



VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON
30 South Barrington Road
South Barrington, IL 60010

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

AT 1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the meeting to order at 1:27 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Abbate
Trustee Panchal

Absent: Trustee Patel

Board Members Present: Mayor McCombie and Trustee Stagno

Staff present: Mike Dropka, Village Administrator, Wayde Frerichs, Finance Director, Damian Michalski, Building Officer, and Ryan Murphy, Public Works / Code Compliance

Others present: Carissa Smith, Village Engineer and Lucas Deferville, Gewalt Hamilton Associates, George Kannagin, Phoenix and Associates, and Evon Ferdinand, Phoenix and Associates

MINUTES

Motion was made by Trustee Panchal to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2024, meeting. Seconded by Chairman Abbate. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Panchal to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Chairman Abbate. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

1) Village Engineer Carissa Smith and Lucas Deferville from Gewalt Hamilton Associates presented the FY25 Road Program. Details of the program and the work that is being proposed were presented to the committee. Selected roads proposed to be repaved in this year's road program are located in the Bridlewood and Forest - Knoll Subdivisions. The entrance / exit from Easting's Mere was also brought up for discussion as a possible addition to the road program. Carissa will revise the proposal to include the entrance / exit of Easting's Way. Cuba Township will also be contacted for a quote. Carissa will update the working document of the road program map to better distinguish the colors representing the work that has been done over the years. Discussion ensued, and Carissa and Lucas answered further questions that the committee members had.

Chairman Abbate called for a motion to recommend approval of the FY25 Road Program and to solicit bids, subject to the possible addition of Easting's Way. Motion was made by Trustee Panchal, seconded by Chairman Abbate. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

2) Administrator Dropka reported on his findings from following up on dry hydrants in the village from questions that arose at the previous Public Works Committee meeting. Mike provided the committee with a report regarding the Insurance Service Office Fire Score (ISO Rating) and the research that he did. George Kannagin from Phoenix and Associates further provided information on the history of the dry hydrants in the Village of South Barrington and the research that he conducted. George then presented a proposal to the committee for fixing the dry hydrants. Options for the village were presented and discussed, including a possible grant that the village could apply for. Discussion ensued regarding the proposal to fix a select number of dry hydrants, and George answered further questions that the committee members had. After a discussion, there was unanimous consent among the committee members to further investigate and apply for the grant

Chairman Abbate called for a motion to recommend approval of the proposal from Phoenix and Associates, subject to the work being performed incrementally over the course of both FY25 and FY26. Motion was made by Trustee Panchal, seconded by Chairman Abbate. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

3) Building Officer Michalski reported on his findings from following up on the discussion around regional stormwater management reservoir near the Arboretum from questions that arose at a previous Public Works Committee meeting. George Kannagin from Phoenix and Associates further provided information regarding the importance of developing a regional reservoir plan to address drainage and make enhancements. Discussion ensued regarding the future and options were presented. After a discussion, there was unanimous consent among the committee members to ask George to provide a proposal and present it to the engineer and the next Public Works Committee.

4) Public Works / Code Compliance Ryan Murphy reported on a few areas of concern in the village that were brought to our attention after the heavy rains that took place on January 31, 2025. A discussion took place about what happened, and how to address future flooding issues.

5) Building Officer Michalski reported that the roof has been inspected, and the insurance adjuster confirmed that there is hail damage. As a reminder, the village is of the impression that the whole roof should be repaired. Further information will be forthcoming as to what the adjuster thinks, and how much they are willing to reimburse the village for the damage. Building Officer Michalski further reported that a contractor came out to provide an estimate on replacing the lights in village hall from fluorescent to LED. As a reminder, ComEd will assist in

supplementing the cost of replacing the lights due to the fact that fluorescent bulbs are being phased out. The proposed replacements do not seem like they would fit aesthetically. Some alternative designs were proposed at the meeting. Discussion ensued and Building Officer Michalski will send a follow-up email to the committee members with more designs to continue the conversation in preparation for the next committee meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCombie reported on communication that was received about the Outdoor Lighting Act. Discussion ensued, and this issue, along with general property maintenance will be brought up at the next Building and Zoning Committee.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Abbate asked about the status of the Landfill Solar Project on the Property located at 541 E. Mundhank Road. Staff provided a synopsis as to the status of the situation. The Village Board will be voting on the proposal at the February 13th Board Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the topic.

Trustee Stagno brought up an idea of building a labyrinth in the Conservancy. He provided details on the mental health benefits and asked if including a labyrinth in the Conservancy Master Plan could assist in achieving grants for the overall project. Discussion ensued, and this idea will be discussed with the consultants who assisted in writing the Master Plan, along with any other ideas that come in from the Conservancy survey that was disseminated to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:55 p.m., Chairman Abbate called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Panchal, seconded by Chairman Abbate. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dropka", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Dropka, Village Administrator

These minutes were approved this

18th Day of March, 2025