

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD MARCH 3, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Barrington was held at the Village Municipal Center, 23860 Old Barrington Road, on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, and was called to order by President Richardson at 7:09 p.m. Village Clerk Peterson was appointed Recording Secretary.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon the roll being called, the following Trustees were physically present at said location: Trustees Raclaw, Struck, Vonder Haar, and President Richardson

Absent: Trustees Burke, DeJesu and Schaller

The following Trustees were allowed by a majority of the members of the President and Board of Trustees in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the President and Board of Trustees to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: None.

No Trustee attended the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following Trustees were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: None

Staff Present: Treasurer Purcell, Village Administrator Martin, and Village Clerk Peterson,

Others Present: ZBA Member Fortman, Village Attorney Bateman

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held February 3, 2009

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Held February 3, 2009

Board Action

A motion was made by Trustee Vonder Haar and seconded by Trustee Struck to approve the minutes, items 4A-B above. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

5. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (President Richardson)

A. Village Officials

President Richardson announced the reappointments of Karen Daulton-Lange as Plan Commission Chairperson with a term ending April 30, 2013, and Lorenzo Pizarro as Ethics Commissioner with a term ending April 30, 2010. The Village Clerk administered the Oath of Office for Ms. Daulton-Lange and Mr. Pizarro.

B. Other

- 1) Letter from County Board Chairperson Suzi Schmidt Regarding Road Projects
Lake County Board Vice Chairperson David Stolman read Chairperson Schmidt's letter thanking Village President Richardson for his efforts in optimizing vehicular traffic. The letter highlighted County projects which are programmed to begin in the next few years including: resurfacing of River Road from Roberts Road south to Kelsey Road and on Kelsey Road

between Illinois Route 22 and U.S. Route 14, inclusion of cyclist-friendly four foot bituminous shoulders for the aforementioned projects, and dedicated left turn lane and turn arrow onto southbound River Road from westbound Roberts Road. Mr. Stolman touched upon the Rt. 53 extension advisory referendum that will be on the April 7th election ballot. President Richardson indicated the Village supports the extension.

- 2) Lake County Forest Preserve District Acquisition of the Hurd Property
Lake County Board Member Steve Mountsier stated the Village has historically supported trail systems and open space. He gave a presentation on the Hurd property acquisition which is anticipated to be completed by the end of March. He indicated its location and showed photographs of the property. Mr. Mountsier described the landform features on the 94 acres and highlighted its 460 feet of frontage on the Fox River. He reported trail and educational opportunities. Mr. Mountsier and President Richardson talked about opportunities to extend trails throughout the Village.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD

Ron Peisker, 24262 N. Flint Creek Drive, stated he is overjoyed with the Hurd property acquisition.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Purcell reported on the following:

- A. For the first nine months ended January 31, 2009 General Fund net income is \$153,801. The equity in the General Fund is \$1,658,000 which is an increase of \$68,000 from a year ago at this time. Other Revenue is down \$96,000. The budget for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2009 shows a loss of \$361,736, but it is projected that the year will finish with a positive amount.

Mr. Purcell stated \$900,000 from the General Fund and \$300,000 from the Water and Sewer Fund bank accounts were shifted to Certificates of Deposit to help reverse the downturn in Interest. The interest rate will increase from 0.46% to 2% and will result in an increase in Interest Income of approximately \$21,000. The funds will not be accessible for 14 months, but there are enough funds in various accounts should contingencies arise.

- B-C. The Accounts Payable Warrants have been reviewed and should be approved along with the financial statements.

Board Action (A-C)

A motion was made by Trustee Raclaw and seconded by Trustee Vonder Haar to consider by omnibus vote and

- A. Approve the Financial Statements as of 01/31/09
- B. Pay Bills in the amount of \$146,389.27 as Listed on the Accounts Payable Warrant "A" Dated February 3, 2009; and
- C. Pay Bills in the amount of \$20,783.69 as Listed on the Accounts Payable Warrant "B" Dated February 3, 2009.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Yeas: Trustees Raclaw, Struck, Vonder Haar, and President Richardson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Trustees Burke, DeJesu, and Schaller

President Richardson declared the motion carried.

Agenda 11A was heard out of sequence.

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Martin gave the following report:

- A. **50th Anniversary:** The Community Development Committee will be meeting to continue planning for the May recognition dinner.
- B. **Plan Commission – March 12, 2009:** The public hearing for the proposed off-track betting facility was held on February 12th and continued to March 12th.
- C. **Other – Employee Health Insurance:** Mr. Martin distributed a chart with the 2008 Annual and 2009 Renewal Rates for Health Insurance. A substantial increase was quoted for renewal of the employee health insurance program. Other carriers were examined and all were within the same range. The matter was reviewed with Trustee Vonder Haar and staff. Mr. Martin made a recommendation and asked for authorization to continue with the current carrier, to increase employee contributions by 20% and to continue with the deductible program. Attorney Bateman recommended Board members comment and if consensus is reached to approve the recommendation and then ratify the authorization at the next meeting.

Board Discussion & Action

President Richardson and Trustees Vonder Haar, Raclaw and Struck individually commented with all concurring to authorize Mr. Martin to take action as outlined above.

9. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Peterson reported on the following:

- A. **April 7 Consolidated Election:** Clerk Peterson reported on voter registration and voting dates. The information is posted at Village Hall and on the Village website.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** (Chair Raclaw) – No report.
- B. **FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES** (Chair Vonder Haar) – Trustee Vonder Haar stated the item was previously discussed.
- C. **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS** (Chair Richardson) – President Richardson reported he is joining other BACOG members in Springfield for BACOG Lobby Day. The February BACOG Report was provided in the Board packet.
- D. **NATURAL RESOURCES** (Chair DeJesu) – No report.
- E. **PUBLIC SAFETY** (Chair Schaller) – Trustee Struck reported the Northpointe taskforce made considerable progress in identifying issues and finding alternative actions for resolution. The taskforce is meeting in mid-March to develop a timeline for implementation. He stated signage was installed at the entrance of the Savannah subdivision indicating there is no outlet and no access to the Lake Barrington Field House. Mr. Martin thanked Cuba Township Road District Commissioner for the District's expedient service.
- F. **PUBLIC WORKS** (Chair Vonder Haar) – No report.
- G. **RULES** (Chair Schaller) – No report.
- H. **OTHER – CN RAILWAY REPORT** (Trustee Raclaw) – No report.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SMART FARM OF BARRINGTON, INC. AND THE VILLAGE OF LAKE BARRINGTON FOR USE OF A PORTION OF THE FREIER FARM AT 23585 N. KELSEY ROAD, LAKE BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

Mr. Martin read the following summary that was provided in the Board packet. The Village was contacted by Katherine Gabelman of Smart Farm requesting use of 1-3 acres of property on the Freier Farm for a community resource and learning center. The Board previously considered this request on January 6, 2009. Since that time, several revisions have been requested and hence the agreement has been brought back to the Board to consider the following items, among others:

- Water access/well/shed
- Approved animal fencing
- Bathroom access – approved compost toilets
- Tool storage
- Approval to use Canopy for temporary shelter

A copy of tonight's presentation was distributed to the Board.

President Richardson stated action may be deferred until the next meeting due to the number of absent trustees.

Dicie Hansen and Kerry Rosene of Smart Farm gave a slide presentation regarding the five above-mentioned items. The presentation outlined revisions for consideration and estimated costs. Ms. Hansen stated the Village's consideration of the requests rest upon the Village's vision for Freier Farm and that the capital improvements they are asking for will benefit all who use the property.

Discussion was held regarding the items. It was noted open space funds are eligible to fund improvements to the property and that a variance would be needed to erect the proposed 8 foot fencing. President Richardson indicated some of the items need to be addressed by the Village and that policy needs to be established regarding improvements. Mr. Martin reviewed the established capital plan and suggested the Board re-open discussion on use of the structures and fields.

Board Discussion

The Board was polled for comments.

Trustee Vonder Haar wants to wait until other Board members are in attendance before taking action.

Trustee Raclaw empathizes with the group's needs and is positive about what they are doing.

Trustee Struck said Smart Farm is an altruistic endeavor.

Mr. Martin stated costs will be obtained and suggested a policy discussion be held by Board members regarding capital improvements for Freier Farm.

Board Action

The Board came to a consensus to direct Mr. Martin to continue working with Smart Farm and to defer further action to a future meeting.

12. ORDINANCES

None

13. NEW BUSINESS

None

14. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD

None

15. CLOSED SESSION

This item was tabled to a future meeting due to the light Board member attendance.

16. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session not held

17. OTHER

None

- 18. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Raclaw and seconded by Trustee Struck to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was unanimous, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Peterson
Village Clerk
Recording Secretary