

Minutes of February 28, 2012
Barrington Area Council of Governments Executive Board Meeting
at the North Barrington Village Hall

Members present: K. Darch, Barrington; G. Dawson, Barrington Township; D. Nelson, Cuba Township; R. Abboud, Barrington Hills; B. Kellermann, Deer Park; C. Mitchell, Lake Barrington; J. Abbate, South Barrington; K. Leitner, Tower Lakes.

Members absent: North Barrington

Staff present: J. Agnoletti and J. Losinski. Others present: R. Casey, BACOG Treasurer; K. Olson, Deer Park; B. Battle; T. Gooch; R. DeVries; H. MacCartney.

The Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leitner at 7:06 p.m.

Agnoletti reported North Barrington Village President Pino could not attend tonight and he expresses his appreciation to the Board for their support regarding the DiMucci proposal.

Minutes

Minutes of January 24, 2012 were distributed with the packet. Mitchell made motion and Nelson seconded to approve minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer's report for January 2012 was distributed with the packet and Casey reviewed the reports. Nelson moved and Abbate seconded to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- Acceptance of Annual Audit: Casey reported the audit was distributed last month for review. Darch recommended a clarification on page 8 of the audit to change the wording to read "invoice not paid until 2011" instead of the current statement "invoice not received until 2011." Abboud entered meeting at 7:10 p.m. Casey suggested writing the changes in the books and have Agnoletti sign the changes because of costs to have the auditor make the changes and reprint the audit. Nelson made motion and Abbate seconded to approve the Annual Audit with the recommendations made by Darch. Motion passed with Barrington Hills and Deer Park abstaining and all others voting yes.
- Status of Recruitment of Treasurer: Agnoletti reported no applications received yet. Casey reported he will continue as Treasurer until the end of this fiscal year. Consensus from members is to look in Barrington area for another month before looking outside the Barrington area to fill the volunteer position.

Public Comment/Community Reports

- Harry MacCartney – BADC: MacCartney reported on the BADC bi-annual Leadership Academy and distributed a flyer with the program information. The program will be held April 14th and interested participants can contact BADC to register.
- Brian Battle – CUSD 220: Battle reported on the "Community Conversations" the district has been hosting; district has a strong triple A rating; upcoming teachers' contract; staffing & budget issues; Chinese and Spanish immersion program; and some legislative issues include PTELL, pension reform for teachers, and transportation funding. They have a legislative meeting scheduled for March 13 that Agnoletti and Dawson, legislative chairperson, will attend.

Winter Snow & Ice Operations and Groundwater Quality

Agnoletti introduced Tom Gooch, Cuba Township Highway Commissioner and Mark DeVries, McHenry County Division of Transportation.

- Local Chloride Maps: Agnoletti reported on the work done at BACOG by Anna Paul regarding changes in chloride levels over the years and showed maps indicating dramatic increase in chlorides pre-1965 and after 1965. The increase is almost 4 times higher.
- DeVries reviewed winter maintenance goals and the environmental impacts of treating roads with salt. He also discussed sensible salting practices, tools to use including plow first, use snow fences and de-icing materials, and reviewed proper salt storage. The McHenry County website has a list of contractors who have completed McHenry County's snow and ice certification program.
- Gooch reported Cuba Township takes care of approximately 365 lane miles. He reviewed Cuba Township's winter roads operations and the decrease in salt used due to pre-treatment procedures they follow. Gooch also reported their trucks are equipped with GPS and they only use full-time employees to operate snow trucks.
- IDOT representatives had been invited to present at this meeting but were unable to attend. Agnoletti reported their representative told her IDOT uses only salt, no alternative products, in snow operations on state roads. This was confirmed by DeVries, to the best of his knowledge.

Lease with Village of Barrington Hills for FY2012-13

A copy of the lease was distributed with the packet. Agnoletti distributed new pages 1 and 2 at the meeting due to revisions. The term of the lease is for two years and the rent is \$1/month. The \$35/month will cover items such as paper towels, toilet paper, soap, etc. The Board thanked Abboud and his board for housing BACOG. Dawson made motion and Nelson seconded to approve and execute the lease with the Village of Barrington Hills for FY 2012-13. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Leitner encouraged others to look for space to house BACOG in the future. She also reported BACOG will need storage space for office furniture and files that will not fit in the village hall. Darch recommended that BACOG check with Lawler regarding space in the basement at the Village Hall and Abbate reported he will check on available space at South Barrington.

BACOG Position on North Barrington DiMucci Development

Agnoletti distributed a press release statement regarding the DiMucci property at the meeting. Dawson made motion and Abboud seconded to approve the press release statement. Abboud moved to amend the statement to address the issue that Lake County is not following its own framework plan and procedures. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Release will be made Thursday evening or Friday, following North Barrington's actions this week.

Legislative Committee

- February 4th Legislative Breakfast: Losinski reported the event was co-hosted with Lake County Municipal League and over 80 people were in attendance. Legislators in attendance included Congressman Dold, Senators Link and Schmidt, and Representatives Cole, Mathias, Mayfield and Sente.
- Springfield Lobby Day March 7-8: Dawson reported BACOG members will go to Springfield March 7-8 to meet with legislators. A reception will be March 8th at the Hilton Springfield and approximately 75 legislators are invited.
- Priority Bills of Interest: Agnoletti reviewed the action report that was distributed with the packet. Agnoletti emailed the Board under separate cover a letter from Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) regarding the formation of "Protect Local Government Revenues Coalition". Agnoletti reported NWMC is looking for support and not asking for money at this time. The coalition fits with the BACOG Legislative Platform. Darch made motion and Abboud seconded to support the coalition protecting all local revenues. Motion passed unanimously. Darch reported on SB 3667-consolidation of fire districts.

Resolution for BACOG to Join the WaterSense Promotional Partnership

A copy of the resolution was distributed with the packet. Agnoletti reported WaterSense is asking the COGs and members of COGs to pass a resolution to become a WaterSense promotional partner. Abboud made motion and Darch seconded to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Groundwater – Potential Partnership with Private Lab

Agnoletti reported Angel Water has started a private water testing lab called Home Water Labs (HWL) and they would like to partner with BACOG by offering well owners another place to go for testing the quality of their water. Agnoletti reported some reasons to use HWL is the long wait list for the Level 2 test, HWL will give us their data, they will go to residents home to take the water sample, and they hopefully will GPS the location of wells. Discussion took place on if BACOG should offer more than one company for the water testing. Consensus from members is to obtain a legal opinion from Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle on giving preference to a single company.

Director's Report

Agnoletti stated she covered information through the meeting.

Presidents' and Supervisors' Reports

- *Barrington Township:* Dawson reported the Barrington and Cuba Townships Have a Heart Food drive did not collect as much as they have in the past. Dawson also reported on early voting.
- *Deer Park:* Kellermann suggested members talk to our area legislators in Springfield regarding the DiMucci property proposal.
- *Barrington:* Darch reported on the March 3rd Wine Walk in the Cook Street area; Celtic Fest at McGonigals March 16-17; and progress on the Hough/Main Street project.
- *South Barrington:* Abbate reported their service agreement for water and sewer is with Manhard.
- *Cuba Township:* No report.
- *Barrington Hills:* Abboud reported on cellular system upgrade.
- *Lake Barrington:* Mitchell reported on an Illinois Chamber of Commerce reception held in Lake Barrington.
- *Tower Lakes:* No report.

The members discussed the "Leave No Child Inside" initiative and Kellerman reported on the concerns Deer Park has about the organization.

Adjournment of Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm after a motion by Nelson and seconded by Dawson. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

*Julie S. Losinski
BACOG Secretary*