MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Tuesday, September 28, 1976 - Barrington Village Hall

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Hansen, Chairman, at 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Nelson Forrest, North Barrington; Russell Puzey, Inverness; Barbara Hansen, Barrington Hills; Charles Brown, Deer Park; Keith Pierson, Barrington; Cyril C. Wagner, Tower Lakes.

Also Attending: Fred Schurecht, South Barrington; Don Klein, Executive Director; Ders Anderson, Assistant Planner; Lorentz Knouff, Chairman, Legal Committee; Forrest Elleman, member, BACOG Solid Waste Committee; Chuck Kincaid, Ken Small, Tom Baggett and Sherrill Sylvester, NIPC; Roy Crumrine, Public Works Director, Village of Barrington, and member of the Cook County Steering Committee for the 208 Program; William Miller, member, 208 Advisory Committee; Ralph Anderson and Fred Curtis, Keene Lake Association; Bob Balgemann, Barrington Courier Review; Christie Veath.

Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Forrest, that the minutes of the August 24 meeting be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Reports of Village Presidents:

At the September 27 meeting of the Barrington Board of Trustees, there was further discussion of the BACOG Comprehensive Plan, which had been accepted subject to a 40-day period for discussion of possible changes. Several suggestions were made; one suggestion, the only one accepted by the Village Board, was a request that the BACOG Executive Board review five areas on the land use map which were alleged to be shown incorrectly.

Deer Park had nothing of regional concern to report.

Inverness reported that a solution has been found for the perennial drainage problems in the area of Baldwin Road. Inverness is also taking action to secure better control of erosion on vacant property and parkways; also to eliminate such things as outdoor clotheslines, free-standing CB aerials, and parking of trucks and trailers in the village.

North Barrington has appointed a new chairman and vice chairman of its Health and Sanitation Committee, and has asked them to review the North Barrington ordinance to insure that it is more strict than that of Lake County. North Barrington's endorsement of the BACOG policy for municipal sewer systems only in the villages of Barrington and Lake Zurich was reaffirmed.

Tower Lakes is in the process of preparing an expanded and updated comprehensive plan. A draft has been prepared which reflects very closely the philosophies and policies of the BACOG Comprehensive Plan.
At the September 27 meeting of the Barrington Hills Village Board, a new salary schedule for police patrolmen was passed, providing for a two-step increase in salary levels. The Board also passed an amendment to the subdivision ordinance, raising the fees substantially, in view of the increases in engineering and legal fees incurred each time a subdivision proposal is brought before the village. A resolution was passed supporting the establishment of a juvenile court in this area.

Barrington Hills also moved to incorporate all areas in the village under 60 acres which are wholly surrounded by the village. The Board of Trustees of Barrington Hills took action to reaffirm the resolution opposing the proposed Cloisters development on the basis of the proposed density and the problems raised by storm sewer runoff. Several petitions came before the Plan Commission last month for zone changes to either commercial development or high density development. Barrington Hills is now considering hiring a planning consultant.

Reports of Committee Chairman

Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Forrest reported that suggestions for changes have been received from Tower Lakes, Barrington Hills and Deer Park, as well as the Village of Barrington's request for review of the map. It is hoped that South Barrington and Inverness will soon approve the plan, completing its approval by the entire BACOG community.

Mr. Forrest presented a memorandum prepared by Lane Kendig, Director, Lake County Plan Commission, on the subject of county review of municipal plats, and recommended that serious consideration and study be given to this memorandum by all member villages.

Boundary Agreements: Mr. Puzey reported that inventories have been submitted by five of the member villages. A map has been prepared by the BACOG staff indicating incorporated and unincorporated areas, and showing graphically some of the problems to be considered in the matter of boundary agreements and annexations.

Bylaws Committee: Mr. Brown has written all members of the Executive Board and alternates, as well as members of the Legal Committee, asking for input as to bylaw changes which they would like to have considered. The Bylaws Committee will consider these suggestions and make a recommendation to the Board for its action.

Quality Growth Management: Mr. Pierson has had a memorandum prepared by the BACOG staff indicating the areas falling within the scope of this committee's studies, including the kinds of proposals and actions which can initiate BACOG response; individual village response versus BACOG response; enabling legislation; and BACOG's own bylaws; financial restraints; and types of responses available to us. He will supply this information to the members of his committee and schedule an initial meeting.

Intergovernmental Relations: Mr. Wagner reported on three items: (1) The recent meeting of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission's Planning Committee. The Planning Committee unanimously voted to approve the BACOG recommendation that the Step 2 application for the Poplar Creek-Elgin MSD installation not extend north of the Northwest Tollway in Barrington Township as a service area. (2) The Lake County Municipal League, in conjunction with the County of Lake, at a meeting last Thursday night reactivated its interest in forming a Council of Governments of Lake County. (3) Mr. Wagner called to the attention of the Board a document distributed to Board members relative to the Title 1 EDA funds expected to be available. Available funds are also detailed in NIPOC's Community Development Block Grant Newsletter issues of September 1 and September 15.
Legal Committee: Mr. Knouff reported that the Centex case has been postponed to December 1 in the Circuit Court of Cook County. The DiMucci case is on the agenda of the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals on October 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Miller reported that Citizens for Conservation takes pride in the action of the Lake County Forest Preserve District in voting to acquire the balance of what is generally considered the Cuba Marsh area. He also stated that the recycling project is going somewhat better, following some helpful publicity in the local press. Circulars have been distributed to the heads of civic organizations, showing how to distinguish between aluminum and steel cans for the purpose of recycling of aluminum.

A meeting will be held within the next few weeks to plan for implementation of the 911 Program in the Barrington area. In view of the multi-jurisdictional character of this area, it is anticipated that the task will be complex. A new Illinois Statute calls for changeover to 911 throughout the state by 1985.

Mr. Klein reported that the Arts Council has held its third meeting.

Solid Waste Committee: Mr. Elleman reviewed with the Board his written report (attached), and asked the guidance of the Executive Board as to the objectives of the Solid Waste Committee. Mr. Wagner stated that his understanding is that the Solid Waste Committee has the task of coming up with long-term plans and then moving on to the consideration of practical implementation, having in mind that the sanitary landfill method of waste disposal may no longer be available to us some years from now. Mr. Klein added that from a short term standpoint, it might be possible for the group to make some recommendations for cost savings in various methods of solid waste collection and disposal, and different kinds of service policies. Mr. Pierson expressed the feeling that the committee should address itself also to recycling and reclamation programs.

In regard to plans for landfill sites by local municipalities or groups of municipalities, Mr. Knouff called to the attention of the Board the decision of the Illinois Supreme Court giving overriding authority to the Pollution Control Board.

Executive Director's Report

Report of activities and plans for the future is attached. Mr. Klein made reference to the Lakes Management Technical Background Report, copies of which have been supplied to all Board members. Additional copies will be available at the BACOG office for wider distribution.

Mr. Klein reported that the Arts Council has held its third meeting, and has shown good progress.

Old Business

The Chairman announced the following committee appointments, subject to the approval of the Board: Mary Jo Garre, Comprehensive Plan Committee; continuation of Jim Kempe's membership on the 911 Committee; Curtis Larsen to the Economics Research Committee; Malcolm Owings, Solid Waste Committee.

Mr. Wagner moved approval of the appointments as announced. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown, and carried. The appointees will be notified by letter.
Lake-Cook Road: Don Klein has held a meeting with interested people on this subject. Nothing new to report at this time.

Land Use Guidance System Committee: Responses have been received from three planning consultants in reply to a request for a proposal as to the use of the grant money which we will receive for land use guidance planning. Mrs. Hansen suggested that interested Board members obtain a copy of this material from Mr. Klein and read it carefully, in preparation for a meeting with the planning consultants who have submitted the proposals.

Hemphill Development: The idea of a high density development was defeated overwhelmingly in referendum. The Plan Commission will make a decision in the weeks ahead, and the BACOG staff will continue to monitor the situation. Mrs. Hansen stated that Barrington Hills has very actively opposed this development.

Cloisters Development: Mr. Klein reported that he has now received some information related to this proposed development from the attorney for the petitioners. The proposal shows a gross density of about 2.41 per acre. The probable population of the development and the problems of drainage off the development onto private property and into the Barrington Hills lake system are factors that should be monitored very carefully.

Mr. Ralph Anderson made a statement on behalf of a group of residents of the Keene Lake area, across the road from the proposed development. He stated that a serious drainage problem already exists in this area, and the residents feel that a development of this type could only exacerbate the problems of flooding and siltation.

Mrs. Hansen stated that Barrington Hills has been closely following this matter. The original petition, offered earlier this year, was reviewed by various commissions in Barrington Hills, and they were greatly concerned both by the proposed density and the problems of storm water runoff. A new petition was later offered, which proposed a plat with many 10,000 square foot lots. The area is contiguous with Barrington Hills on one side, and the forest preserve on the other side. At its last meeting, the Board of Trustees of Barrington Hills took action to reaffirm the resolution opposing this development on the basis of the proposed density and the problems raised by storm sewer runoff.

Mr. Forrest moved that the BACOG Executive Board express its opposition to the present application of the developers, because of failure to conform to the BACOG Comprehensive Plan and its standards, and in recognition of the density of vehicular movement that would ensue in the general area of Dundee Road and South Barrington Road, and the departure from development patterns of recent date in the general area. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wagner and passed on roll call vote; the Village of Barrington abstaining because of the fact that this matter is now before the Barrington Plan Commission.

New Business

Under a proposed new procedure outlined in a letter directed to Village Presidents in Cook County, the fines resulting from prosecution by a State's Attorney or any attorney other than the municipal attorney would go to the unit of government that did the prosecuting. Barrington Hills has asked its attorney to pursue this matter. Mrs. Hansen asked Mr. Knouff whether the BACOG Legal Committee could investigate the situation and find out whether there is any action that could be taken. Mr. Knouff stated that he would ascertain the present status of this matter; if it is to be heard by the Appellate Court, BACOG might wish to ask leave to intervene.
It was moved by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Puzey, that if it appears to Mr. Knouff that BACOG should pursue this matter, then counsel should be retained and the appropriate action taken. Motion carried.

208 Program Presentation

Mrs. Hansen introduced Sherrill Sylvester, Ken Small, Tom Baggett and Chuck Kincaid of NIPC; Roy Crumrine, Director of Public Works, Village of Barrington, and a member of the local steering committee on the 208 water program. Mr. Small presented a set of slides giving an overview of the 208 program. Mr. William Miller, as a member of the areawide planning advisory committee, stated that this committee is endeavoring to get public participation at the local level. Mr. Crumrine spoke of the work of the local steering committee, whose members are drawn from the entire Cook County area. The State of Illinois has mandated that all streams in the state be made fishable and swimmable by 1983.

Mr. Small spoke of the management aspects of the 208 program. By December of 1977, decisions must be made as to how clean we want our rivers and streams; how much we are willing to pay for it, and who should have the responsibility for regulation, control and management. Meetings will be held in Cook and Lake Counties, and we will be asked to send a delegate who will be our liaison with 208.

Mr. Kincaid mentioned four specific areas related to the 208 program:

1. The issue of local sewer treatment plants versus regionalization;
2. The impact of adjacent jurisdictions and conflicting land use goals;
3. Maintenance of the boundary within which facilities planning has been accomplished for determining the feasibility of sewer service;
4. The question of installation of private package plants;
and a more general point, 5. The whole issue of non-point control of sources of pollution.

Mr. Wagner pointed out that funding is involved here, and that if the plan of management is not created by the governmental units within the region, it will be created by the State or Federal government.

Mr. Forrest stated that people in the BACOG area are determined to preserve the way of life and the environment that exist here, and in his judgment, they will continue to work toward the goals that are set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, including the standards of land use and protection of water purity.

The Chairman thanked the group for the slide presentation and discussion of the 208 program.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Brown moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Puzey, and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Pierson, that the bills be paid as listed. The motion was carried by roll call vote.

On motion by Mr. Puzey, seconded by Mr. Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55. The Board then met in executive session.