

Road maintenance and classification timeline

2003 “Due to a number of factors”, Haegers Bend Road was only resurfaced with a “thinner overlay”, unlike most of the other high-volume roads in the Village which were partially reconstructed between 2001-2005. One reason cited to defer more definitive construction was the uncertainty of the development of the Duda properties. Robert Abboud was the trustee in charge of Roads & Bridges at this time. (see [Haegers Bend Road Public Hearing Information Sheet](#))

April 25, 2005 Robert G. Abboud sworn in as Village President.

2003-2012 Only repatching of Haegers Bend took place during this period. Meanwhile, the road continued to deteriorate to the point where total reconstruction was the only option.

May 2012 Trustee Patty Meroni, in charge of Roads & Bridges (R&B) stated in her monthly report to the Board of Trustees, that engineering for our application for reconstruction of Haegers Bend through the McHenry County Council of Mayors (McCCOM) Call for Projects is underway. http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov/edocuments/ePackets/BOT/2012/052112/AgendaMaterials/3_Roads_Bridges/3_1/ROADS%20AND%20BRIDGES%20MONTHLY%20REPORT%20May%20%202012.pdf

June 25, 2012 Board of Trustees Minutes & Resolution 12-18 -- BH Village Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 12-18 to apply for STP funding for **base course widening** and resurfacing improvements to Haegers Bend Road (FAU 3875). Village also agreed to allocate 20% for HB improvements if the project is approved. Village President Bob Abboud signed the resolution, with the approval of current Trustees **Meroni**, Messer, **Selman** and Gohl. The funding would come from a federal program with McCCOM acting as administrator. Minutes

<http://www.barringtonhillsil.gov/archive/vboard/2012/20120625.pdf>

Resolution 12-18

http://www.barringtonhillsil.gov/foia/pdfs/resolutions/2012Resolutions/Res12_18.pdf

September 2012 Meroni R&B Report Haegers Bend Road – “The funding request for Haegers Bend did not make the cut with McCCOM. The project will be re-submitted at the next opportunity with some changes and adjustments to increase our chances of success in the next call for projects”. Report http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov/edocuments/ePackets/BOT/2012/092412/AgendaMaterials/3_Roads_Bridges/3_1/ROADS_BRIDGES_MonthlyReport092012.pdf

April 22, 2013 Meroni R&B Report “The village will request FAU Route Designation status for Spring Creek Road thereby qualifying for funding in jurisdiction with Algonquin Township.” Report http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov/edocuments/ePackets/BOT/2013/042213/3_Roads_Bridges/3_1/3.1R&BREPORT.pdf

May 6, 2013 Martin J. McLaughlin sworn in as Village President.

May 16, 2013 Trustee Patty Meroni and Village Engineer Dan Strahan attended McCCOM meeting requesting reclassification of Spring Creek Road as a major collector. According to the minutes, "Mr. Strahan presented the Village of Barrington Hills request of Spring Creek Road from Haegers Bend Road to Ridge Road. This route serves as a collector for through traffic. A letter of support from Algonquin Township has been included. Mr. Nunamaker asked what would change if this route becomes a FAU route. Mr. Strahan said it would be eligible for STP funding. Mr. Young asked about the access restriction at Haegers Bend Road and Spring Creek Road. **Ms. Patti Maroni** said years ago residents were concerned about the increase of traffic and an island was installed limiting access. She said the island will be removed in the near future." <http://www.mchenrycounty.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/May-16-2013-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

May 23, 2013 Meroni R&B Report Spring Creek Road was approved as a FAU route designation by the McHenry County Council of Mayors on Thursday, May 16 thus qualifying as being eligible to apply for funding. Report http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov/edocuments/ePackets/BOT/2013/052313/3_Roads_Bridges/3_1/3.1R&BREPORT.pdf

May 29, 2013 Email from McCCOM to VBH indicating unlikelihood of Federal Highway Administration approving Spring Creek FAU while the island is still in place. "Patty Meroni did mention that the village is considering changes at the intersection." The Council liaison suggests waiting "until the intersection is more accessible to submit the application – perhaps this fall." (see [Daigle email](#))

June 24, 2013 Meroni R & B Report SPRING CREEK ROAD FAU DESIGNATION
"After receiving approval of our FAU designation, the Village received an objection because of the traffic island at Spring Creek Road and Haegers Bend which I [Meroni] had stated at the approval hearing would be removed when Haegers Bend Road is resurfaced.

Since approval is dependent on this removal, VBH and Algonquin will open discussion on our IGA which is over 10 years into a 20 year agreement to remove this island and ask Algonquin to extend the water to include a fire hydrant at the intersection."
http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov/edocuments/ePackets/BOT/2013/062413/3_Roads_Bridges/3_1/Roads_BridgesReport.pdf

October 2013 R&B Report "An IGA with Algonquin is being drafted to include a bike path extension with the Highland Avenue extension and removal of the island at Spring Creek and Haeger's Bend Road, both required for VBH to qualify for the federal funding needed to resurface Haeger's Bend Road."

March 2014 McHenry County Council of Mayors "announced changes to their scoring criteria" so that the addition of bicycle paths to BH's application was no longer a significant point item to improve the chances of Haegers Bend qualifying for funding.

April 2014-July 2014 Residents, along with Meroni and Selman, begin attending Plan Commission. Mary Naumann and several neighbors started a petition effort, organized a lawn sign campaign against bike lanes and set up a website called

www.DontChangeBarringtonHills.com The website, while seemingly well meaning, contained numerous inaccuracies and minimized the involvement of Trustee Patty Meroni, Chair of Roads & Bridges Committee. The website is also hosted by RGA Labs, the company operated by former Village President Abboud.

July 16, 2014 Haegers Bend Public Hearing

When residents arrived at the hearing to voice their concerns, Meroni & Strahan suddenly announced that bike lanes had suddenly been removed from consideration for Haegers Bend, but homeowners were still being asked their input about retaining the traffic islands and about allowing temporary construction easements during reconstruction of Haegers Bend. At the hearing, Patty Meroni also emphatically stated that she did not attend the May 16, 2013 MCCOM meeting. This, despite the fact that the MCCOM minutes reference her attendance, and her own R & B reports confirm it.

September 22, 2014 Village Board unanimously adopted Resolution 14-20 to Reclassify any FAU routes in the village to their prior statuses as Local Roads.

http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov/records/resolutions/2014Resolutions/Res_14_20.pdf
http://www.barringtonhills-il.gov/archive/vboard/2014/Minutes/2014_09.pdf

September 23, 2014 FAU Reversal Village Administrator Robert Kosin's letter to the McHenry County Council of Mayors asks for reclassification of Spring Creek as a Local Road stating that at the time of the Village's original request to classify it as a Collector Road, the Council's approval was based "in part on the Village's stated intent to remove a traffic island at the intersection of Haeger's Bend Road and Spring Creek Road which forces eastbound traffic on Spring Creek Road to turn right (south) onto Haeger's Bend Road. Based on input received at a public hearing this summer, the Village will not be pursuing removal of this island." (see [Kosin MCCOM letter](#))