

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON
Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:15 p.m.
Rose Hall in the SB Village Hall 30 S. Barrington Road South Barrington, IL

CALL TO ORDER

President McCombie called the Special Board meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. She welcomed the audience to another Town Hall Meeting and thanked them for attending. Residents of Hidden Lakes, Lake Shore Estates and Spring Creek subdivisions were sent invitations to tonight's meeting. There were four residents in the audience.

Refreshments were provided by Ric Munoz and Carrie Nahlawi of Mago Grill & Cantina, and by Anna Shea Chocolates, both of The Arboretum. President McCombie thanked them for joining the meeting and donating their excellent food.

Clerk Wood took roll:

Present: President: Paula McCombie

Trustees: Joseph Abbate, Therese DeSerto-Cohen, Steve Guranovich,
Bernard Kerman, Anthony Stagno

Absent: Trustee: Hina Patel

A quorum was present. Also present were Building Officer Mike Moreland, Engineer Natalie Karney, Finance Officer Michelle Bodie, Executive Secretary Liz Chabalowski, Village Administrator Bob Palmer, Police Chief Thomas Roman and Police Officer John Macchitelli.

The President, Board members, and Clerk each briefly introduced themselves to the audience, highlighting their background in volunteering for the Village. They thanked the residents for attending tonight, and encouraged them to ask questions and to stay for the following regular Board meeting. Trustee Kerman informed the audience that niche.com ranked South Barrington as the 4th best suburb of Illinois to live in, and the 2nd best in which to purchase a home.

Village Staff then introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their jobs at the Village and issues in their areas of expertise that the audience might be interested in.

Administrator Palmer reported that the electricity aggregation contract that the Village has will expire in August, and although it doesn't currently look like other providers will beat ComEd's rates, the Village will look for bids again. Administrator Palmer also offered to provide information on a County 'tree canopy' study of suburban areas for anyone who was interested. President McCombie added that the Conservancy recently hosted an Arbor Day celebration and that the Village is underway to be "Tree City" certified.

Police Chief Roman told residents to always use "911" to contact the Police, even in non-emergency situations, and especially if they see something suspicious or out of the ordinary in their neighborhood; there is no problem with the Police if the instance turns out to be nothing. He reminded residents to lock doors and cars, to set lights on timers, to always use an alarm system if they have one, and not to leave valuables in cars.

Officer Macchitelli introduced himself to the audience and reiterated that residents should call if something looks at all suspicious. He stated that there had recently been thefts from cars, and that the perpetrators just look for unlocked cars. Do not have valuables in plain view.

Finance Officer Bodie highlighted information on property taxes, noting that the Village rate is one of the lowest in Cook County. She encourage the residents to call with any questions on property taxes or Village finances.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President McCombie opened the floor to questions and comments from the audience.

A resident from Lake Shore Estates asked about the proposed Plum Farms development, and what the effect would be on the Village and our taxes. Brief discussion ensued. President McCombie expressed that the Village is very concerned and has been going to meetings and gathering as much information as possible. BACOG and School District 220 have also expressed concerns. The plan presented for the development is still very conceptual. Trustee Kerman added that residents of The Regency have also been attending and speaking out at the meetings. President McCombie noted that Trustee Stagno has also spoken against plans for the development at the public meetings. The tax incentive (TIF) was shot down, but the builder is currently still moving forward. President McCombie stressed the importance of this issue on the Village's docket.

A resident of The Coves asked if the Police could install a light at the school area on Penny Road, so drivers would need to slow down when the light indicated. Chief Roman explained that those are typically used when there are walkers, and our school has none, just buses. He said that he could bring the possibility of a flashing light to the County, as it is their decision.

A Spring Creek resident asked how the road work on Route 59 would influence traffic on Bartlett Road. Engineer Karney said that they may put up "detour" signs, but that she did not think there would be a significant impact.

A resident informed Chief Roman that a lot of people pull over by Beacon Hill and park for significant time periods. The resident thought they people might be using their cell phones. Because many of the people are in commercial vehicles, it makes it hard for drivers to see the surrounding traffic.

President McCombie asked for any other questions or comments; there were none.

President McCombie spoke briefly on the Northwest Water Alliance and the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission. She encouraged the residents to write their State representatives to encourage them to pass a budget.

A Lake Shore Estates resident asked how the new Plum Farms development would affect our aquifer. President McCombie explained that Hoffman Estates is on Lake Michigan water. He then asked for the Villages top concerns for 2017, to which the Mayor answered, in order of priority: Plum Farms development, roads and ditches and our aged infrastructure, and emergency management (such as a train spill, etc.).

President McCombie again asked for any other questions or comments; there were none. She asked the audience to stay after adjournment to mingle and talk with the Board and enjoy the refreshments. She thanked the residents for attending tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to ADJOURN was made by Trustee DeSerto-Cohen.

SECONDED by Trustee Kerman.

There was no further discussion. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved this
_____ Day of _____, 2017

Donna Wood, Village Clerk