

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Committee of the Whole 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, February 5, 2008, and was called to order by President Richardson at 5:00 p.m. Village Clerk Hoover was appointed Recording Secretary.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

Absent: Trustees Burke, Raclaw, and Struck

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 Accountant Vernon, Village Administrator Martin and Village Clerk Hoover

Others Present: Village Attorney Bateman (arrived at 5:55 PM), Village Engineer Mike Shrake (arrived at 5:55 PM)

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FINANCIAL PLAN & BUDGET 2009 DISCUSSION

Administrator Martin reviewed his memorandum to the Board relative to the proposed Financial Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 and supporting documents, which are attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes by reference. He compared the FY2008 and draft FY2009 permit revenues and expenses.

B. CN RAILWAY DISCUSSION

Mr. Jeff Fedorchik, a new resident residing in the Estates of Lake Barrington Subdivision, addressed the Board relative to the Village's support of the coalition efforts opposing the proposed Canadian National (CN) Railway's purchase of EJ&E. He gave the following report:

Phase One – The Coalition focused on the Surface Transportation Board (STB) correspondence to require a full environmental impact study in lieu of an environmental assessment. A full study takes anywhere between twelve and twenty-four months to complete. CN met with Karen Darch, Village of Barrington President and they allegedly suggested the solution of closing certain roads. The coalition has requested to meet with CN again but after the Barrington Open House CN canceled the meeting.

Phase Two – Community awareness and education is the focus of the coalition for the second phase. Information is posted on the website at www.fightrailcongestion.com which has experienced numerous hits and requests for yard and business signs. Additionally, residents are encouraged to communicate with their Federally-elected officials with their

opposition. The coalition reports that they have been in contact with Senator Durbin and Congresswoman Bean's offices.

President Richardson stated that there doesn't seem to be a consensus among the participating coalition mayors as to the definition of success.

Mr. Fedorchik stated that the Village of Barrington has the most at stake and is driving the issue. Continued communication and community outreach, more conference calls, strategy memos, and follow-up meetings with Federal officials are the focus at this time.

Mitigation options discussed were "road under rail" at an estimated cost of \$40 million dollars per crossing (\$120 million total) or a "trench" system which is less attractive and helps some congestion at an estimated cost of \$350 to \$400 million total dollars. Mr. Fedorchik stated that the STB has not mandated that level of commitment in the past.

Mr. Fedorchik reported an estimated 1,600 people turned out for the Barrington area CN Open House. He stated that the coalition wants Congresswoman Bean's plan.

President Richardson stated that of the estimated 110 communities affected by the proposal, 30 will see more freight traffic and 80 will see less, however, there is only a three-year moratorium said 80 communities. After the coalition approached some of these municipalities, their initial reaction was that they were misled by CN. The coalition is now trying to have these communities write to the STB stating that they were misled by CN.

Discussion followed pertaining to U.S. Steel operation of the railway, impacts to the proposed Star line, public comment extension until February 15th per the request of IDOT who has allegedly asked CN for information that they still have not received, lesser impacts on communities with less traffic, and a double-track.

Mr. Fedorchik left the meeting at 5:45 PM.

A. FINANCIAL PLAN & BUDGET 2009 DISCUSSION *(continued discussion)*

Administrator Martin continued with his initial presentation of FY 2009 Financial Plan and worksheet. He stated that no increases to taxes are planned for this year. Administrator Martin stated that the Open Space Bonds financial summary, tax levy, expenses, and abatement (impact fees) are provided separately.

Discussion followed pertaining to building permit revenue, possible franchise fee tax revenue increase due to Comcast rate increases and AT & T U-verse subscribers, and the potential Tarkowski forced annexation. Drainage alternatives are being evaluated by Gewalt-Hamilton, such as, using a 24" PVC sleeve inside of the existing 30" CMP. Trustee Vonder Haar requested confirmation that Huff & Huff's review of the Wauconda Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) reports were not being duplicated by someone else. Accountant Vernon stated that the cost to the Village is around \$1,200 per year. Trustee DeJesu stated that the mosquito treatment services should be evaluated. Other expenses, such as planning and gravel removal from the right-of-way, were discussed. Administrator Martin reported that the waste disposal contract would be expiring in September of this year. He stated that the Village is looking into including recycling bins into the contract. Accountant Vernon stated that she has been working with Waste Management on different options for residences. Trustee Vonder Haar stated that the manpower reduction by using different trucks should provide the Village with cost savings. Attorney Bateman reported that Inverness was dropped by Waste Management and now they use Groot. The proposed street light at the intersection of Dublin Way and Kelsey Road was requested to be part of this year's budget by President Richardson due to safety concerns. Also discussed were miscellaneous expenses and events to be held at the farmhouse. Administrator Martin briefly reported on the Roads Program and gave the floor to the Village Engineer for a presentation.

C. ROADS & DRAINAGE BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Mike Shrake representing Gewalt Hamilton Inc., the Village Engineer, distributed handouts to those in attendance, which are attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes by reference, and he gave a presentation to the Board regarding the continuation of the Roads and Drainage Program for the Lakeland Estates Subdivision. He reported that they curb and gutter installed along the cul-de-sac about five years ago has held well. Mr. Shrake reported that the Lakeland Estates roadways act as a drainage ditch and go through the freeze and thaw cycle which is deteriorating the roads. He stated that patching was completed last year. Mr. Shrake stated the Village's options of partial storm piping, ditch work, or curb and ribbons. He stated that he has reviewed the drainage easements of the subdivision to come up with a drainage plan. Mr. Shrake stated that the estimated total cost of the road paving and drainage work is around one million one hundred thousand dollars. He reported that approximately \$200,000 has already been completed and the balance was divided into two phases totaling another \$775,000. The existing road structure and the need for a cross-culvert were pointed out to the Board. The potential savings of economy by scale to combine and bidding the Village's road project with neighboring communities was discussed. Mr. Shrake stated that most of the savings would be engineering costs with a package deal. Trustee Vonder Haar inquired about removing the "eyebrow" between sheet 6 and 5.

President Richardson briefly left the meeting from 6:30 pm – 6:35 pm.

Finishing the project in one year was discussed. It was determined that it would be feasible however the Village's reserves may be lowered and there would not be any monies in next year's budget for any major roadwork. Mr. Shrake stated that upon a decision by the Board, a Resolution estimating the expenditures should be passed as soon as possible so that the Engineer could proceed with the bidding in March.

It was the consensus of those present that the Village make a decision on how to proceed with the full Board present. A special meeting was suggested by Trustee Vonder Haar to take place before the March Board meeting.

Mr. Shrake briefly reviewed the NPDES Phase 2 permit requirement which expires at the end of February.

4. **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD** - None other than above.
5. **OTHER** – None.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**: A motion was made by Trustee Schaller and seconded by Trustee DeJesu o adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was unanimous, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Hoover
Village Clerk
Recording Secretary