



Barrington Area Council
of Governments

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Notice of Meeting
BACOG EXECUTIVE BOARD

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Lake Barrington Village Hall
23860 Old Barrington Rd., Lake Barrington, IL

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Discussion with Invited Guest State Representative Nabeela Syed (D-51)*
- IV. [Approval] Minutes of June 24, 2025 *
- V. [Approval] Treasurer's Report and Expense Ratification for July/August 2025 *
- VI. [Discussion/Approval] Security Improvements to Financial Accounts and Processes*
- VII. Committee and Liaison Reports
 - a. Northwest Water Planning Alliance (President McCombie)
 - b. Connectivity Committee (President Rusteberg)
- VIII. Discussion Items & Member Reports
 - a. Member Updates and Requests for Coordination (All Members)
- IX. Director's Report (Executive Director)
- X. Adjournment

** Attachment follows the agenda*



BACOG Members and State Representative Nabeela Syed
2025 Legislative Discussion – 8/19/2025

Recent Legislative Issues Impacting BACOG Area Local Governments

1. Regional Public Transit

Public transit in Northeastern Illinois is facing a significant budgetary shortfall. The General Assembly considered legislation during the Spring session, but no resolution was reached. The issue is likely to be addressed during Veto Session in October (if not before). Proposals include significant changes in operation structure, governance, funding, and local control.

BACOG encourages the General Assembly to balance the interests of residents across the region (both urban and suburban) and recognize the important role played by local governments as they consider changes to the regional public transit system.

- BACOG strongly supports the goal of preserving and strengthening the region's transit system.
 - Key services for our suburban region include *demand-responsive transit service with improved coordination and integration and preserving Metra rail service.*
- However:
 - Recent proposals include overly broad language and directives regarding transit supportive development. All decisions regarding zoning, land use, and development must remain with the local authorities who are elected by their respective communities.
 - Any changes made to regional board appointments must ensure that suburban communities in each collar county have a meaningful role in decision-making.

2. Preserving Local Control

A number of bills were introduced in recent years that established blanket, statewide rules prohibiting local elected officials from addressing specific needs of their communities and constituents. Examples include commercial solar operations, backyard gardens, native landscaping, etc. In many instances, these restrict both home rule and non-home-rule communities' authority over zoning and development within and adjacent to our borders. Zoning and development is an inherently local issue that has direct impacts on individual residents as well as the local government obligations to their residents.

BACOG is committed to the principle of local government decision-making and the right to self-determination. Statewide restrictions on local authority of this nature undermine the ability of local elected officials to do one of the key jobs that they are elected to do: guide the development of their immediate community and address the concerns and needs of individual residents as they maintain and develop their property.

3. Preserve Previously Negotiated Pension Tiers.

Potential legislative changes to downstate public safety pensions are being circulated that would roll back progress already made toward pension reform. The legislation would reinstitute Tier 1 benefits for current and future Tier 2 participants of these pension systems.

After lengthy and rigorous formal negotiations between local government and union leaders, the General Assembly took the critical step in 2010 to establish the Tier 2 pension system for public safety pensions. In 2019, the General Assembly took additional steps toward reform by consolidating pension investments and providing targeted enhancements to Tier 2.

BACOG opposes any changes to Article 3 and 4 pensions that will result in further pressure to increase local property taxes. It is critical to help control costs imposed on local governments and oppose any changes to downstate public safety pensions that reverse previously-negotiated Tiers.

4. LGDF

Municipalities have spent the past decade reducing their own expenses year after year to keep their budgets balanced despite shrinking revenues and reductions in distributions from the state. While BACOG appreciates the modest progress made in the 2023 Spring Session, we continue to seek your commitment to ***advocating for the full restoration of the local portion of LGDF to 10%.***

- Revenue from the LGDF is essential for municipalities to fund core municipal services.
- These core municipal services have a direct, day-to-day impact on individual residents' lives. For example, communities use LGDF to fund road repairs and maintenance, snow plowing, waste pick up, inspections, permitting, and a myriad of other services.
- Property tax rates would worsen if LGDF reductions continue or increase.
- Returning the LGDF to its original agreed percentage will ensure our municipalities are able to serve their communities in an efficient manner supported by local accountability.

Upcoming Events/News:

- BACOG Regional Connectivity Plan:
 - Improving non-motorized connections within and across our region.
- October 1: Annual Private Well Water Testing Event:
 - 11:30am – 6pm at the Barrington Area Library
- October 8: Annual Barrington Area Legislative Breakfast
 - Co-hosted with the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce and Barrington 220 School District
 - 8:30am – 10am at the Barrington Park District

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE
BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
HELD AT TOWER LAKES VILLAGE HALL**

June 24, 2025

Members Present: Mike Moran - Barrington; Brian Cecola – Barrington Hills; Bob Alberding – Barrington Township; Beth McAndrews-- Deer Park; Sharon Peterson— Lake Barrington; Paula McCombie– South Barrington; Dave Burnidge – Tower Lakes

Staff Present: Kimberly Saunders – Executive Director; Mary Tarpey – Program Coordinator

Others Present: Abigail Derby Lewis – Executive Director, Citizens for Conservation; Janet Agnoletti – BACOG Groundwater Contractor; Randy Young – Tower Lakes Trustee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Alberding at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board welcomed Abigail Derby Lewis, executive director of Citizens for Conservation who provided an update on the organization since she was hired (4 months ago).

PRESENTATION OF *SHALLOW AQUIFER CONDITIONS IN THE GREATER BARRINGTON REGION: ASSESSING GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS AND MUNICIPAL WATER USE (2014-2024)* BY PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR AT THE ILLINOIS STATE WATER SURVEY, VLAD IORDACHE

Principal Investigator Vlad Iordache reported on the findings in the Shallow Aquifer Conditions in the Greater Barrington Region: Assessing Groundwater Elevations and Municipal Water Use (2014-2024) report.

UPDATE ON THE BACOG WATER QUALITY WELL NETWORK TESTING BY BACOG GROUNDWATER CONTRACTOR JANET AGNOLETTI

Groundwater Contractor Janet Agnoletti, provided an update on the 10-year analysis, including water levels, trends, and water demand in the BACOG area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 27, 2025

On a motion by Peterson and a second by Moran, the May 27, 2025, minutes were unanimously approved by all members present.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JUNE 2025

On a motion by McCombie and a second by Moran, the Treasurers Report for June 2025 was unanimously approved by all members present on a roll call vote.

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR A GROUNDWATER CONTRACTOR

Saunders reviewed renewal terms that have been discussed to date with the groundwater contractor, including the anticipated scope of work, reducing the required hours, and increasing the hourly rate.

On a motion by Moran and a second by Cecola to authorize the Executive Director to execute a renewal of the contract for the Groundwater Contractor was unanimously approved by all members present.

APPROVAL OF FY2025 – 26 BACOG ANNUAL BUDGET

On a motion by Alberding and a second by Burnidge, the FY2025-26 Annual Budget was unanimously approved by all members present on a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Connectivity Committee

No report. Committee members will receive a final draft of the report shortly.

Northwest Water Planning Alliance

McCombie reported on the latest NWPA meeting and the release of the NWPA water sustainability report.

MEMBER REPORTS

Deer Park: The Village is finishing up two park improvement projects: Charlie Brown Park will re-open in early July; and the park on Field Parkway will be completed in late fall. Deer Park applied for a CMAP grant for Cuba Road but was not awarded funding.

Tower Lakes

Burnidge welcomed members to the new Village Hall. The Rt. 59 crosswalk is going out to bid on July 7. A new booster station was installed to improve water pressure for Tower Lakes residents. The Village is looking forward to its annual four-day 4th of July celebrations.

South Barrington: McCombie recently attended an ONCCN meeting regarding O'Hare noise, and a Metro Mayors Caucus meeting regarding the transportation issue. She is hopeful that BACOG will be invited to join its 275 members. The Village is hiring a new executive assistant: of 150+ applications, there are currently three finalists. The Village recently hired a Guru to speak to the South Barrington Police Force and was pleased with the results and feedback from the participants. Work continues, with an outside consultant, on economic development of vacant land in the Village.

Lake Barrington: Peterson reported that the Village Road program is close to finishing. Honey Lake Bee Company will move to Lake Barrington (near Canlan) in an area rezoned for business. Kelsy Road House has requested a variance for their outdoor drink trailer. The Village is partnering with Barrington Hills and Cuba Township to do roadwork. There will be three summer concerts on the third Thursday of each month at Freier Farm.

Barrington Hills: Cecola reported that three miles of Village roadwork is complete. Landscaping will begin next week. The annual Land That We Love Run (5/10k run/walk) will be held on June 29, 2025. A temporary Village Administrator has been hired while Anna is on maternity leave.

Barrington: The Underpass Project has started and anticipates a 30 day complete shutdown sometime this summer. A new restaurant, Noe, recently opened and will be followed by Masa in a few weeks. The greenspace project planned for the Park Avenue Plaza in front of the McGonigal's building will include outdoor lighting for alfresco dining for these, and other Village restaurants. Information for the many summer events, including 4th of July festivities, can be found on the website.

Barrington Township: Alberding provided an update on the grant application progress for the Township roads. The Township is also pursuing a Federal grant to study the drainage issue in the College Streets area of the Township. The Township is exploring the feasibility of installing a crosswalk along Summit that was requested by BACOG LGEI program participants (7th grade history students) to increase walkers' safety to Grove Avenue School.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Saunders provided a document listing the current appointees for BACOG Committees and Members' Designated Alternates. Please share requests for updates with her directly.

The 10-Year Water Level Analysis will be described, but not posted directly, on the BACOG website. It is at each Member's discretion to share it with people/organizations outside of BACOG. Annual water level measurements are scheduled for July 2025 - working with USGS to determine if they can donate staff time and expertise to take the measurements this year in light of dramatic staff reduction at the regional USGS offices.

Save the Dates and Help Us Promote:

- October 1 - Private Well Water Testing Event
- October 8 - Legislative Townhall Breakfast

If any Member has an e-bike ordinance, please let Saunders know.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burnidge and second by McCombie the meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:49 p.m. No meeting in July. The first meeting of FY 25-26 will be on August 19 at Lake Barrington Village Hall.

*Submitted by:
Mary Tarpey, Secretary*

Profit and Loss

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July 1-August 15, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
500.5 Groundwater Assessment	0
Barrington	1,220.25
Barrington Hills	1,220.25
Barrington Township	528.25
Deer Park	1,220.25
Lake Barrington	1,220.25
South Barrington	1,220.25
Tower Lakes	528.25
Total for 500.5 Groundwater Assessment	\$7,157.75
500 BACOG Assessments	0
Barrington	4,296.00
Barrington Hills	4,296.00
Barrington Township	1,859.75
Deer Park	4,296.00
Lake Barrington	4,296.00
South Barrington	4,296.00
Tower Lakes	1,859.75
Total for 500 BACOG Assessments	\$25,199.50
Total for Income	\$32,357.25
Cost of Goods Sold	
Gross Profit	\$32,357.25
Expenses	
601A Salary & Benefits-Executive Dir	3,587.96
601B Salary & Benefits-Program Coord	1,625.00
601C Salary & Benefits - Other	0
FICA	323.20
Medicare	75.59
Total for 601C Salary & Benefits - Other	\$398.79
608 Printing	41.85
610 Professional Services	0
610.3 GIS Analyst Services	1,100.75
610.6 Treasurer-Misc exp	200.00
Total for 610 Professional Services	\$1,300.75
611 Rent	763.89
612 Subscriptions & Dues	50.00
636 Support For Project & Committes	64.98
637 Utilities	59.85

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July 1-August 15, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
647 Groundwater Monitoring System	24,886.00
Total for Expenses	\$32,779.07
Net Operating Income	-\$421.82
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Net Other Income	0
Net Income	-\$421.82

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Expense Approval - Check Payments

August 2025

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
7/10/2025	US Geological Survey	Continuous well monitoring	\$7,560.00
8/1/2025	Barrington	Salaries and Wages (KS and MT)	\$5,694.65

Authorize automatic payment scheduled for 9/06/2025:

First National Bank of Omaha	\$537.98
Mailchimp	\$33.36
Quickbooks	\$115.00
Microsoft	\$54.52
FedEx	\$18.10
State Farm	\$317.00

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Expense Approval - Check Payments

July 2025

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
6/11/2025	Mary Tarpey	May meeting supplies	\$30.03
6/25/2025	Mary Tarpey	June meeting supplies	\$34.95
7/1/2025	Barrington	Salaries and Wages (KS and MT)	\$5,611.75
7/1/2025	Barrington Hills	Rent and utilities July – Sept 2025	\$865.59
7/1/2025	Fox River Ecosystem Partnership	NFP Membership	\$50.00
7/15/2025	Chris Michaud	Treasurer biannual expense and time reimbursement	\$200.00
7/25/2025	Tomasz Szczuka	GIS Analyst Services	\$1,100.75

Authorize automatic payment scheduled for 8/06/2025:

First National Bank of Omaha \$416.18

Adobe	\$26.23
Mailchimp	\$33.36
Quickbooks	\$99.00
Microsoft	\$54.52
Trophies By George	\$89.00
Costco (checks)	\$99.43
UPS	\$14.39

Approval by BACOG Chairman:

Andy Hay, BACOG Chairman

Date

7/26/2025



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FRAUD PREVENTION

Account protection services can significantly reduce fraud. Our prevention tools protect your accounts and can be tailored for specific fraud protection and reporting requirements.

Fraud has increased within all aspects of business, including payment processes. Billions of dollars are stolen each year through credit card, check, wire, and ACH fraud. The best offense is a good defense. Protect your business with knowledge and the proper tools.

POSITIVE PAY AND REVERSE POSITIVE PAY

Positive Pay compares checks presented for payment against issued check information you provide via i-BusinessBanking™ in order to identify discrepancies, such as mismatched check numbers or dollar amounts. When an exception occurs, you are notified so you can review the check, determine if a fraud attempt has been made, and indicate whether or not the check should be paid. By default, checks that are not decisioned prior to the cutoff time will be returned.

Reverse Positive Pay allows you to review all prior-day checks that were presented for payment. If any of these presented checks do not match your issued checks, you can investigate further by viewing an image of the check. You can then elect to pay, return or adjust the dollar amount or check number of the check. By default, checks that are not decisioned prior to the cutoff time will be paid.

ADVANTAGES

- Review exception item check activity prior to payment by the bank.
- Return fraudulent checks before they are cleared against your account.

ACH POSITIVE PAY

ACH Positive Pay scans your electronic transactions and automatically returns any unauthorized entries to the originator. With ACH Positive Pay, you have control: electronic debits are rejected before posting to your account and you create the filtering criteria.

ADVANTAGES

- Block unauthorized ACH debits from posting, based on criteria you select.
- Create customized filtering instructions.

CYBER SECURITY BASICS

The internet creates opportunities for a new breed of criminal: the cyber thief. Education and proactive measures are the best defenses against an attack on your company's online security. Here are a few basic do's and don'ts for online security.

DO

- Maintain separate workstations for sensitive accounts and critical systems.
- Use complex passwords and change them often.
- Install personal firewalls, enterprise firewalls, and web filtering software, and keep all rules and lists updated.
- Keep security patches current.
- Restrict access to sensitive data.
- Maintain separate user IDs when working with sensitive accounts and critical systems.
- Segregate duties with at least dual levels of control.

DON'T

- Open emails from unknown sources.
- Install software from unknown sources or unknown websites.
- Write down passwords in common areas.
- Click on unknown internet links.
- Give out information about security measures.