



VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

30 South Barrington Road
South Barrington, IL 60010

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

AT 1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Chairman Abbate	Absent:
	Trustee Kazi	
	Trustee Zierk	

Board Members Present: Mayor McCombie, Trustee Guranovich, and Trustee Stagno

Staff present: Mike Dropka, Village Administrator, Damian Michalski, Building Officer, Makayla Terfehn, Executive Assistant, Ryan Murphy, Public Works / Code Compliance, Wayde Frerichs, Finance Director, and Jason Fowler, Sheaffer & Roland, Inc.

Others present: None

MINUTES

Motion was made by Trustee Kazi to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Chairman Abbate. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Administrator Dropka provided a synopsis of a draft resolution and intergovernmental agreement for participation in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) and why it is being requested. Ryan Murphy, Public Works / Code Compliance also explained the benefits

of remaining in the organization. Discussion ensued, and Administrator Dropka answered further questions that the committee had.

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

2) Administrator Dropka reported on the survey that was conducted for the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) Household Hazardous Waste At-Home Collection Services Program. Executive Assistant Makayla Terfehn highlighted the details of the survey results, and which Homeowners Associations responded to the survey. After some discussion, there was unanimous consent among the committee to direct staff to take further action, and to bring the results to the next committee meeting for further review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCombie provided details of a meeting that she attended that spoke about the necessity of communities supporting each other and being cohesive.

STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Dropka reported on a grant opportunity that was discovered and provided details on how the village could potentially take advantage of the opportunity. After some discussion, there was unanimous consent among the committee to direct staff to take further action, and to bring the results to the next committee meeting for further review.

Jason Fowler, Sheaffer & Roland, Inc. discussed the letters that were received from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and future maintenance and improvement plans for the water and sewer infrastructure. Discussion ensued and Jason answered further questions that the committee had.

Jason Fowler, Sheaffer & Roland, Inc. reported on sewer televising and cleaning and getting the village back on a regular schedule. The next round of televising and cleaning should be planned to take place in March / April. Discussion ensued and Jason answered further questions that the committee had.

Building Officer Michalski reported that Phoenix and Associates want to do more maintenance on the dry hydrants, however the village is waiting for a possible grant to see if we can continue the project. Phoenix and Associates also proposed an annual maintenance program for the dry hydrants. After a discussion, there was unanimous consent among the committee to wait until the fire departments perform their yearly testing of the dry hydrants and provide a report to the village. The village will then continue to address any dry hydrant issues that arise from their report.

Building Officer Michalski provided a synopsis of the alternative designs for the LED light replacement project. Another company provided a quote for different fixtures that are more aligned with the aesthetics of the Village Hall. Discussion ensued regarding fluorescent bulbs becoming obsolete. There was unanimous consent among the committee to direct staff to take further action, and to bring the results to the next committee meeting for further review.

Finance Director Wayde Frerichs provided an update regarding the roof. Multiple inspections were completed, and insurance adjusters have been coming out to assess the situation. The village's roof consultant suggested that we get the shingles tested in a laboratory to prove hail damage and then submit the results to the insurance company. After some discussion, there was unanimous consent among the committee to direct staff to take further action, and to bring the results to the next committee meeting for further review.

Administrator Dropka reported that the village will once again be a collection point for recycling holiday lights.

Ryan Murphy, Public Works / Code Compliance reported on the annual tree trimming and removal program. He proposed a few different options for the committee to consider. Discussion ensued, and Ryan answered further questions that the committee had.

Chairman Abbate called for a motion to use Cuba Township for tree removal services and to go out for bid for the tree trimming. Motion was made by Chairman Abbate, seconded by Trustee Kazi. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

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

There was an announcement made regarding village personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:20 p.m., Chairman Abbate called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Zierk, seconded by Trustee Kazi. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Dropka, Village Administrator

These minutes were approved this
5th Day of November, 2025