funding commitment, letter, or approval from the village board by Friday. Pino concurred in respect to North Barrington. Darch asked Sinnott what the final results of the study would illustrate and what could BACOG do with the information? Sinnott anticipates BACOG would better understand how water flows throughout the region, recognize retention development areas and vulnerable areas in the communities. Darch affirmed that Barrington has already identified the area’s water flow from the previous study Hey and Associates completed for the village years ago, therefore should probably not be included in the grant.

Moffitt advised the BACOG Water Resources Committee has been speaking of many of the discussed issues over the years. In 2017, CMAP prepared a flood susceptibility index which helps streamline using automation tools within the GIS software and applies basic hydrology knowledge, automating regional water flow routes and helping determine flood problem areas. Moffitt suggests requesting that this valuable tool be used within the application to CMAP, as it
may increase BACOG’s chances of obtaining a grant. Stefan advised that the Barrington Area GIS (BAGIS) system was developed by BACOG to study areas of Cook, Kane, McHenry and Lake Counties and has collected a significant amount of information over the years and could incorporate these map layers into BAGIS.

Darch advised she could share the Hey and Associates stormwater study with BACOG and suggested focusing the grant on specific areas throughout BACOG and addressed concerns of receiving conflicting data from multiple studies. Pino agreed. McLaughlin stated he would like to further examine previous stormwater data that was generated for Barrington Hills by his predecessor before committing to a new grant. Pino explained that North Barrington would also be willing to share any data but could not financially commit this week.

Sinnott proposed delaying the grant application until spring 2019 due to the tight time frame. The board agreed. Stefan suggested having any village or township stormwater data input into GIS.

Kainz suggested postponing the discussion regarding asphalt until the next meeting.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Kainz advised Agnoletti had no report.

**PRESIDENTS’ AND SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS**

**Barrington Hills**

McLaughlin thanked Kainz for his professional donations and contributions for the Hills are Alive Festival on September 30th. Money raised during the event will be given to ALS research. McLaughlin also stated that he is a part of the District 220 Board of Education advisory referendum committee that was formed to review the Blueprint 220 master plans and develop a referendum question that will be on the ballot in April 2019.

**Barrington**

Darch shared that things are going well in the village. On October 21st, the annual Barrington Area Crop Hunger Walk took place and was a success. On October 22nd, Barrington passed the “Tobacco 21” ordinance, which will raise the minimum age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 years old.

**Deer Park**

Sands reported that Deer Park hosted their 3rd Annual Fall Festival on October 14th. With 150 families in attendance, it was a nice community builder. He invited everyone to attend the grand opening of “Sundance” on November 7th, a new retail store in Deer Park Towne Center that was founded by Robert Redford. Sands asked about BACOG’s stand on coal tar and high PAH sealants. Members responded by advising that BACOG passed a resolution banning the use of these pavement sealants on village and township owned or maintained properties.

**North Barrington**

Pino advised that the village had a staff meeting with the previous chicken ranch owners. The owners recently applied for different zoning on the property and discussed their interest in using the land to propagate worms. He stated that the village will need to review and research this type
of agricultural land use. Pino also reported that North Barrington is continuing to work on the road maintenance project on Route 59 in stages and unfortunately it has been a slow process.

**Cuba Township**
Kainz said he had nothing to report.

**South Barrington**
McCombie reported that the village will be meeting with several of the subdivisions on October 25th to discuss their major points of contention regarding the Plum Farms development. McCombie stated that she plans to address these concerns directly with property owner Iatarola before the depositions begin. She advised that The Arboretum of South Barrington will have two new restaurants opening in March, Rascal Flatts and The Hampton Social, and XSport Fitness is interested in increasing their space. The ice skating rink will be open for everyone to enjoy this upcoming winter season.

**Barrington Township**
Nykaza advised there was nothing to report.

**Lake Barrington**
Thompson reported that Lake Barrington hosted their Barn Stomp at Freier Farm on October 6th. Many families were in attendance this year and the day was filled with lots of fun activities.

**ADJOURNMENT**
On a motion by Thompson and a second by Darch, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:32 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by:*
*Jennifer Shimp, Secretary*