



**Board of Trustees Special Meeting
AGENDA & NOTICE OF MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022 3:00 PM
Village Hall | MacArthur Room
112 Algonquin Road
Barrington Hills, IL 60010**

**To listen to the meeting, dial 508-924-1464.
Remote participation is unavailable.**

Call to Order & Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Administration

- 1.1 [Vote] Remote Participation Rules
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- 1.2 [Vote] Resolution Opposing Cook County's Newly Enacted Covid-19 Mandate Resolution 22 -
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Adjournment

NOTICE AS POSTED

Board of Trustees Special Meeting Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 7, 2022

Submitted By: Nikki Panos

Submitting Department:

Item Type: Vote

Agenda Section: Administration

Subject:

[Vote] Remote Participation Rules

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES RULES FOR
REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS**



The term "meeting" as applied to any public body of the Village of Barrington Hills as defined in the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*, shall be defined to mean "Any gathering, whether in person or by video or audio conference, telephone calls, electronic means (such as, without limitation, electronic mail, electronic chat and instant messaging), or other means of contemporary interactive communication, of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business" or such other definition as shall be contained within the Illinois Open Meetings Act as amended from time to time.

Remote Participation

Any member of a public body of the Village of Barrington Hills may attend and participate in any meeting of such public body from a remote location via telephone, video, or internet connection provided that such attendance and participation is in compliance with the Remote Participation Rules as set forth herein.

Prerequisite to Remote Participation

A member of a Public Body of the Village shall be provided the opportunity to attend an open and/or closed meeting from a remote location if the member meets the following conditions and a majority of the members present of the Public Body votes to approve the remote attendance.

- (1)** The member must notify the recording secretary or Clerk of the Public Body at least 24 hours before the meeting unless advance notice is impractical.
- (2)** The member must assert one of three reasons described herein why he or she is unable to physically attend the meeting, including either:
 - (a)** That the member cannot attend because of personal illness or disability; or
 - (b)** The member cannot attend because of employment purposes or the business of the Village of Barrington Hills; or
 - (c)** The member cannot attend because of a family or other emergency; and
- (3)** A quorum of the Public Body must be physically present.

Voting Procedures

After roll call, a vote for the Public Body shall be taken, considering the prerequisites set forth hereinabove, on whether to allow an off-site member to participate remotely. All of the members physically present are permitted to vote on whether remote participation will be allowed. A vote may be taken to permit remote participation for a stated series of meetings if the same reason applies to each case. Otherwise, a vote must be taken to allow each remote participation.

Quorum and Vote Required

A quorum must be established by members physically present at any meeting before it can be considered whether to allow a member to participate in the meeting remotely. A vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary to decide the issue. For the meeting to continue, there shall always need to be a quorum physically present.

Minutes

The member participating remotely shall be considered an off-site participant and counted as present by means of video or audio conference for that meeting if the member is allowed to participate. The meeting minutes shall also reflect and state specifically whether each member is physically present, present by video, or present by audio means.

Rights of Remote Member

The member permitted to participate remotely will be able to express his or her comments during the meeting and participate in the same capacity as those members physically present, subject to all general meeting guidelines and procedures previously adopted and adhered to. The remote member shall be heard, considered, and counted as to any vote taken. Accordingly, the name of any remote member shall be called during any vote taken, and his or her vote counted and recorded by the Secretary and placed in the minutes for the corresponding meeting. A member participating remotely may leave a meeting and return as in the case of any member, provided the member attending electronically shall announce his or her leaving and returning.

Closed meetings

A quorum of the members of the Public Body must be physically present at any closed meeting. Members participating remotely shall otherwise be entitled to participate in closed meetings by video or audio conference as provided above.

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**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING COOK COUNTY'S
NEWLY ENACTED COVID-19 MANDATES**

WHEREAS, the Village of Barrington Hills (the "Village") is a home rule municipality pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such is authorized to take all reasonable action pertaining to its affairs in accordance therewith; and

WHEREAS, in late 2019, an outbreak of novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") occurred in China and quickly spread across the globe, resulting in the State of Illinois being in a continuously declared disaster since Governor Pritzker's first Proclamation in March 2020; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2021, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2021-32, which once again extended a mask mandate for all individuals in all indoor public places, regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, at or about the same time, the new Omicron variant of COVID-19 has developed and it appears that the variant is causing a significant amount of breakthrough infections even among the vaccinated population; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2021, the Cook County Department of Public Health adopted Order No. 2021-11, which was amended January 3, 2022, requiring certain mitigation measures it deemed necessary to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, among the mitigation strategies adopted are requirements that businesses, including all indoor settings where food or drink are served for on-premises consumption and all indoor recreation and exercise facilities must require proof of vaccination of individuals five years of age and older prior to allowing such individuals entry to the establishment; and

WHEREAS, Order No. 2021-11 provides for certain exemptions to the requirements for proof of vaccination status, however, the exemptions make little sense when compared to the broad nature of the vaccine mandate determined needed for mitigation reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes that reasonable public health adjustments such as masking and social distancing may need implementation in order to keep the residents of the Village safe and healthy during these unprecedented times; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees also recognizes that the public health response to COVID-19 has fundamentally changed now that vaccines are widely available to those residents who desire to receive them; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to act for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village, by providing public access in a safe and measured way, balancing the public health situation of the Village with the other needs of Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington Hills has reviewed Order No. 2021-11, and, while COVID-19 continues to impact the Village and its residents, the Board of Trustees is concerned that new mandates ordered in Cook County will be to the detriment of residents of the Village of Barrington Hills; and

WHEREAS, the requirements set forth in Order No. 2021-11 do not appear reasonably related to responding to the actual COVID-19 crisis, which is clearly already present; and

WHEREAS, the requirements affect only certain businesses, are not reasonably related to curbing the spread of COVID-19 and will continue to cause a devastating impact on those businesses without cause; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of the previous mandates has fallen haphazardly on units of local government without thought to organization, funding, and distraction from their core missions of serving and protecting their local residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington Hills, located in the Counties of Cook, Kane, Lake and McHenry, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION TWO: The Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village hereby call for the Illinois General Assembly to end its abdication of responsibility and reconvene to address the health, safety and welfare of Illinois residents in light of COVID-19 by exercising their valid authority to legislate in those areas.

SECTION THREE: The Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village call for the General Assembly to ban mandatory vaccination passports to access businesses and other places of public assembly.

SECTION FOUR: The Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village call for the General Assembly to reexamine the requirements set forth in Cook County Department of Public Health Order No. 2021-11 for its legitimacy and enforceability.

SECTION FIVE: The Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village calls for the General Assembly to afford adequate due process for any municipal corporation or any individual resident of the State of Illinois or any business in the State of Illinois to appeal any mandate that requires proof of vaccination status to enter certain business establishments identified in Order No. 2021-11.

SECTION SIX: The Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village state that it is the policy of the Village not to take enforcement action in furtherance of the mandates set forth in Order No. 2021-11 because many of the provisions set forth therein violate the rights of Village residents without being fact-based, necessary mitigation strategies.

SECTION SEVEN: All ordinances, resolutions, motions or parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution shall be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION EIGHT: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Ayes: Nays: Absent:

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington Hills, Illinois, this 7th day of January, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Village President

Village Clerk

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Darby Hills Bio
Village Trustee
January 2022

Darby has been happily married for 18 years to her loving husband Tom, and they have 3 children: Madeline (16 years old), Tommy (13 years old) and Jack (11 years old). She, her husband and her children, have been residents of Barrington Hills for 15 years. Darby graduated from the University of Iowa, and then earned her Juris Doctor from Chicago-Kent College of Law. After graduating law school, Darby was an arbitrator, mediator and Cook County State's Attorney where she concentrated on child welfare. Additionally, Darby was a labor and employment attorney at Jackson Lewis, LLP in Chicago working on behalf of corporations.

In 2010, Darby and her husband co-founded Barrington Children's Charities to help local children living in food-insecure homes. Darby is passionate about helping children and being the voice for those most vulnerable. When she and Tom started the charity, their primary strategic initiative was to help eliminate child hunger in their community. Feeding children was the most important need, as food is a necessity of life and without it the results can be continued poverty, hunger and crisis. To date, Darby's charity has distributed \$1.3M to help local children-in-need with over 560,000 meals over a 10-year period to children-in-need at 12 Barrington School District 220 schools. The charity has also grown to provide eyeglasses, dental care and mental health services based upon need.

Darby's volunteer contributions include serving as a National Board Member of Blessings in a Backpack, Board Member of The Service Club of Chicago, and a past PTO Co-President at her children's elementary school. Mrs. Hills has also been a judge for Barrington's "Dancing with the Stars" charity event, has appeared on local TV, performed in college theatre, appeared in several Chicago fashion shows and performed in the role of "the Fabulous Dawn" in the play Smalls Talk held at the Parker Playhouse, Barrington. Darby was recently crowned Mrs. Illinois America 2021 and continues to promote her platform of helping children in need. During her free time, Darby enjoys outdoor sports, especially tennis, running and skiing, and she loves to spend time with her family and friends.