

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Tuesday, November 30, 1976 - Barrington Village Hall

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Hansen, Chairman, at 8:00 p. m.

Roll Call:

Present: Nelson Forrest, North Barrington; Russell Puzey, Inverness; Barbara Hansen, Barrington Hills; Charles Brown, Deer Park; Keith Pierson, Barrington; Cyril C. Wagner, Tower Lakes.

Absent: Arthur Hogfelt, South Barrington.

Also Attending: Don Klein, Executive Director; Ders Anderson, Assistant Planner; Bob Skamfer, Treasurer; Charles Allen and Arthur Rice, BADC; Marcia Opal, Free Press; Bob Balgemann, Barrington Courier-Review; Nancy Seritella; Shep Robinson.

Minutes:

Mr. Brown moved approval of the minutes of the special meeting of October 30, which was a meeting held primarily in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pierson, and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Brown, that the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Puzey, seconded by Mr. Brown, that the Board approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 6, held for the purpose of approving the bikeways and land use guidance system contracts. Motion carried.

Reports of Village Presidents:

The Village of Barrington had nothing to report at this time.

Deer Park reported a survey was made in the village, at the instigation of the Plan Commission. Results are still coming in. There has been a considerable public response, and for the most part it shows support of the current village policies. One point that emerged is that the citizens apparently want the village government to take action to see that the problems associated with bad septic installations are not perpetuated. These problems do exist within the Village of Deer Park, because of the character of the soils.

A petition has been filed for development of land within Deer Park, adjacent to Mossley Hill and to Bell's Apple Orchard. The petitioner is interested in obtaining sewer and/or water for this development. Lake Zurich has shown an interest in serving the subdivision with their water and sewer service. The Board of Deer Park is investigating the feasibility of proceeding on this matter.

North Barrington reported that the improvements of Route 59 are halted by the severe winter weather, but a considerable improvement has been effected in the area north of Route 22. On December 7, at 7:00 p. m., at Roslyn Road School, a meeting will be held on improving Route 59 from Route 22 south to the Village of Barrington.

The Health and Sanitation officer has declared sanitary conditions in North Barrington to be entirely satisfactory. There are no known sanitation problems in North Barrington at this time.

Inverness reported that title to Baldwin Road has finally been obtained. The village road repair program has been hampered by the severe cold.

Inverness has approved another development, its fourth this year.

A resolution was passed by the Village Board of Inverness, addressed to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, opposing retention of the 22% application to the reassessment values, and supporting the proposed 16%; it now stands at 17%. Mr. Puzey stated that he intends to establish what the processes are for disputing the new assessed valuations in Cook County.

Tower Lakes had nothing to report at this time.

The village code of Barrington Hills has been updated to incorporate into the code police ordinances which had hitherto been taken directly from the Illinois Statutes, so that they may be properly applied without recourse to a State's Attorney.

The Board of Barrington Hills voted to retain the Philadelphia firm of Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd as planning consultants. In other action, the board moved to annex those properties within its boundaries which were under 60 acres and had not previously elected to come into the Village.

Committee Chairmen

In the absence of Mr. Knouff, there was no report from the Legal Committee.

Development Review Criteria - Mr. Pierson reported that the committee met on November 3 and discussed the committee's purpose and how it should function. It was felt that this committee should be established as an ongoing function, so that all proposed developments could be referred to it for thorough consideration before any action is taken to oppose or support, rather than arriving at a decision on the spur of the moment. The committee could determine what kind of an appearance we should make, whether through the Executive Director or by legal representation, in which latter case this committee would work closely with the Legal Committee.

It was agreed at the committee meeting that if the committee and the Executive Board concurred that action should be taken on a development, then the size of the development is not relevant. The Committee would also act as an advisory committee on other (non-development) matters requiring expenditure of monies for legal advice and/or legal action.

Bylaws Committee - Mr. Brown stated that he has not been successful to date in convening a meeting to study the areas in which a need for change has been suggested. A meeting is scheduled for December 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Mr. Brown will check with Mr. Knouff for his attendance.

Intergovernmental Relations - Mr. Wagner commented that at a special meeting last month, he brought to the Board's attention the possibility that the perimeters of the Barrington and Poplar Creek-Elgin Facilities Planning Areas might be changed. A letter has been received from the State EPA stating that the boundary is not being changed at this time, and that the MSD will not extend north of the Tollway.

Boundary Agreements - Mr. Puzey stated that he has assembled a great deal of material which he will be studying over the holidays. He reported that a study is being undertaken as a mutual project by Palatine, Schaumburg and Inverness.

The Village Board plans to review the BACOG Comprehensive Plan and act on the recommendations of the Plan Commission at its December 14 meeting. Mr. Puzey pointed out that there are some errors in the map delineating the boundaries of Inverness, as well as some other matters to which the village may want to take exception. He asked whether there will eventually be an addendum published, showing the exceptions taken and changes requested by member villages who have adopted the Plan.

Mrs. Hansen stated that at the time the Comprehensive Plan was adopted by Barrington Hills, the exceptions were listed as amendments to their ordinance. After all the villages have acted on the Plan, the Comprehensive Plan Committee will then make recommendations to this Board for action to be taken on the requested changes.

Comprehensive Plan Committee - Mr. Forrest displayed to the Board a photograph of Good Shephert Hospital which appeared in a Lake Zurich newspaper, showing progress on the building, and stated that in his opinion this is an excellent means of informing the public.

Mr. Forrest stated that he is personally committed to the need for a housing plan in the BACOG area and in the County of Lake. A meeting of the Lake County Plan Commission will be held at 1:00 p.m. on December 28, at which time a housing plan will be presented for review and discussion. Mr. Forrest expressed the hope that BACOG will be represented at this meeting. He stated that he plans to bring the BACOG Plan to the attention of the commission and ask that it be included in any Lake County plan.

Mr. Forrest reported that today the Lake County Plan Commission approved a series of policies regarding the establishment of development zones throughout Lake County. Mr. Kendig expressed the thought that a plan of this sort would set up guidelines and criteria which will be very helpful throughout the county. Mr. Forrest commented that sprawl seems to be irreparable, and that so much sprawl has already occurred in communities that it becomes urgent to accelerate the planning process in the remaining areas, so that development may proceed in an orderly manner with regard for quality of land use, open spaces, and water resources. Mr. Forrest turned over a draft copy of the proposals to Don Klein and asked that the staff review it carefully. The motion for approval of this proposal, which Mr. Forrest made in the Lake County Plan Commission meeting today, will be carried forward for discussion again on December 28.

Mr. Klein stated that he had met with Mr. Kendig and others, and had already seen the document. He stated that this appears to be a praiseworthy effort to bring the sewer policy and the land use policy of Lake County into agreement.

Land Use - Mrs. Hansen reported that she sought legal advice as to the Land Use Guidance contract between BACOG and ERA; Mr. Braithwaite wrote several protective clauses into the contract, including a provision for approval from either the attorney or the Chairman of the Board on any change or request for payment. Another addition was the provision that no additional services will be rendered without the approval of the BACOG Chairman.

Mr. Puzey raised a question as to the possession and management of flood plains and marsh lands by the individual villages, and stated that he felt these should not be dealt with on an individual basis, since the action of one village with regard to the headwaters of a stream would inevitably affect other villages through which the stream might flow.

Mr. Wagner moved that the Executive Board authorize the Chairman to affix her signature to the Land Use Guidance contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forrest, and carried.

Solid Waste - Don Klein reported that the joint Northwest Municipal Conference/BACOG effort is continuing, and that the BACOG Solid Waste Committee met to establish a position on the direction which the study is to take. A committee position paper was drawn up, and will be reviewed by the BACOG Solid Waste Committee and then passed on to the Northwest Municipal Conference for review. The next joint committee meeting is scheduled for December 16. The position paper urges emphasis on the factors surrounding landfill; the advisability of investigating the possibility of transfer sites which could eventually be converted to full resource recovery sites; and that all the factors surrounding total resource recovery be considered and some options be given to the respective boards of both councils for their action on full resource recovery.

Mr. Wagner commented that the Solid Waste Act of 1976 has now been signed into law. One of the stipulations in the Act is that municipalities must have acceptable solid waste plans in order to be eligible to receive federal funds. Mr. Klein stated that he will write a memo summarizing the requirements of the law.

Executive Director's Report

In addition to the written report (attached), Mr. Klein reported on the correspondence from John L. Waner, Director, Chicago Area Office, HUD, with regard to a one year Demonstration Program for housing approximately 400 families from the City of Chicago in Section 8 existing housing in the six-county area comprising the Chicago Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area. Mr. Waner's letter of August 27 offered the municipalities opportunity to comment on the plan. This was followed by a November 5 letter from Mr. Waner stating that no comments had been received, and that the HUD office would proceed with implementation of the Demonstration Program. Mr. Klein, at Mr. Forrest's request, wrote an analysis of the proposal dated November 22.

Mr. Wagner commented that he felt this represents an effort to locate the 400 homes on a negotiated basis, and that it should not be strongly opposed.

Mr. Forrest stated that he felt Mr. Klein's analysis was good. It was the general feeling that the Demonstration Program is not likely to impinge upon the immediate BACOG area.

Mr. Klein commented on correspondence between Robert Parker Coffin, Village President of Long Grove, and Hugo Stark, Cook County Superintendent of Highways, regarding the upgrading of Lake-Cook Road. No further action has occurred; the BACOG staff is continuing to monitor the situation. Mr. Forrest stated that the State Highway Department has run out of money for road improvements at this time. However, he pointed out that they are continuing to look

at long range plans for the future. Concern was expressed over the use of the term "limited access highway" in the correspondence referring to Lake-Cook Road. It was felt that we need to know what the term means in this context in order to decide whether some response should be made.

Mr. Klein further reported that there will be a meeting on December 7, at the Holiday Inn in Elgin, by the Department of Transportation Division of Water Resources, on the Poplar Creek flood plain. Mrs. Hansen commented on a newspaper item indicating that a Mr. W. R. Rose of South Barrington has filed an application with the Division of Water Resources to construct a dam and lake on Poplar Creek.

Mr. Klein further stated that the Cook/Du Page Health District has asked for recommendations of individuals who will serve on a citizens' committee. He suggested that members of the Board submit their suggestions for people living on the Cook County side of the BACOG area to his office for forwarding to the agency.

BADC Report

Written report is attached. Mr. Allen called attention to the item in the report incorporating a request for action on the Community Leadership Training Programs offered by Harper College. He stated that in recognition of the budgetary limitations of BACOG, BADC would be willing to advance funds initially to underwrite participation by elected and appointed officials of BACOG villages in this program.

With regard to the BADC offer to advance funds for participation in the Community Leadership Training Programs at Harper College, it was the general expressed feeling of Board members that this will not be necessary, and that it would not serve to increase participation in the programs. Further discussion of this matter will be included in the meeting of the Policy Committee, scheduled for Monday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Don Klein stated that a new survey will be taken to reassess the direction the Harper program should take, and the kind of topics that newly elected and appointed officials would like to have included.

Mr. Allen further reported that the community survey to determine citizens' areas of interest is now complete, and that a voluminous report has been compiled. He asked that time be scheduled at a future meeting of this Board for a presentation of the results of the survey. The Chairman suggested that this be scheduled for the January meeting, and that pertinent information be distributed to the members of this Board in advance of the meeting, in the hope that the presentation at the meeting might be confined to approximately 30 minutes.

Old Business

Development Review - Mr. Klein pointed out that the developer in the proposed Hemphill development had stated initially that he could not economically develop

the property at less than the originally proposed number of units; however, he has now offered three different proposals with three different numbers of units for consideration. This reversal is the result of a great deal of effort by organizations and individuals. The negotiating committee is now reviewing the three proposals.

Special Studies under Grants - The first payment of the bikeway study grant has been received. A questionnaire is being prepared and will be distributed through the schools.

Audit Approval - Mrs. Hansen asked whether the recommendations of the auditors on page 7 of the report are reasonable, and whether they are being implemented. After some discussion, Mr. Puzey moved approval of the audit report, with inclusion and adoption of the auditors' recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wagner, and carried on roll call vote.

New Business

Flood Plain Filling - Corner of Routes 22 and 59 - Mr. Klein reported that upon investigation, he found a permit had been issued for placing 6 to 8 inches of fill on the flood plain. In order for such a permit to be properly issued, six documents are required to be filed with Waukegan. These documents have not been filed.

Mr. Forrest moved that BACOG recommend to the Lake County Board that a strict notification procedure be established covering this type of incident; and that the BACOG staff use its full energy in this particular circumstance to gain a reversal of the action taken and return of the land to its original condition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Puzey.

Mrs. Hansen pointed out that "full energies" might be construed to mean legal action, which can be very expensive. She cited a similar situation taking place in Barrington Hills, where legal remedy is being sought.

Mr. Wagner stated that he is informed that the deposit of fill is to be shaped to drain into a pond on the property. He urged that no such shaping be permitted until this matter has received deeper consideration from BACOG and from neighbor villages. He stated that he felt an injunction should be sought, even though it would require the expense of attorney's fees.

Mr. Forrest stated that he would like to have a report from the staff as to what might be accomplished in the near future.

Mrs. Hansen suggested that inasmuch as a meeting of the Policy Committee is set for Monday night, December 6, a decision might be reached at that time on pursuing the matter legally. It was suggested that the Board authorize the Policy Committee to appropriate limited funds initially to pursue this matter legally, in collaboration with the Legal Committee. Mr. Forrest amended his motion to that effect. The motion was seconded by Mr. Puzey, and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Skamfer pointed out that he has changed the format of the Treasurer's Report somewhat. Part I shows the receipts and disbursements for the month of November; Part II is a running account by month to date, in summary fashion.

Mr. Puzey requested that in the future the Treasurer's Report indicate how much of the balance on hand represents grant money which is already committed to a specific purpose. It was also suggested that a brief explanation of each bill be shown.

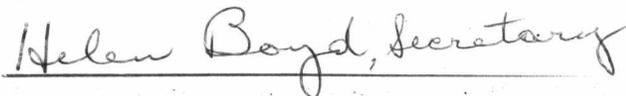
It was moved by Mr. Wagner that the Treasurer's Report be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown, and carried by roll call vote.

Mr. Puzey moved that the bills be paid as listed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wagner, and carried by roll call vote.

Thereupon, at 10:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned. The Board then met in executive session.



Barbara P. Hansen
Chairman of the Board



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November 30, 1976

TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD - BACOG

FROM: BACOG Liason, BADC

REQUEST FOR ACTION

BADC feels that the Community Leadership Training Programs that are offered by Harper College should be supported by BACOG. Many of our village employees are volunteer and these courses would offer valuable training. BADC believes that the courses should be made available at no cost to village employees and elected officials. With this in mind, the following motion was passed by the BADC Board at its meeting November 29, 1976:

"That BACOG be requested to fund participation by elected and appointed officials of member villages to the Community Leadership Training Programs offered by Harper College, as approved by local villages.

BADC would be willing to initially advance funds with the approval of its Executive Board for such a program until such time as BACOG funds are available."

BLOOD DRIVE

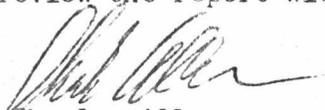
As previously reported, Barrington supported the area blood drive and came in over its quota.

Barbara Schneider, who did such an excellent job of heading the drive during the past year has asked to be relieved. Her replacement for 1977 is Mary Lou MacKimm who is a registered nurse and has worked on the blood drive for the past one and one-half years.

BADC wishes her success and extends a vote of thanks to Barb for her devotion and a job well done.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

The results of this survey were viewed at the BADC Board meeting November 29, 1976. They are very informative but will require a truly detailed explanation at presentation. We will request agenda time at a future BACOG meeting to review the report with you.


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