

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON
Thursday, September 14, 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 6:21 p.m. She welcomed the audience to another Town Hall Meeting and thanked them for attending. Residents of Barrington Homestead, Bridlewood, Falcon Lakes, The Glen, Grey Cliffe, Hunters Ridge, Nathan's Glen, Preserves and Terra Vita subdivisions were sent invitations to tonight's meeting. There were 9 residents in the audience.

Refreshments were provided by Peterson's Bakery and by Anna Shea Chocolates.

Clerk Wood took roll:

Present: President: Paula McCombie

Trustees: Joseph Abbate, Steve Guranovich, Bernard Kerman,
Hina Patel, Anthony Stagno

Absent: Trustee: Therese DeSerto-Cohen

A quorum was present. Also present were Village Engineer Natalie Karney, Finance Officer Michelle Bodie, Deputy Clerk Liz Chabalowski, Village Administrator Bob Palmer and Police Chief Thomas Roman.

President McCombie announced that some residents present tonight had to leave at 6:30, so she asked them if they had any questions for the Board. Falcon Lakes residents asked about the original Letter of Credit on the development, and if there were any funds still available. Finance Officer Bodie offered to put a schedule together for the homeowners, and reported that there is no money left on the LOC, with the last funds used recently for road improvements.

President McCombie introduced herself to the audience and gave her contact information, saying that the Board is here to serve the residents. She encouraged them to contact her with any ideas they might have for improving the Village.

The Trustees 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. They also encouraged the residents to join in meetings, either on a committee or in the audience, as our Village is run by the people who live here. Trustee Kerman stated his belief that the role of government should be very limited and he is honored to serve our residents.

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. Staff also encouraged the residents to call or email with any questions or concerns about living in the Village.

Administrator Palmer updated the residents on the Barrington Road/Tollway work, and also noted that the Village has been successful in receiving grant monies to help with various improvements to South Barrington.

Chief Roman encouraged all residents to call 911 whenever anything seems suspicious. He reminded them to lock their cars and lock their doors. Almost all of the cars that have been burglarized in the Village had been unlocked, and all but one of the stolen cars had the keys in them. A thief can also use the garage door opener to steal items from the garage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

A Terra Vita resident reported that on Sundays and Wednesdays, cars can be waiting 15 minutes before being able to pull out of the subdivision, due to Willow Creek traffic. They asked if the Police could help; Chief Roman said they can.

Trustee and Finance Committee Chairman Stagno commended Finance Officer Bodie for a perfect job on the annual audit. The rest of the Board agreed that Michelle Bodie is an excellent Finance Director. Finance Officer Bodie turned the attention back on the Village as saying she knows of no other municipality with zero bonded debt, and that that achievement is what the Village, and the Board that runs it, should be proud of. But Trustee Kerman added that our auditors, who serve sixty other municipalities, are absolutely astounded as to how clean our financial records are kept. The audience and Board applauded Finance Officer Bodie.

Bridlewood residents reported that whenever it rains, water flows across the roadway right inside the subdivision entrance. They asked if someone could look at the drainage; Engineer Karney will inspect it at the next rain.

They also asked about tree removal trimming and Administrator Palmer clarified that the Village worked on trees in the right-of-way, and would be doing both removal and trimming soon.

Residents also asked if the Village had any program for skunk abatement. President McCombie said there is nothing in place on the municipal level. Brief discussion ensued on the quantity of skunks this year and the difficulty in trapping them.

Discussion also ensued on short/long-term rentals, especially air B&Bs. The Village has been looking into the matter on Committee levels. President McCombie also suggested that the Homeowners Associations set up conditions in their rules and/or covenants and restrictions; she suggested they speak with an attorney as to under which area it would be best to include such conditions.

Questions on a specific property in a subdivision were referred to Building Officer Moreland, who was absent tonight.

Discussion ensued on the widening of Barrington Road, with Engineer Karney sharing what information the Village knows. It is under the State's control whether any traffic lights will be added.

President McCombie asked for any other questions or comments; there were none. She announced that she would close the meeting, but invited the audience to stay after adjournment to enjoy the refreshments, and to ask any more questions that they might have individually, as well as stay for the Regular Board meeting to follow at 7:30.

OLD BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to ADJOURN was made by Trustee Kerman.

SECONDED by Trustee Stagno.

There was no further discussion. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Trustee Patel announced the upcoming Paper Shredding event at the Village Hall. President McCombie reminded residents of the Scarecrow Walk at The Conservancy and BACOG's water testing program. She also referred residents to the Village website and announced that the next newsletter was being printed.

These minutes were approved this
_____ Day of _____, 2017

Donna Wood, Village Clerk