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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MINUTES - Draft

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

President Cecola called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT

- ❖ Brian D. Cecola, President
- ❖ David Riff, ProTem/Trustee
- ❖ Thomas W. Strauss, Trustee
- ❖ Jessica Hoffmann, Trustee
- ❖ John Carpenter (JC) Clarke, Trustee
- ❖ Marsha McClary, Trustee
- ❖ Kyle Murphy, Chief of Police
- ❖ Anna Paul, Dir. of Administration
- ❖ Nikki Panos, Village Clerk
- ❖ Patrick Bond, Village Attorney
- ❖ Wes Levy, Village Treasurer
- ❖ Steve Cieslica, Village Engineer

ABSENT

- Laura S. Ekstrom, Trustee

AUDIENCE

- Aaron Becker
- Robin Duggan
- Caitlyn Culbertson
- BCFPD Chief Scott Motisi
- BCFPD Captain Buhler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Aaron Becker regarding the village attorney letter.
- Robin Duggan regarding Acorn Corner Subdivision and water drainage.
- Caitlyn Culbertson, attorney representing Acorn Corner Subdivision.

APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2026

MOTION: Riff **SECOND:** Hoffmann

No comment.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (McClary, Clarke, Hoffmann, Strauss, Riff)
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 (Ekstrom)
 Abstain: 0

MOTION APPROVED

ACCEPT VILLAGE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

MOTION: Riff **SECOND:** Hoffmann

Treasurer Levy summarized the total cash and investments, providing the corresponding dollar figures, as well as the year-to-date total revenues and expenses. He reported on the collection status of the Cook County property taxes and where the funds are shown in the schedule.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (McClary, Clarke, Hoffmann, Strauss, Riff)
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 (Ekstrom)
 Abstain: 0

MOTION APPROVED

APPROVE INVOICES FOR MARCH 2026

MOTION: Riff **SECOND:** Clarke

Trustee Strauss commented that the invoice total was higher than usual, to which Treasurer Levy responded it was due to Village Hall renovations.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (McClary, Clarke, Hoffmann, Strauss, Riff)
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 (Ekstrom)
 Abstain: 0

MOTION APPROVED

APPROVE OVERTIME REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

MOTION: Riff **SECOND:** Clarke

Trustee Strauss shared there was nothing unusual, to which PD Chief Murphy agreed.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (McClary, Clarke, Hoffmann, Strauss, Riff)
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 (Ekstrom)
 Abstain: 0

MOTION APPROVED

ACCEPT POLICE PENSION REPORTS

MOTION: Riff **SECOND:** Hoffmann

The reports for approval were Lauderbach & Amen’s January 2026 report as well as the Illinois Pension Officers Pension Investment Fund report for February 2026. Treasurer Levy reported that statements become available around the 25th of the month, and summarized the information in the statements, highlighting the total net position as of January 31, 2026, and the February report’s year-to-date total, sharing that both are up and provided the percentage and dollar figures.

Levy also reported that the audit for Fiscal Year 2025 began and expects the report to be issued in May.

Trustee Strauss added that from a forward-looking standpoint, it may no longer be feasible to keep the tax levy flat. The Village will be analyzing this over the next 60 days.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (McClary, Clarke, Hoffmann, Strauss, Riff)
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 (Ekstrom)
 Abstain: 0

MOTION APPROVED

ROADS & BRIDGES REPORT - TRUSTEE EKSTROM

As submitted.

President Cecola shared that the temporary reduced weight limit on village-maintained roads has been lifted. This process extends the longevity of the roads.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF AWARD FOR THE 2026 ROAD PROGRAM PROJECT BY THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS, ILLINOIS RESOLUTION 26 – 03

MOTION: Riff **SECOND:** Strauss

Village Engineer Cieslica reported that the Village’s road program went out for bid and was pleased with the pricing. Schroeder Asphalt Services was the lowest bidder. Cieslica reported the Village had previously worked

with them, and shared the roads scheduled for paving: Rock Ridge, Spring Creek and Hawthorne Lane, totaling about 1.8 miles. Additionally, he reported the program included road patching and possibly crack sealing.

The Village will be applying Reclamite and restriping which is not included in the bid but will be brought later.

Administrator Paul clarified that the packet included two tabulations sheets, the difference being that the “base” tabulation sheet did not include Hawthorn Lane.

President Cecola added that private road owners should contact the Village for the contractor information if they’re interested in repaving their private road.

Trustee Clarke asked for a price comparison from last year to this year, to which Cieslica explained how the estimate was calculated, the historical cost and mileage, and concluded by saying this year’s numbers are comparable to last year.

Trustee Riff inquired if Rock Ridge Road will be used to access the Acorn Corner Subdivision development, to which Cieslica responded there’s another access.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (McClary, Clarke, Hoffmann, Strauss, Riff)
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 (Ekstrom)
 Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED AS RESOLUTION 26 - 03

PUBLIC SAFETY - TRUSTEE RIFF

As submitted.

PD Chief Murphy reported there’s nothing out of the ordinary pertaining to the activity report. He shared there was a burglary in the area of Hawthorn and Otis Road and encouraged residents to ensure their alarm systems and cameras are operational.

Trustee Riff reminded residents to register for the house watch program if making plans to be away.

PERMIT REPORT – TRUSTEE HOFFMANN

As submitted.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT – TRUSTEE HOFFMANN

As submitted.

ZONING MONTHLY REPORT – TRUSTEE HOFFMANN

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet.

PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT – TRUSTEE MCCLARY

Trustee McClary referenced the memo in the meeting packet regarding the Tree Ordinance Amendments. The Plan Commission is concerned that the diameter of the replacement trees as specified in the amended ordinance may be less than what was removed.

Discussion ensued among the Board around reconsidering the Plan Committee Chair’s request to reconsider the provision stated in the memo be reverted to the original recommendation. It was decided this topic will be an agenda item for the April 2026 Board of Trustees meeting.

ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR THE ACORN CORNER SUBDIVISION – 11 & 12 ROCK RIDGE ROAD ORDINANCE 26 - 02

MOTION: McClary **SECOND:** Strauss

Trustee Clarke inquired about the watershed concern raised during Public Comment, to which Village Engineer Cieslica responded that he received the stormwater report and there were no wetlands in that area. The Village follows the Lake County Stormwater Ordinance. The Army Corps of Engineers oversees the waterways, not the Village; we do not have jurisdiction. It is over 100 acres and less than one acre of disturbance.

Trustee Strauss inquired about the number of houses to which Administrator Paul responded currently, there is one house with accessory buildings. The property will be divided into two parcels and is scheduled for development.

Trustee Riff added that Flint Creek is about two miles north of Lake Cook and mentioned how the water flows.

President Cecola added that the applicant has to obtain waterway permits, to which Cieslica added that this development is not affecting the waterway.

Trustee Strauss asked if the Plan Commission voted unanimously to which Trustee McClary responded yes.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (McClary, Clarke, Hoffmann, Strauss, Riff)
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 (Ekstrom)
 Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED AS ORDINANCE 26 - 02

INSURANCE MONTHLY REPORT – TRUSTEE CLARKE

Insurance did not meet.

HEALTH MONTHLY REPORT - TRUSTEE HOFFMANN

Board of Health did not meet.

ENVIRONMENT – TRUSTEE CLARKE

The Environment Committee did not meet. Trustee Clarke reported that Earth Day is April 22nd and shared that friends and neighbors can get together to remove any debris or litter from their frontage.

EQUESTRIAN MONTHLY REPORT – TRUSTEE EKSTROM

Administrator Paul reported the Equestrian Commission met, highlighting discussions around equestrian signage, McHenry County Conservation District’s Comprehensive Plan and about large animal and equestrian emergency plan.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MONTHLY REPORT – TRUSTEE RIFF

Trustee Riff reported the Village Hall renovations should be done soon; what has been completed looks great. Administrator Paul added the MacArthur Room renovations are expected to be done in June.

PENDING LITIGATION REPORT – PATRICK BOND, ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS IN SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 26 – 04

MOTION: Hoffmann **SECOND:** Clarke

Village Attorney Patrick Bond shared there is proposed legislation at the state level around zoning control. The intention is to standardize zoning state-wide in all communities, including those with home-rule. If it were to pass, it may include a third-party reviewer. The proposed legislation would shift control of zoning regulations to the state, giving it authority over how communities are developed.

President Cecola shared he joined neighboring communities at a press release opposing the proposed legislation.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (McClary, Clarke, Hoffmann, Strauss, Riff)
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Ekstrom)
Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED AS RESOLUTION 26 – 04

REGISTER NOW: LAND WE LOVE RUN 5K/10K CELEBRATING AMERICA250 ON JUNE 28

President Cecola invited the public to register. In observance of America250, our goal is to register 250 participants. It is a popular, fun event enjoyed by all ages.

Trustee McClary added to visit the America250 website which is a great resource for information or things to do.

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES- FEBRUARY 23, 2026

MOTION: Riff **SECOND:** McClary

No comment.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (McClary, Clarke, Hoffmann, Strauss, Riff)
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Ekstrom)
Abstain: 0

MOTION APPROVED

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Trustee Riff, seconded by Trustee Clarke. Upon all present Trustees voting Aye, the Motion to adjourn carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED