

BARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

TOWNSHIP OF BARRINGTON

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the office of the Town Clerk, located at 602 South Hough Street, Barrington, Illinois.

Supervisor Alberding called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor, D. Robert Alberding

Clerk, Daniel P. Fitzgerald

Trustee, Edgar Alvarado

Trustee, Helen Edwards

Trustee, Fritz Gohl

Trustee, Dan LeTourneau

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by Supervisor Alberding.

ELECTORATE PRESENT: Peter Kopsaftis and Michael Pogar.

MINUTES:

Trustee Gohl moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, October 10, 2023, Township Meeting. Trustee LeTourneau seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Michael Pogar, who resides at 1005 South Cook Street, informed the Township Board that a property usage issue will be on the agenda at a public hearing of the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals. The subject property is located at 1005 South Hough Street (01-01-312-003-0000) and the hearing is Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 11:00 AM. The Owners are seeking a Unique Use Permit in R-5 Single residential district for a short-term rental business for up to 8 people. Mr. Pogar stated that the home would remain vacant most of the year and expressed concerns as to who will maintain the property during these vacant times.

Peter Kopsaftis, who resides at 38 Aztec Court, stated that he opposes any increase to the Barrington Township 2023 levy. He also asked to have the last 6 years of levy information made available to him. A link to this public information residing with the Cook County Clerk's Office will be provided to Mr. Kopsaftis.

BILLS:

Trustee Gohl moved for the payment of the bills from October 11, 2023, through November 14, as presented. Trustee LeTourneau seconded. Discussion ensued. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Fund	\$35,036.14
General Assistance	\$1,330.00
Total Billing	\$36,366.14

TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE & HOLIDAY 2024 OBSERVANCES:

Supervisor Alberding submitted to the Board the Township Meeting Schedule & Holiday 2024 Observances for adoption. Trustee Gohl seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

GENERAL AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENT LEVEL NOTIFICATION:

Supervisor Alberding notified the Board that due to recent statutory amendments; he will be establishing a new General Assistance Payment Level and new Emergency Assistance Liquid Asset and Income Disregards and Payment Levels. The following graph was submitted to the Board effective immediately.

Type of Unit	Currently Available Income Disregard	Liquid Asset Disregard	TANF Payment Level	Township Payment Level per household
ADULT CASE	\$1500	\$1500	\$425	\$425
FAMILY CASE				
A) Child Only (1 child)	\$1500	\$1500	\$319	n/a
<i>For each additional child in a children-only Family Case add \$250 to the income disregard and \$250 to the Liquid asset disregard and \$112 to the payment level</i>				
B) Adult + 1 child	\$2000	\$2000	\$744	n/a
<i>For each additional person in a family case containing a specified adult relative (whether the additional person be a child or an adult), add \$250 to the income disregard and \$250 to the liquid asset disregard and \$112 to the payment level with a maximum grant amount of \$800.00</i>				
C) Married couple	\$2000	\$2000	\$575	n/a

UPDATE ON BARRINGTON TOWNSHIPS “INVEST IN COOK” INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT:

Supervisor Alberding updated the Board on the status of our grant request from Cook County. The Cook County Board is still considering this request. We hope to receive a final decision from Cook County in December 2023.

PROPOSED TENTATIVE LEVIES:

Supervisor Alberding presented and moved for approval of the 2023 Tentative Town Fund levy in the amount of \$511,943. He stated that this is a reduction from the extension amount given last year. Supervisor Alberding also moved for approval of the 2023 Tentative General Assistance Fund levy in the amount of \$500. Trustee Gohl seconded. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Alberding requested the Clerk to conduct a roll call vote to accept the tentative levies as presented:

	YES	NO
D. ROBERT ALBERDING	X	
TRUSTEE ALVARADO		X
TRUSTEE EDWARDS		X
TRUSTEE GOHL	X	
TRUSTEE LeTOURNEAU	X	

Motion carried. The Tentative Levies passed. Supervisor Alberding also noted that the Tentative Levies will be presented at the December 2023 Board meeting for final consideration and adoption.

BACOG MONTHLY REPORT:

An electronic copy of the BACOG Director’s monthly report was sent to the Board and a hard copy was included in the meeting packet.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

A copy of the Supervisor’s full report was included in the meeting packet.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT:

RTA/Metra Passes	0
Disabled Placards Issued	4
Food Pantry Assistance	42
Voter Registration	0
Emergency Assistance	1
Notaries	1
Taxi Tickets	15

ASSESSOR’S OFFICE REPORT:

A copy of the Assessor’s full report was included in the meeting packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations - Trustee Edwards – The Canadian National Railroad work in the Village of Barrington will likely not commence until Spring of 2024.

Planning/Operations - Trustee Gohl – The Barrington Township cemeteries have closed for the Winter on November 1, 2023 and will reopen on May 1, 2024. Vic’s Landscaping has cleared the path into Union Cemetery. Trustee Gohl will request that the fencing along the west side of the roadway into Union Cemetery also be removed.

Legislative/Policy-Trustee LeTourneau -- Effective January 1, 2024, **Public Act 103—192** will significantly expand the scope of services that townships may provide under General Assistance programs. NFP Agencies with services that the Township partners with (i.e.

township food pantry, mental health agencies and disabled social services agencies) can now resource the funding from General Assistance funds starting 1/1/2024.

Additionally, the General Assembly found that it is in the public policy interests of the State for all working Illinoisans to have some amount of paid leave from work to maintain their health and well-being, care for their families, or use for any other reason of their choosing. If an employer has already implemented a type of practice equivalent to this policy, no additional PTO will be needed. Trustee LeTourneau noted that Barrington Township meets the current standards. Amendments to this policy will be explored at the Spring General Assembly.

COMMENTS AROUND THE TABLE:

Trustee Edwards will be attending the BACOG Connectivity Meeting on November 28, 2023. Supervisor Alberding previewed a portion of the Township Officials of Illinois video intitled “A meeting Gone Bad.” Supervisor Alberding also distributed copies to the Board of the final version of the Barrington Township Decennial Committee report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee LeTourneau seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk Daniel P. Fitzgerald

D. Robert Alberding _____

Edgar Alvarado _____

Helen Edwards _____

Fritz Gohl _____

Dan LeTourneau _____