

These minutes are merely a summary and an attempt to reference comments that took place on the Board.

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, February 23, 2015

President McLaughlin called the Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

Martin J. McLaughlin, President  
Fritz H. Gohl, President Pro Tem  
Joseph S. Messer, Trustee  
Karen S. Selman, Trustee  
Patty Meroni, Trustee  
Colleen Konicek, Trustee  
Michael Harrington, Trustee

Rich Semelsberger, Chief  
Joseph Colditz, Deputy Chief  
Patrick Bond, Temporary Village Attorney  
Robert Kosin, Village Administrator  
Dolores Trandel, Village Clerk

Guests

Steve Knoop  
Brian Cecola  
Mary Naumann  
Jack Reich  
Emily McHugh  
Barbara Kemp  
Jim O'Donnell  
David Stieper  
P. Denise Israel  
Jonathan Knight  
John Rosene  
Bryan Croll  
Laura Ekstrom  
Jean Maddrell  
Benjamin LeCompte  
Davie Hollein  
Judy & Terry Freeman  
Linda Cools  
Jan Goss  
Lou Anne Majewski  
Arnold Cernik  
Jeff Swanson, BCFPD  
Katie Rose  
Bryan Muche  
Catherine Keady  
James Crawford  
Tedd Gagen

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public Comments were given by the following:

Jan Goss  
Linda Cools  
Barb Kemp

Laura Ekstrom  
Lou Anne Majewski  
Jean Maddrell

Bryan Muche  
Jim Crawford  
David Hollein

Audio on these comments can be located at the Village web site – [www.vbhil.gov](http://www.vbhil.gov). Any written comments handed to the Village Clerk will be posted as an attachment to the Agenda.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Harrington motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2014. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Harrington motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2015 with changes. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Trustee Selman motioned to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of January 26, 2015. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

President McLaughlin stated that those portions of the Executive Session relating to the Sears litigation no longer require confidential treatment and that they can be ascended, released and be made available for public inspection. Trustee Messer motioned to approve the ascension of the Executive Minutes. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

President McLaughlin stated that those portions of the Executive Session relating to specific employees, collective bargaining items and litigation other than Sears and that those matters previously held confidential will remain confidential. Trustee Meroni motioned not to ascend those portions of the Executive Minutes. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

## **FINANCE – Karen S. Selman**

Treasurer's Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2015. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Police Pension Board Report - Trustee Selman motioned to accept the Police Pension Board Report for January, 2015. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

Overtime Reports - Trustee Selman made the motion to approve the Overtime Report from January 16, 2015 through February 15, 2015 totaling \$6,970.53. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Selman, Meroni, Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Motion Approved**

Bills for Approval - Trustee Selman motioned to approve the bills for the month of January 16, 2015 to February 15, 2015, totaling \$298,093.59. Trustee Meroni seconded. Trustee Harrington motioned to amend the motion to exclude Bond-Dickson invoices for Village except for the ZBA invoice #14571. Trustee Konicek asked Trustee Harrington if he is not voting to exclude them based on the bills submitted. Trustee Harrington replied it is based on how the Village Attorney was appointed. President McLaughlin asked Treasurer Ryba to give some clarity on the Prompt Payment Act in the State of Illinois and what we would be liable for in not paying Bond-Dickson. Treasurer Ryba stated that the Village would most likely be liable to pay that with penalties. Trustee Harrington stated that as a Home Rule Community, the Village can choose which bills to pay or not to pay. Attorney Bond stated that whether you are a Home Rule Municipality or not, this applies to government entities. Prompt Payment Act requires that any invoice submitted, is reviewed and payment made within thirty days of receipt of the goods and or services. If you take issue with a particular invoice, you have to put the vendor on written notice that there is a concern or issue with that invoice and it gives you time to resolve the dispute within sixty days. The Prompt Payment Act is a State Statute. Village Administrator Kosin stated that the Treasurer has kept a tally of the Bond invoices and we are at the crossroads of deciding what to do. Trustee Meroni suggested the Trustees put together a written statement. President McLaughlin suggested that relative to the Prompt Payment Act and liability coming to the Village with expenses that are unnecessary, he would suggest that Attorney Bond go for a Quantum Meruit Payment. Roll Call.

Ayes: 3 (Konicek, Gohl, McLaughlin)

Nays: 4 (Harrington, Selman, Meroni, Messer)

Absent: 0

**Motion Denied**

Trustee Selman motioned to approve the bills for the month of January 16, 2015 to February 15, 2015, totaling \$\$237,341.09. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 5 (Harrington, Selman, Meroni, Messer, Gohl)

Nays: 2 (Konicek, McLaughlin)

Absent: 0

**Motion Approved**

## **ROADS & BRIDGES – Patty Meroni**

### Monthly Report

The Roads and Bridges Committee Meeting was held February 17, 2015. Several residents attended and spoke during public comment and some of their comments and questions will be addressed in this report.

The resident from Spring Creek Road asked why a performance guarantee and/or bond is not required of our road contractors. Bob Kosin has provided the documentation that governs guarantees/bonds with government contracts.

Local Functional Classification System Map - Following January's meeting, Dan Strahan has corrected Village maps to reclassify roads previously shown as collector roads back to local service roads per the decision at the McHenry County Council of Mayor's at their January meeting.

2015-2019 Road Program Recommendation - At the January meeting the length of a planned road program was discussed and the question of a 5, 7 or 10 year program needs to be determined. Dan Strahan, the Village Engineer, has prepared several options based on the 2014 Pavement Condition Survey, with other criteria added as well (i.e. through streets, cul de sacs, etc., traffic volume).

Attached to the report are his recommendations and the estimated costs of each. The Board can now review these recommendations before deciding on which course of action to pursue.

Multi Year Road Program - Trustee Meroni motioned to table this matter until the Board has a chance to review the recommendations for the road program. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye.

### **Motion Tabled**

2015 Road Program - Plum Tree Road; Meadow Hill Road; Haeger's Bend Road Attached is the preliminary cost estimate for Haeger's Bend Road, patching and resurfacing vs. full depth reconstruction. Based on these prices, patching and resurfacing is recommended. Asphalt prices have not yet been posted which will delay final estimates for this year's road program.

2015 Drainage Program - Merri Oaks Road Copenhagen Construction is well underway with this project, but the cold has halted work temporarily. Meanwhile, the easement document with the resident at 315 Ridge Road has been submitted by President McLaughlin since Mary Dickson declined to do the work on February 2, 2015 citing, in error, that the matter has been deferred by IDOT until April (it is a Lake County Storm Water Management project) and it has not been deferred (that is Cuba Road Bridge) and my "position on the legality of the services

provided by this firm due to the concerns over our appointment and I will also defer this matter.”

Dan Strahan prepared a “Right of Entry” Permit which President McLaughlin has submitted to the resident.

Steeplechase Road - Attached is the Engineering Exhibit for the drainage problem on Steeplechase Road which is resulting in water over the roadway.

Paganica Drainage Project - A meeting will be held with Lake County Stormwater Management Committee, the Homeowner’s Association, the developer and the Village to determine if the project will go forward.

Seasonal Road Posting - Due to the severity of the cold, seasonal road posting is expected in March.

Cuba Township Snow Plowing and Salt Usage - This year’s new program on pre-application of liquid to prevent freezing on some normally difficult routes, in combination with salt and plowing has proven to be very effective, even in a 20 inch snowfall. Costs for salt have been far less than earlier estimate by Cuba Township and the collaboration with the Barrington Hills Police Department, seems to have eliminated several chronically problem areas of hills and high traffic volume.

Village of Algonquin - Highland Avenue/Spring Creek Road. Algonquin has submitted revised copies of the Project Development Report for this project which is scheduled for 2016.

Trustee Messer asked what was going on with Hart Road. Trustee Meroni replied that this was on New Hart Road from Lake Cook to Rt. 14, and is a Lake County Transportation project. The Village of Barrington has applied for a federal grant and will be extending the sidewalk on Lake Cook Road from the entrance of the high school to Hart Road and as part of the Hart Road project, they will be putting in a sidewalk on the west side of Hart Road from Rt. 14 up to the office building.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl**

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl presented the monthly report which was included in the Board of Trustees meeting packet.

Dispatch Outsource Resolution – Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the Dispatch Outsource Resolution. Trustee Messer seconded.

Trustee Harrington stated that Quadcom is an excellent organization, not a perfect one and he feels there is a lot missing in the report regarding service level, analysis and also there are some liabilities that were not sufficiently covered. There are also assumptions of cost savings that may not come true. There is the decision if we do not outsource,

then we keep it internally and the biggest advantage in keeping it internally, is that you have control. This Village is a service oriented Village. Another thing that this study misses is we really did not do a deep dive into our internal operation which is described as being state of the art on one side of the spectrum to having deep troubles on the other side. We clearly have some equipment that is reaching the end of its life and some that needs to be replaced soon. We have the Next Generation 911 coming up which has some far reaching implications for this decision. The best solution for the Village is to designate a committee of experts to look at this issue, give them a specific assignment, do we outsource to Quadcom or keep it internally, what are the pro's and con's.

Trustee Selman agreed and stated that time is of the essence as we have equipment in our 911 center that needs to be purchased sooner rather than later. She is on the 911 Committee and she has listened to all the reports and she has struggled with this. One of the things she understands from our residents is that they like having their own, they like the familiarity. She has met with Kevin Colosia and Barb Kemp and has seen their list of questions and has not been able to answer all their questions. She has spoken to other communities who have outsourced and they are happy with their decisions and some that are not so happy. She contacted the Countryside Fire Department to see how they felt about this and found out that no one has even asked them. She has done a lot of research and she is not confident in making this decision.

Chief Jeff Swanson was present to give his views. He gave a short report on the upgrades to the Countryside Fire Protection District. He stated that he has always been dispatched from a consolidated dispatch center. Their 911 calls are dispatched from Cencom Dispatch located in Round Lake and they are the MABAS division for fire dispatch, and his experience with the dispatchers is that they are very professional, very competent. In his experience in the fire service industry of about twenty years, he has always been dispatched from a police/fire center so for him it is comfortable, it's what he is used to. He is willing to help in any way that he can.

President McLaughlin asked about radio signals and coverage. Chief Swanson replied it all is about how well it works with the topography and how far away you are from the transmitter. President McLaughlin stated that we have 470 meg-a-hertz radio frequency which dealing with our topography gives you great coverage around hills and valleys.

Chief Semelsberger stated that we would be able to keep our radio frequency as it is compatible with Quadcom. He stated that we have had years of monitoring them as they are our neighbors to the west and he personally has listened to them for twenty-six years. He has heard nothing but good things about them from the officers and supervisors. He has never heard a complaint about them. A study can tell you how much money it's going to cost you, all the things you want to look at financially, but whether it's a good fit or not, we based that on our experience. President McLaughlin asked the Chief if he had any concerns about the response, personnel being able to find addresses. Chief replied that the officers are the ones going to the homes, they have years of experience, they know how to get to the houses in Barrington Hills.

Trustee Messer referred to what he called Concierge service that we have here, how are we going to handle that. Chief replied that at first they were going to keep two out of the six employees, they would work two shifts to about 8:00 or 10:00 p.m. During the day there are additional people in the office than just the dispatchers that can answer the phones. There will be potentially weekends and evenings, where we would have Call Attendant, you would call and get a recording that directs you to somebody's specific desk phone or to call 911 if it's an emergency or they could request to talk directly to the supervisor on the street on their cell phone. He understands the need for the studies, but he is concerned about the six employees that are uncertain about their future. It is unfair to them not to know from month to month. In the meantime, we have a situation where we need to upgrade our state of the art radio system. We need to do some immediate fixes to it. It operates on XP Platform computers and those are not supported by Microsoft anymore, so if they fail, we are out of luck for dispatch. If we do take additional time to put together a blue ribbon panel, we are going to need to spend around \$275,000 to immediately invest into our dispatch council. Both Quadcom and our dispatchers are both very good. It boils down to what the residents are willing to pay in taxes to keep our dispatch. If the residents and the Board want to keep our dispatch, then we are going to need direction as soon as possible. We don't have the luxury of time.

Trustee Messer stated that this is the hardest decision he has had to make since coming on the Board. The only thing he has is in speaking to other Chiefs, they only had good things to say about Quadcom. They did say there is a transition period, but it was very short. He feels it is the right thing to do economically. He likes Trustee Harrington's approach, it would be a validation of their decision.

Trustee Harrington asked if we still needed to spend the \$275,000 even if we decided to outsource as the outsource is going to take time to onboard as it takes four to six months. Chief stated that he directed JoAnne today to check with Chicago Communications to see how long we have. We may be able to hold off until the outsourcing occurred. He doesn't know how long this potential study is going to take and then with additional four to six months to go onboard with Quadcom, he doesn't feel comfortable with the safety of the people whom he is entrusted, to push it that far.

President McLaughlin stated that the one thing we have going for us is we have the benefit of history and you don't often get that when you are the first person into the breach. In this case, we are the last person into the breach of consolidation and he agrees with Trustee Messer, the only negative comment he received was from a resident from South Barrington about how quickly they were dismissed on the phone line after they provided valuable information. The fact that Quadcom has never lost a single person that they have brought into their organization. The fact we have not talked about is that the State may come down in two to three years and choose a dance partner for our community. This is an opportunity for us to choose a member based organization. We haven't discussed costs, but we need to know what the costs are. We are at about \$175.00 per person, per year in the Village for our current 911 services. If we move to

Quadcom, it's an estimated \$45.00 per person and that would include the two retained dispatchers for non-emergency calls.

Trustee Meroni has spoken to many individuals about this and in reviewing some of the numbers and questions, we have a serious problem for our employees which are in limbo at this time, not knowing what we are going to do. Time is of the essence. We need a better evaluation, we need to crunch the numbers, but in a tight time frame.

President McLaughlin stated that if we go to Quadcom, we are a member so we will be able to vote with the group. He can't imagine at that ten member organization, the group not saying Next Gen will now allow us to diversify our location, allows us to reduce our costs. We will receive the benefits of technology in a member organization. The consultants have predicted that in ten years, we will have a three million dollar savings to the Village.

Trustee Gohl asked if the Village would be involved in a lawsuit that Quadcom currently has. Trustee Messer replied that the attorney for Quadcom has advised that we would not be involved in that lawsuit. Attorney Bond stated that the wording of the Resolution was prepared by Mary Dickson and John Kelly of Bond-Dickson Firm. Roll Call.

Ayes: 2 (Konicek, Messer)

Nays: 4 (Harrington, Selman, Meroni, Gohl)

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 (McLaughlin)

### **Resolution Failed**

Surplus Property Ordinance – Trustee Gohl motioned to authorize the disposal of personal property owned by the Village of Barrington Hills. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Selman, Meroni, Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

### **Motion Approved**

## **BUILDING AND ZONING – Joseph S. Messer**

Permit Report – Seven building permits were issued in January, 2015.

### Enforcement Report

266 Steeplechase – Building Department received contact information from property preservation company for any further complaints. On vacant house watch list.

261 Steeplechase Rd Update – Village Prosecutor obtained an order of default against Mr. Koulouris and Chase Bank, which would prevent them from contesting the demolition. Mr. Koulouris appeared in court after order issued and advised the Village

Prosecutor he is now in possession of the property. An alias summons was obtained for Mr. Saltourous and forwarded to Lake County Sheriff for posting and certified mail service.

385 Spring Creek Road Update – On February 13, 2015, the Village Engineer advised revisions were needed to the resident's submitted plans.

ZBA Report – The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of February 18, 2015 was cancelled.

Amending Village Plumbing Code Ordinance – Trustee Messer motioned to approve this Ordinance amending the Village Plumbing Code. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye.

### **Ordinance 15-03 Approved**

Veto Override Horse Boarding Ordinance – Trustee Messer stated that Pursuant to 3.1-40-50 of the Municipal Code, which allows City Council to override the Veto of the Mayor, in this case, the President and Council as the Trustees, this requires 2/3 of the Vote to override the Veto. Trustee Messer motioned to override the Veto of the Horse Boarding Ordinance #14-19. Trustee Selman seconded.

Attorney Bond stated that the process is a multi-step. The first step is the Board passes the Ordinance. The second step is that the President refuses to approve or he Veto's that Ordinance. The third step is reconsider that so the first motion would be to reconsider the passage of the Ordinance 14-19. Once the matter has been properly considered, then the appropriate motion would be as was stated and that would be the motion to pass Ordinance 14-19 notwithstanding the President's Veto.

Trustee Messer motioned to reconsider the passage of Ordinance 14-19. Trustee Gohl seconded.

Trustee Konicek requested, on behalf of the residents that have stood before this Board and asked for a Blue Ribbon Panel to be put together of residents of the equestrian side of our community and those residents who are not horse owners to sit down and hash out this language and find a happy medium. Trustee Messer replied that her opinion is contrary to the Village Code.

President McLaughlin stated that this issue relates to jeopardy for the Village and he wanted to state for the record that entering into a decision to change the law amongst the private litigation between two parties is the problem that he has with this. In May of 2014, Mr. Bond who was Special Counsel at the time, came in and gave an opinion as it related to the necessity to enter into a lawsuit and what the ramifications of that would be as two individuals in our community, both well regarded, well respected. This is not a question as to the text amendment, it a question of necessity and what it will do, because we will surely be putting the Village and its tax payers money in a problematic situation. We had three interviewed attorney firms and each and every one of those concurred with the opinion of our Special Counsel and the Board chose to ignore that

opinion and he would implore the Board not to move forward on this as it will certainly put us in the midst of active litigation unnecessarily.

Trustee Harrington stated that he went back and listened to the tapes of the attorneys that came in and spoke and they didn't concur with Attorney Bond and your statement is not accurate.

Trustee Konicek stated that she has listened to the tapes as well, and the local attorney emphatically said that he would absolutely not recommend pursuing a text amendment that would provide property rights over one resident during active litigation. Trustee Harrington paraphrased that another attorney stated that it is proper for a legislative body to pass legislation that they think is in the best interest of their municipality and that's where he stands on this issue.

President McLaughlin stated that since he has been in this office, he has had zero barn owners come to the Village and ask for a change in the law or to shut down a barn so it is evident to me that this is specific to this single party.

Trustee Messer motioned to reconsider the passage of Ordinance 14-19. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 5 (Harrington, Selman, Meroni, Messer, Gohl)

Nays: 2 (Konicek, McLaughlin)

Absent: 0

**Motion Approved**

Trustee motioned to pass Ordinance 14-19 notwithstanding the President's Veto. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 5 (Harrington, Selman, Meroni, Messer, Gohl)

Nays: 2 (Konicek, McLaughlin)

Absent: 0

**Motion Approved**

Set Compensation of Special Counsel – Trustee Messer stated that in Section 1-6-6 (D) of our Code does give the President the authority to retain Special Counsel in Section 1. In Section 2, it states that the compensation of Special Counsel shall be set by the Board of Trustees. According to the Attorney Client Retainer Agreement that Trustee Messer handed out, David Sterba was engaged by the President and had set compensation for Mr. Sterba. He asked the President if this was an oversight. President McLaughlin replied no, he met with Mr. Sterba, his rate was \$440.00 an hour, he requested a discount which Mr. Sterba provided at \$350.00 per hour. The last three retained Village Attorneys for Special Counsel were in this order, James Kelly at \$225.00 an hour, Patrick Bond at \$200.00 an hour and last paid Special Counsel was Burke Warren at \$440.00 an hour, the rate of \$350.00 falls within those three numbers. Trustee Messer asked if the President did not realize that it is the Board's right to set the compensation for Special Counsel when he entered into this agreement. Trustee Konicek asked when has the Board done that in the past, and that the Board has never set compensation.

Trustee Messer advised that the President did not comply with Village Code as he entered into an agreement that is void because you specified a compensation that you had no right to.

Trustee Konicek stated that from 2005 to 2014 the set compensation for Special Counsel Kelly was to the tune of \$609,806 and that none of the Trustees ever voted on it, not even once.

Trustee Messer motioned to set the compensation for Special Counsel at zero. Trustee Gohl seconded. Trustee Konicek asked if Trustee Messer wants compensation to be set at zero for the items you want him not to investigate President McLaughlin on as well, or are you willing to pay him \$350.00 for those items. Trustee Messer replied that he does not want him to investigate President McLaughlin. He wants the record to be clear that he would include those in his charge. He stated section 6 of the Attorney Client Retainer Agreement states that (Client, and that would be the President, agrees to furnish Attorneys with all of the specific allegations and related documentation in its possession, and to cooperate fully with the investigation), so what are the specific allegations and related documents that pertain to this inquiry. Trustee Messer stated that what President McLaughlin should do, if he believes there is some impropriety, some illegal conduct, it would be incumbent upon him to go to the Attorney General or the State's Attorney.

Trustee Messer motioned that there is no value in this Special Attorney so his rate should be zero. Trustee Meroni seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 5 (Harrington, Selman, Meroni, Messer, Gohl)

Nays: 2 (Konicek, McLaughlin)

Absent: 0

**Motion Approved**

### **PLANNING – Colleen Konicek**

The Plan Commission meeting of February 9, 2015 was cancelled.

### **INSURANCE – Michael Harrington**

Monthly Report – Trustee Harrington stated there were no action items on insurance.

### **HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Michael Harrington**

Monthly Report - None report received.

Board of Health Report – Trustee Harrington stated that at the most recent meeting, changes to the Septic Code were discussed. The State made changes to the Septic Code effective January, 2014. Some changes dealt with design, maintenance and record

keeping. The type 2 water testing of the wells in the Village, BACOG will be handling that under their program.

Heritage & Environs Roadside Clean-up – Trustee Harrington stated that HEC is holding their roadside clean-up on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Buildings & Grounds

Village Hall: Cintas Fire completed annual inspections of all Village fire extinguishers.

Fire Station: Lake-Cook Trenching repaired damaged septic system drop box and replaced broken lift station concrete lid.

Safety-Kleen proposed and quoted a plan for maintenance of the apparatus bay triple trap floor basins.

Kipp Plumbing attempted to rod and televise apparatus bay trench drain system but due to high levels, the triple trap floor basins will require pump out by Safety-Kleen before completion of both procedures.

Exploring water softener system cycling operations and the discharge location to develop a maintenance schedule.

Trustee Gohl asked to be excused at 10:44 due to illness.

### **ATTORNEY – Temporary, Patrick Bond**

Pending Litigation – No report.

Pending OMA/FOIA Pack – No report.

### **ADMINISTRATION – President McLaughlin**

Collective Bargain Negotiations Report – President stated that this item will be moved to Executive Session as we are in active negotiations and it would not be proper to discuss in Public Session.

### Appointments

Trustee Gohl motioned to appoint Acting Chief Richard Semelsberger to Chief of Police. Trustee Meroni seconded. President McLaughlin stated "He has impressed me with his work ethic, his knowledge of our community, as well as his passion to protect and serve the residents of this community." Trustee Patty Meroni agreed, "I think he will do an outstanding job."

Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Selman, Meroni, Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Motion Approved**

At this time, Village Clerk Trandel administered the Oath of Office to Chief Semelsberger.

Trustee Gohl motioned to appoint Acting Deputy Chief Joseph Colditz to Deputy Chief of Police. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye. President McLaughlin stated that “Joe has always looked for ways to improve the level of service provided to residents of Barrington Hills.”

Ayes: 7 (Harrington, Konicek, Selman, Meroni, Messer, Gohl, McLaughlin)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Motion Approved**

At this time, Village Clerk Trandel administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Chief Colditz.

President’s Veto Report on Ordinance 15-01 Special Counsel – President McLaughlin read into the record his Veto Message for Special Counsel Provision passed by the Village Board on January 26, 2015.

LOA CUSD 220 – Brian Harris, Superintendent of District 220 and Brian Battle, President of the School Board came to discuss Lot 4 and Lot 5 and the Conservation Area and answer any questions the Board might have. These properties are subject to an IGA between the Village of Barrington and the Village of Barrington Hills and the owners of the Flint Creek Crossing Properties. They have no specific long term use for that property, but it allows them to rethink the High School Campus. They would like to establish a community based group that will look at a master plan for the High School and they would extend an invitation to Barrington Hills to be part of that process.

Special Counsel 1-6-6 Duties Defined – President McLaughlin stated that this item was supposed to read “Referendum for Discussion for duties defined for Special Counsel”. His provision would be that if we are interested in changing the form of government, it should be put forth to the residents of this community. As it relates to appointments being made by Presidents from the date of election to the time the next President is seated, he also feels that we should consider that change, and additionally, should visit the idea of having Board members and Commission members, upon expiration of their time in office, the hold-over provision, should also be put before the residents.

Trustee Harrington stated that he would like a legal opinion from an attorney, besides the President’s own attorney. Trustee Messer agreed. President McLaughlin found his statement offensive and Attorney Bond also took offense to Trustee Harrington’s remarks as he has never served in any other capacity other than temporary attorney for the Village of Barrington Hills or as Special Attorney. He has not ever, at any time or in any capacity, performed any personal services on behalf of Martin McLaughlin or anyone else on this Board.

Trustee Selman motioned to recess into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(C)21 for Personnel and 5 ILCS 120/2(C)2 for Collective Bargaining at 10:59 p.m. Trustee Meroni seconded. All present said Aye.

**Motion Approved**

President McLaughlin called the second Public Session to order at 11:30 p.m.

Trustee Meroni motioned to adjourn the second Public Session at 11:35 p.m. Trustee Selman seconded. All present said Aye.

**Meeting Adjourned**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Approved**