

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
HELD AT LAKE BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

January 23, 2024

Members Present: D. Robert Alberding - Barrington Township; Karen Darch - Barrington; Greg Rusteberg– Deer Park; Sharon Peterson – Lake Barrington; Paula McCombie – South Barrington; Dave Burnidge – Tower Lakes

Staff Present: Kimberly Saunders – Executive Director; Mary Tarpey – Board Secretary

Not Present: Brian Cecola – Barrington Hills; Peter Schallmoser – Lake Barrington

Others Present: Joe Abbate– South Barrington; Janet Agnoletti

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Alberding at 7:05 pm. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment.

WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE UPDATE – JANET AGNOLETTI

Alberding welcomed Janet Angoletti who provided an update on the three major components of the Water Resources Initiative, with a focus on water level measurements. Angoletti thanked the Executive Board for the opportunity to present her update.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2023

On a motion by Rusteberg and a second by Darch, the November 28, 2023, Minutes were unanimously approved by all members present on a roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2023 / JANUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT AND PAYMENT RATIFICATION

On a motion by Darch and a second by McCombie, the December 2023 / January 2024 Financial Report and payment ratification were unanimously approved by all members present on a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Connectivity Committee: Saunders reported that the Committee met earlier tonight to discuss the regional connectivity plan. The Committee has compiled a preliminary list of top projects based on committee member recommendations and projects identified by member staff. The BACOG GIS Analyst is creating a map of projects and building a website designed to gather input from BACOG area residents. The Committee will meet again in March.

Legislative Committee: On a motion by Darch and a second by Rusteberg, the recommendation of the Legislative Committee was accepted, and the 2024 Legislative Priorities were adopted.

Northwest Water Planning Alliance: There was no meeting this month, so there is no report.

MEMBER REPORTS

Barrington: Darch reported that the Triangle property redevelopment has been approved. It will have retail space on the first floor, 125 apartments and 37 car condos. There are still tickets available to the 7th Annual Town Warming at Barrington's White House on February 3, 8:45am – 3:30pm. Keynote Speaker Mike Pompeo will appear virtually to discuss "Intelligence: Artificial, Political, Central."

South Barrington: McCombie reported there are several new businesses and restaurants in the Arboretum, including Te'Amo Bubble Tea, Giostra Restaurant, and a new piano bar. Chickens continue to be a topic of discussion for the South Barrington Plan Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals. Contract negotiations continue with the Police Union, Allstate is exploring de-annexation, and The Village has engaged a water study on a pipeline for Lake Michigan water.

Deer Park: Rusteberg reported that The Village recently approved six video gaming machines for Bowlero, and there are new or returning businesses at the Town Center including Victoria's Secret and American Eagle. A three-year contract was approved with the Lake County Sheriff's Department. Deer Park's resident newsletter will mail in February, and a survey will follow in April. The Village is publishing a marketing campaign to provide information about the referendum on the upcoming ballot to maintain their 8% sales tax (up from 7.5%).

Lake Barrington: Peterson reported that the Village, like other Members, held a special board meeting regarding the asylum seekers. The (first) Cocoa Crawl will be held on February 10. Tickets are \$20, and 13 businesses are participating in this special event. D'manico's (restaurant) closed. A new restaurant is interested in leasing the space.

Tower Lakes: Burnidge reported that the Village is still waiting for County approval from Lake County for a Roberts Rd. Crosswalk and is soliciting engineering bids for a crosswalk across Rt. 59. The new Village Hall architectural plans will go out for bid in spring or early summer.

Barrington Township: Alberding reported the Township Invest in Cook \$300,000 request was awarded. A substantial portion of these funds will be used to address spring flooding in the "double saucer" in the College Streets.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Saunders reported that she attended a Metro Mayors Caucus (MMC) in early January seeking BACOG's recognition as a member. She anticipates that MMC Membership would raise BACOG's profile and increase cooperation with other COGs. Saunders is compiling a library of responses to common issues that Members receive in the Local Government Education Initiative

program. This is an investment that will save time drafting responses to future student letters and inquiries.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burnidge and second by Darch, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:03pm. The February 27 Executive Board meeting will be held at South Barrington Village Hall.

Submitted by:

Mary Tarpey, Secretary