



VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

30 South Barrington Road
South Barrington, IL 60010

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025

AT 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Abbate
Trustee Patel

Absent:

Board Members Present: Mayor McCombie

Staff present: Mike Dropka, Village Administrator, Damian Michalski, Building Officer, and Wayde Frerichs, Finance Director

Others present: None

MINUTES

Motion was made by Trustee Patel to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Chairman Abbate. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

1) Finance Director Frerichs presented a resolution to adjust the sewer and water utility connection rates to match inflation for the past year. He also mentioned the need to keep this annual adjustment consistent as the month we enact this has changed every year. Discussion ensued, and Director Frerichs answered questions that were posed.

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

2) Mayor McCombie presented a proposal from Burns & McDonnell to perform an Alternative Water Study for the Village of South Barrington, as the study is required as part of our application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in regards to receiving Lake Michigan water service. Discussion ensued, and Mayor McCombie answered questions that were posed.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCombie led a general discussion regarding committee assignments and the need to make appointments to village committees.

Mayor McCombie provided an update and led a general discussion regarding economic development in the village.

STAFF REPORTS

Building Officer Michalski reported that he received regular reports during the FY25 Road Program, and everything seemed to go well. He is now waiting for a final report from Village Engineer Carissa Smith from Gewalt Hamilton Associates.

Building Officer Michalski reported that the fire department has scheduled inspections on the dry hydrants that were completed by Phoenix and Associates. We are now waiting for a possible grant to see if we can continue the project.

Building Officer Michalski further reported that he has not had a chance to send over the alternative designs for the LED light replacement project to the contractor as presented to the committee at the last meeting. He reported that he will send them over to the contractor and get his thoughts, as the new options fit better aesthetically with the building. He will report back at the next committee meeting.

Building Officer Michalski reported that we are waiting for a report from the recent inspection on the roof, as the insurance company sent some engineers out to take another look at it. Discussion ensued, and Building Officer Michalski answered further questions that the committee had.

Administrator Dropka provided a synopsis of a draft ordinance imposing limitations on irrigation systems that utilize the village water system as discussed at a previous committee meeting. Discussion ensued, and Administrator Dropka will make the appropriate changes and present a final version at the next committee meeting.

Administrator Dropka provided an update on the status of the Conservancy Master Plan. A general discussion took place regarding the ongoing project, and a timeline for next steps.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:33 p.m., Chairman Abbate called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Patel, 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
19th Day of August, 2025