

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Tuesday, August 28, 1979 - 132 W. Station Street, Barrington, Illinois

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles E. Brown at 8:10 P.M.

Present: Charles E. Brown, Deer Park; George Simmons, Tower Lakes; Keith Pierson, Barrington; Jay Miller, North Barrington; H. Warren Geiffers, Inverness; Jim Kempe, Barrington Hills.

Absent: Frank Munao, South Barrington.

Also Attending: Don Klein, Executive Director; Bob Kosin, Assistant Planner; Cynthia Roth, Intern; Art Rice, BADC; Wilbert H. Nottke; Marcia Opal, The Banner; Cathy Steege, Barrington Courier Review; Betsy Todt Schmidt, Barrington Herald; Mary Brown, Suburban Trib.

Minutes: The motion to approve the July meeting minutes was approved and carried after The Chairman announced that they had been distributed.

Village Presidents' Reports

Mr. Pierson reported that the new Barrington Village Board held a short meeting, during which they passed the 1979 tax levy. The rates are similar to those of past years, according to Mr. Pierson, but there is an overall increase in assessed valuation. Mr. Pierson stated further that matters with trucks remain unresolved, although there is some Village official concern about recognizing violations.

Mr. Simmons observed that Tower Lakes reacted positively to BACOG's 208 presentation.

Mr. Simmons said that it is reasonably certain to assume that Tower Lakes will join other BACOG villages in 208-related activities. September 2, 1979 will be "Cy Wagner Day" in Tower Lakes, according to Mr. Simmons, to honor Mr. Wagner's efforts.

Mr. Geiffers reported that there were few matters of regional concern considered at the most recent Village of Inverness meeting. Matters considered there concern the specific village limits.

Mr. Kempe of Barrington Hills views the sludge situation as having regional significance. Mr. Kempe expressed some concerns about sludge from industrial plants. He stated that the new injection system offers a means of eliminating sludge without considerable damage. Mr. Klein then described the combination of 208, EPA and village standards as quite stringent and likely to prevent serious sludge hazards. Mr. Kempe mentioned that Barrington Hills has decided to buy a new radio transmitter that would serve three villages. The possible risks of a tornado knocking it down were discussed.

Jay Miller discussed North Barrington residents' concerns in regard to Lake Zurich's proposed K Mart at routes 12 and 22. Oaksbury residents have expressed considerable concern. Knollwood Homeowners will file suit to try and block construction efforts. Mr. Miller also reported on the matter of closing Woodland Dr. arising from its proximity to other thoroughfares and other developments, such as Lake Barrington Shores. This matter is still unresolved. In addition, according to Mr. Miller, an engineer has appealed to the Village on behalf of an owner with soils poorly suited for septic disposal. The engineer's presentation supported the use of a

miniature disposal plant. Mr. Miller said that the Village will have to decide whether or not to allow this development. The development, according to Mr. Miller, would establish lot size which could be reduced to one acre. Additionally, questions remain as to who would be responsible for maintaining and financing the plant, which would be near Biltmore. The Schmidt Development approach was discussed. Mr. Klein then mentioned that the BACOG staff is currently reviewing septic technology. The conclusions will likely place much maintenance responsibility upon homeowners.

Mr. Brown reported that Deer Park has already begun to put in early bids for snow-plows. Johnson Paving offered good cooperation and a fair price, according to Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown also reported that the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals denied the request of Renaissance Bookstore.

BADC

Mr. Rice said that the most recent BADC meeting lacked a quorum because of members who were on vacation. BADC, according to Mr. Rice, along with the League of Women Voters supports the activities of the "Prevent Vandalism Committee". In accordance with this support, BADC has sent the committee a \$100.00 contribution. Mr. Rice also discussed the concerns about the Village Blood Program. The Red Cross, which is involved with the Barrington blood assurance program, will be working with Good Shepherd Hospital as well.

Old Business

Boundary Agreements - Mr. Klein announced that \$3500.00 in new grant funding will be available this year on a first come, first serve basis.

Shared Services - Mr. Klein stated that a new inventory is beginning with regard to the potential for sharing services. The BACOG staff are viewing shared services in light of cost feasibilities, and will have more analysis prepared for the September meeting.

Assistant Planner - Mr. Klein introduced Mr. Kosin as the new Assistant Planner. Mr. Kosin's background includes academic work at Northwestern and Northeastern Universities, and planning work in Galesburg.

Transportation - Mr. Klein mentioned that BACOG is gathering data and dealing with the appropriate agencies. Consultants contacted months ago have begun to respond, according to Mr. Klein. Mr. Klein states the possibility of using consultant expertise on affordable, small-scale projects. No need for such projects is currently foreseen. BACOG is currently utilizing such materials as County traffic volume maps of the BACOG area, and maps for points of origin and trip generation. Mr. Kosin cited a Northwestern and IDOT-utilized formula that indicates road failures. Barrington Road and the Tollway capacities are among those being considered by BACOG staff.

In addition, BACOG staff has contacted RTA to promote the expansion of feeder service. The BACOG staff followed up on a Tower Lakes request to expand #726. This now means that the third feeder run up Hough Street should now originate at the entrance of Tower Lakes. RTA will implement this suggestion if an agreement can be reached between Gooch Realty to turn the bus around at that point. Mr. Kosin then described the newly proposed #727 routing as one in which the afternoon routing reverses that of the morning. Implementation is contingent upon pending legislative funding decisions. Prior to #727, Mr. Kosin explained, Quaker Oats had negotiated for private carrier contract service which could create time problems for some commuters. With #727, however, there will be no more need for a contract, and the extension

will be able to go on to Tower Lakes. Again, the lack of assured funding beyond a two-month period impedes current implementation. Mr. Kosin stated that, according to Clayton Weaver of the RTA, greater local support could improve the BACOG area relationship with the RTA. In a recent rider survey, for example, two riders indicated support and two indicated non-support out of a total sample of four riders. Mr. Bill Schneider of Tower Lakes asked us to look into this, in terms of eliciting stronger local support.

Other transportation efforts include the carpooling efforts spearheaded by Dr. Chris Johnson of the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle and Keith Ryan of the RTA. Mr. Klein stated that BACOG will likely enlist the support of a Northwestern University graduate student or students to study the BACOG area. The UICC project involving Dr. Chris Johnson, Ms. Cynthia Roth and graduate students will be discussed at the September BACOG Executive Board meeting.

208 Water Quality

Mr. Klein stated that 208 implementation hinges upon a mix of funding, legislative and political considerations. According to Mr. Klein, specific regions have passed plans, but are waiting for formal Illinois EPA review. Governor Thompson vetoed the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % contribution to pass-through 208 funding. Again, according to Mr. Klein, most agencies in the area have prepared technical information, model ordinances, and other preparatory materials, but are awaiting the Governor's approving signature and funding availability. Mr. Klein stated that 208 is definitely a federally-mandated law, independent of what happens locally.

Mr. Klein also discussed the activities at a recent task force meeting in the BACOG office. Local task force members will look at the areawide sludge disposal matter. The members will develop rough model ordinances, and will meet again on September 19, 1979. Mr. Klein emphasized that the local task force is not on a standby basis, with regard to examining septic system functioning and garbage disposal. The task force would proceed with these efforts even without 208, Mr. Klein stated. Mr. Klein observed that BACOG seems to be quite far along in its efforts as compared with other agencies. At this time, Mr. Klein, has asked task force members to sign up for particular committees, such as administrative services, de-icing, storage, and others..

Treasurer's Report

The motion was approved, seconded and carried. Then Mr. Klein mentioned that a \$12,000.00 check from the state involving funding was due.

Heliport

Mr. Klein stated that BACOG has gathered considerable data, and will soon issue a paper on the state and federal requirements. Mr. Klein reported that many concerned citizens have called. Mr. Klein indicated that this position paper, which will likely be issued at the September meeting, will discuss hot air balloon landing considerations, which tend to be more ambiguous than private or commercial heliport considerations. Jay Miller stated that North Barrington wanted the study continued. Other Villages expressed similar concerns. The Chairman indicated that BACOG still has no position. Mr. Klein described how a model ordinance or policy paper could provide background to help frame other village ordinances. BACOG will interpret federal (FAA), state (Aeronautics) and local zoning board considerations in terms of local considerations. Mr. Klein listed EIS (contingent upon federal funding), berming, approach-departure paths, prevailing winds and other factors as entering this analysis. Mr. Klein

stated that part of the approval process includes the necessity of holding public hearings. Mr. Kempe of Barrington Hills mentioned resident concerns, and Mr. Klein mentioned considerations of departure path size, frequency of use and type of heliport vehicles involved. Ms. Opal and Ms. Steege, local reporters who had attended the heliport hearing, said that no heliport decision would be reached for at least six weeks. This would preclude the earlier decision to issue a BACOG position paper at the September meeting.

Water Supply Studies

Mr. Klein said that Mr. Ken Brewster, who had addressed an earlier 208 meeting, would be consulted with further on BACOG water supply problems. Mr. Brewster and his wife are both qualified hydrologists who will consider local problems resulting from shallow aquifers.

BACOG Newsletter

A Harper College journalism student will be selected in the near future to assist with the production of the BACOG newsletter, according to Mr. Klein.

Environmental Handbook

Mr. Klein reported that much of the handbook has now been completed, but that material has to be compiled, proofread and printed. Part of the printing cost, which may exceed \$500.00, will be absorbed by a 701 grant, according to Mr. Klein. There will be a large number of handbooks printed, and the publication will be fairly thick. Topics will range from wildlife habitats, to septic, oak tree care, drainage patterns, maps, graphics, areal natural resource reviews, and be of general interest to local residents. The handbook will be free initially, although some charges may be instituted after an initial distribution. The handbook includes many reprints and will be oriented to the lay person. The handbook will be available, most likely, by the end of September.

911

Mr. Klein reported on conversations with Messrs. Henehan, Meng and Mittelhauser. At this time, plans call for submitting the short range, tentative plan to ICC. The long range plan implementation, which would entail sophisticated, swift selective routing through the use of automatic, computerized electronic relay, is currently hamstrung by lack of available funding. The short range plan entails matters of central dispatch capabilities, administrative and related considerations and would eliminate some relay problems. Using the "911" number would eliminate confusion and delays in times of fire, MIC or police-related emergencies. If, however, Barrington is to handle central dispatching of calls for several communities, intergovernmental agreements for some 381 and 382 areas may be required. Currently, some of the peripheral BACOG area is served by "911" numbers of non-members. Other problems arise from citizen confusion as to which district services them. BADC and others urged public information on these matters. Additionally, Mr. Kempe recommended equipment or data sufficient to indicate not only where a fire is, but probable causes and extent of severity as well. It was recommended that BACOG examine the tri-village 911 approach in which Geneva was involved.

New BusinessConservation Districts

Mr. Klein discussed the benefits of conservation district membership in light of autonomy issues raised by the Illinois Municipal League. Conservation districts have provided valuable information on natural resource reviews of each development in accordance with state laws, helped develop and erosion and sedimentation hand-book, and identified specific environmental problems, according to Mr. Klein. As a result of the concerns about local autonomy, Arlington Heights and Des Plaines have dropped out of conservation district membership. Other villages might follow suit as well. Mr. Klein urged individual villages and/or BACOG as a whole to support remaining involved with the conservation districts. Mr. Klein explained why the autonomy concerns seemed unjustified. Mr. Brown recommended that the villages examine their municipal league attachments as well.

Slide Shows

Slide shows on the topics of environment, housing, transportation, 208, general BACOG programs and land use are readily available from the BACOG office, according to Mr. Klein. BACOG would like to show them to village boards, plan commissions and other interested area individuals. Mr. Klein recommended holding a seminar for planning and zoning board members, similar to the orientation one held recently for newly elected officials. At this seminar, the slides would be shown, and an attorney would answer questions. Mr. Klein described the visual and audio qualities of the slides.

Poplar Creek

Mr. Kempe announced that Barrington Hills will now appeal the Poplar Creek case to the Illinois Supreme Court, since the Appellate has decided in favor of constructing it.

Cable TV

Mr. Klein stated that options for Cable TV were being examined, and that one company had just approached the BACOG office. After some commentary, it was agreed that BACOG could develop some information sheets, possibly following consultation with NWMC, from which BACOG member villages could compare the potentials of different Cable TV companies.

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Secretary

Chairman of the Board