



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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Abbate called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairman Abbate  
Trustee Kazi  
Trustee Zierk

Absent:

Board Members Present: Mayor McCombie and Trustee Patel

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

Others present: None

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Trustee Zierk to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026, meeting. Seconded by Trustee Kazi. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1) Administrator Dropka reviewed the FY2026 Road Program from Doland Engineering and announced that the RFP went out for bid on February 5, 2026, and the bid opening is set for February 26, 2026. The bids will be reviewed, and a recommendation will be made for the board to take into consideration on March 12, 2026. Discussion ensued, and Administrator Dropka answered further questions that the committee had.

2) Administrator Dropka reviewed the necessity to procure landscaping services for Village owned properties for the spring and announced that the RFP will go out for bid on February 18, 2026, and the bid opening is set for March 9, 2026. The bids will be reviewed, and a recommendation will be made for the board to take into consideration on March 12, 2026. Discussion ensued, and Administrator Dropka answered further questions that the committee had.

3) Ryan Murphy, Public Works / Code Compliance presented the proposal from St. Aubin Nursery and Landscape Company for the purchase of trees for the annual tree planting program. He also reported on the decision to purchase a Bitternut Hickory tree for the annual Arbor Day planting in the Conservancy which will coincide with the America Gives 250 Program. Discussion ensued, and Ryan answered further questions that the committee had.

4) Administrator Dropka provided details on a sewer televising and cleaning schedule that Jason Fowler from Sheaffer & Roland Inc. has proposed. The preliminary plan is to put together an RFP for the project so that we can go out for bid in April, then look for approvals in May, with the work done in the summer. Discussion ensued, and Administrator Dropka answered further questions that the committee had.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor McCombie led a general discussion regarding economic development, opportunity parcels in the village, projects being worked on by the Village's Strategic Futures Consultant (economic development), and the projects being worked on by the Village's Attorney.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Administrator Dropka reported that TCL Electrical and Lighting has submitted our project to ComEd in order to receive the incentives as proposed. The estimated timeframe to begin the work will be sometime in March. Discussion ensued, and Administrator Dropka answered further questions that the committee had.

Building Officer Michalski provided an update regarding the roof. He reported that the village has reached out to the insurance company seeking to obtain an itemized claim. Discussion ensued and updated information will be brought to the next committee meeting for further review.

Building Officer Michalski provided a reminder that the concrete stairs and front entrance to the village hall might need to be replaced. He will look for estimates to repair the concrete. Discussion ensued and updated information will be brought to the next committee meeting for further review.

Building Officer Michalski will further investigate the need to address the parking lot, and possible maintenance on that. Discussion ensued and updated information will be brought to the next committee meeting for further review.

Ryan Murphy, Public Works / Code Compliance reported on a number of outstanding community projects and provided details on their status. Discussion ensued, and Ryan answered further questions that the committee had.

Ryan Murphy, Public Works / Code Compliance provided an update on the 2025 Parkway Tree Pruning Program. Lucas Landscaping will perform tree pruning in the subdivisions that were missed per board approval. The project should be completed by February 27, 2026. Discussion ensued, and Ryan answered further questions that the committee had.

Administrator Dropka provided an update regarding the Hoffman Estates Animal Hospital and possible future development. After receiving the FOIA from Cook County, researching the subsequent court case, and researching titles on the PIN numbers in the area, everything needs to be pieced together and evaluated. Discussion ensued, and Administrator Dropka answered further questions that the committee had. 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 if necessary.

Administrator Dropka reported on the status of the Barrington Road Widening Project. Discussion ensued, and Administrator Dropka answered further questions that the committee had.

Administrator Dropka reported that we are still waiting for guidance and direction from IDNR regarding the OSLAD Grant in the amount of \$600,000. He further provided an update on the status of the GIGO Grant. A general discussion took place regarding the ongoing project to enhance the Conservancy, the implementation of the Conservancy Master Plan, and a timeline for next steps.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:31 p.m., Chairman Abbate called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Kazi. Seconded by Trustee Zierk. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Mike Dropka, Village Administrator

These minutes were approved this  
26<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2026