



# **VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON**

30 South Barrington Road  
South Barrington, IL 60010

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025**

**AT 1:30 p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Stagno called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairman Stagno  
Trustee Abbate  
Trustee Alvarado

Board Members Present: Mayor McCombie and Trustee Guranovich

Staff present: Village Administrator Dropka and Finance Director Wayde Frerichs

Others present: None

### **MINUTES**

Motion was made by Trustee Abbate to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Trustee Alvarado. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Abbate to approve the Executive Session minutes from the April 7, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Trustee Alvarado. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1) — Finance Director Frerichs presented a proposal from Backflow Solutions, Inc. (BSI) to manage the village's backflow testing database and tracking system. He reported that office

staff met with representatives of the company and discussed how the company's premium plan would work with the village. An extra \$3 charge per report filing was discussed. Village staff will look into and confirm the calculation to make sure that the village will recapture the amount of money it is spending on the service through the extra \$3 charge. Discussion ensued, and Director Frerichs answered questions that were posed.

Chairman Stagno called for a motion to send the proposal to the Village Board with recommended approval. Motion was made by Trustee Alvarado, seconded by Trustee Abbate. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

2) Administrator Dropka provided an overview of IT operations, and the recommended upgrades in IT equipment from our IT contractor. Discussion ensued, and Administrator Dropka answered questions that were posed.

Chairman Stagno called for a motion to send the proposal for the Ubiquiti switches and firewall to the Village Board with recommended approval. Motion was made by Trustee Abbate, seconded by Trustee Alvarado. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

3) Finance Director Frerichs led a high-level discussion on the benefits of transferring monies between different fund accounts with the start of the new fiscal year on May 1, 2025. Discussion ensued, and Director Frerichs answered questions that were posed.

Chairman Stagno called for a motion to send the proposals of transferring funds between the different financial accounts to the Village Board with recommended approval. Motion was made by Trustee Abbate, seconded by Trustee Alvarado. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

4) Finance Director Frerichs reported on credit card processing software and POS Terminals. Unfortunately, Illinois Epay is not compatible with the new software that is being looked at to be implemented this year for the Building and Finance Departments. Discussion ensued, and Director Frerichs answered questions that were posed, along with the plan going forward.

5) Mayor McCombie presented a proposal to bring on an Economic Development Consultant to bolster the village's outreach and assist village staff that is already strained. Discussion ensued, and Mayor McCombie answered questions that were posed.

Chairman Stagno called for a motion to send the proposal of hiring an Economic Development Consultant to the Village Board with recommended approval. Motion was made by Trustee Abbate, seconded by Trustee Alvarado. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Finance Director Frerichs reported on the budget / appropriation ordinance and the minor changes that were made since being presented at the last committee meeting. Discussion ensued, and Director Frerichs answered questions that were posed.

Chairman Stagno called for a motion to send the final budget / appropriation ordinance to the Village Board with recommended approval. Motion was made by Trustee Abbate, seconded by Trustee Alvarado. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A general discussion took place regarding village attorney fees and projects being worked on.

**STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:36 p.m., Chairman Stagno called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Alvarado, seconded by Trustee Abbate. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Dropka, Village Administrator

These minutes were approved this

8<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2025