

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON
30 South Barrington Road
South Barrington, IL 60010
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022
AT 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Patel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present: Committee Chair Patel, Trustee Guranovich and Trustee Stagno
Committee Members absent: None
Staff present: Administrator Palmer and Chief Roman
Others Present: Mayor McCombie and Chief James Kreher, Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District.

MINUTES

Motion made by Guranovich to approve the Committee Minutes of July 11, 2022. Second by Stagno. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comments were made.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District (BCFPD) Emergency Management
Discussion with Chief James Kreher.

Chief Kreher discussed with the Committee how the BCFPD is organized to respond to any type of emergency. He explained how dispatch and the surrounding departments work together to respond, stressing that the responding entities are pre-arranged so dispatch knows exactly who to contact. The Chief explained that depending on the size of the incident, the response can be scaled accordingly.

Chief Kreher also explained that he and Chief Roman participate on a monthly basis with Willow Creek Church to go over security and safety measures.

Mayor McCombie asked about the use of dry hydrants and if they are effective, noting a recent repair quote for one dry hydrant in excess of \$30,000. Chief Kreher explained that they are used but are not critical to the BCFPD operation. If a dry hydrant is not operating correctly it could be removed and taken out of service, the rating impact would not be that significant.

The Committee briefly discussed large potential events such as tornadoes and large fires and how emergency response would be dictated.

Chief Kreher noted that for a large incident the entities involved would want to establish a Unified Command Post.

The Committee briefly discussed the level of FEMA/NIMS training for Committee Members. Chief Kreher recommended that participants take the 300 or 400 level courses.

Committee Chair Patel asked the Chief about communicating prevention measures to residents.

Chief Kreher suggested that there are monthly public education materials that can be distributed and he offered to send those along to the Village.

Chief Kreher added that the Department sell and installs (for free) smoke detectors which can be communicated to the residents to take advantage of.

Mayor McCombie asked about gas leaks and wanted to know about the BCFPD equipment to detect leaks. Chief Kreher explained that the department has very sensitive equipment to detect very small gas leaks and other chemicals.

Trustee Stagno asked about trains carrying hazardous materials and how the BCFPD would know what material is on the train. Chief Kreher explained the levels of information they can go through to determine what chemicals are in any given tanker car.

Trustee Guranovich had a question about lightning rods noting how they are installed. Chief Kreher commented on experiencing lightning hits in close proximity.

Trustee Guranovich also mentioned the issue of fire pits and the potential danger they can pose. Chief Kreher noted the experience with residents burning various materials in fire pits and how in some instances decks and roofs have caught on fire.

The Committee thanked Chief Kreher for attending the meeting.

2. FEMA Publishes Support Materials for Emergency Management Partners.

Palmer distributed material from FEMA that outlined different emergency management programs, including grant information.

3. Review County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Palmer distributed sections of the 2021 MJ-HMP Jurisdictional Annual Report to Cook County noting the described projects. The Village has hired a grant writing service that has suggested that each project could translate to a grant application.

The Committee briefly discussed several of the items listed.

4. 2022 Emergency Management Plan

Palmer explained that the 'Executive Plan' is still in need of revisions. Mayor McCombie noted that the grant writers have said they can draft the Emergency Management Plan for the Village. Palmer will contact the grant writers to further explore this action.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCombie reported on a meeting with a commercial broker regarding the Millrose property which is for sale.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business for discussion.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next scheduled Emergency Management Committee meeting is October 24, 2022 at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 p.m., Trustee Guranovich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Stagno. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

R.P. 

Robert L. Palmer
Administrator

These minutes were approved this
5th Day of December, 2022