

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
30 South Barrington Road
South Barrington, IL 60010

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Held at the South Barrington Village Hall

MINUTES

MONDAY JUNE 27, 2011

9:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:43 a.m. Chairman McCombie called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present: Chairman McCombie, Trustee Abbate, and Trustee Merci.
Others present: Village President Munao, Trustee Kerman, John Kelly & Dr. Rex Bastian of The Care of Trees, and Scott Schirmer of Illinois Department of Agriculture
Village Staff present: Building & Zoning Officer Ray Wolfel, Village Administrator Mark Masciola, and Village Engineer John Ambrose

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 25 AND JUNE 7, 2011

A motion was made by Trustee Abbate to approve the meeting minutes of April 25, 2011 and June 7, 2011.

Trustee Merci seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

EMERALD ASH BORER/TREE INVENTORY

Mr. Schirmer presented a slide demonstration concerning the implications of the Emerald Ash Borer on the Ash Tree. Dr. Bastian recounted a history of different tree species, their infestations, and treatment regiments different villages have used and the results.

President Munao asked if a treatment program for Ash trees was a continuing process or a limited number of applications. Dr. Bastian said based on what is known, as long as the Emerald Ash Borer is in the area, maintained protection will be necessary. If a new protection is developed or we find some biological controls that help keep the pest population down, this may change.

Chairman McCombie asked what percentage of the tree could be infected without being noticed. Dr. Bastian recommended a chart from Michigan State of 0% infested to 100% infested by stages of ten. He stated that a tree could be 30 to 50 % infested and not be recognized as such because it is still green with leaves everywhere. Mr. Schirmer said that when you focus on the trees that do not show any signs of infestation you have a better chance with the treatment regimen. Chairman McCombie asked Mr. Schirmer if there was a handout with the pesticide options being discussed in the presentation. Dr. Bastian said no but offered a web site, emeraldashborerinfo.com, which gives information on insecticide options for protecting Ash Trees as a multinational effort to bring the latest information about the Emerald Ash Borer.

Building Officer Wolfel asked if there would be minimum distances from septic fields required for trees being treated. Mr. Kelly stated each situation and neighborhood is different and would need to be evaluated for the best treatment plan. Discussion commenced.

Dr. Bastian addressed subdivisions like Magnolia Pointe and South Barrington Lakes that have over one-hundred (100) Ash trees, saying if nothing is done the trees will eventually be lost. The village could begin removal and replacement, taking out the worst quality trees, and begin a placement diversification program to mix up the species or the village could begin a treatment program on the nicest trees to extend the useful life of some so the village is not burdened with so many removals in a smaller amount of time. Trustee Merci stated the safest way is to plan a budget for removal and reforestation for a period of time. It was further discussed that diversification increases the chances of problems not all happening at the same time. Reforestation costs and treatment costs could take place simultaneously.

President Munao asked if there would be future money available to assist villages. Mr. Schirmer stated that in the past there have been grants available and the process was very successful. Previously, the grants were for technical assistance (inventory and inventory software) and reforestation. Presently, there is discussion for more grants.

Discussion continued regarding the responsibilities of the village and the individual subdivisions for treating parkway trees.

TREE ORDINANCE CHANGE

The Committee discussed the Village Attorney's draft document to amend Title 11, Chapter 3, Section 11 of the Village Code. The modified list of approved tree species and removing Ash and Conifers were discussed as well as incorporating Village Landscape Architect Anne Viger's suggestions:

#4 – "All burlap, rope and wire must be removed from the top third of the plant ball before planting."

and

#10 – "All wrap paper and guy wires must be removed from the tree one (1) year after the tree is planted."

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE BOARD APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TREE ORDINANCE CHANGES

A motion was made by Trustee Merci to recommend to the Village Board approval of the proposed tree ordinance changes.

Trustee Abbate seconded the motion.

By unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

NPDES ORDINANCE CHANGES

Chairman McCombie stated that Village Engineer Phipps comments were listed in red in the margin area on the handout for Title 12: Water Quality Management. His comments were offered for clarification, simplification and to make village requirements less stringent for compliance.

Discussion continued for clarification of the IEPA's required conversion of developmental land disturbance areas to square footage.

A special meeting may be scheduled to further discuss NPDES Ordinance Changes.

ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT AND TASK LIST

Administrator Masciola stated that the Engineering Services Agreement, with proposed changes, is being reviewed by the Village Attorney. This document should be ready for approval at the next village board meeting.

DIRECT VILLAGE ENGINEER TO REVIEW LIST AND OFFER SUGGESTIONS

Administrator Masciola provided a list of engineering tasks that have occurred in the past. Chairman McCombie instructed Village Engineer Ambrose to look over the list and bring any suggestions for changes to the next meeting.

President Munao stated that both he and Chairman McCombie are to sign off on tasks directed to Baxter & Woodman. President Munao stated there are items on the list that are not ready to be given to the engineers. As an example, President Munao referred to the Bartlett Road Sanitary Sewer. He sees this as a three phase process:

- 1) A complete study of where we are.
- 2) After study is complete – what are Baxter & Woodman’s recommendations and how to manage those recommendations?
- 3) Come forward with anything else that needs to be addressed.

STAFF REPORTS

Building Officer

Drainage Issues

Building Officer Wolfel expounded on a list of sites to be reviewed regarding drainage, signage, pot holes and tree damage.

DIRECT BUILDING OFFICER AND VILLAGE ENGINEER TO COORDINATE ON UNRESOLVED DRAINAGE ISSUES

Chairman McCombie directed Building Officer Wolfel and Village Engineer to coordinate on the above issues for completion this summer.

Village Engineer

MFT Funds

Village Engineer Ambrose stated that the Village should have received a letter from IDOT that stated the next allotment of MFT funds out of the capital bill should be released. The first installment went directly into the MFT account last fall (October/November). Administrator Masciola said he received an email notice from IDOT last week with the current allotment figures enclosed.

Trustee Merci initiated discussion on the current status of the Algonquin Road improvements project.

NEW BUSINESS

STORM SEWER LINE IN THE PONDS - 27-35 PENTWATER DRIVE

Administrator Masciola stated the situation is complicated and has been discussed in the past at great lengths. Review of JKL Engineering’s diagram and possible solutions for the blockage were discussed.

**DIRECT VILLAGE ENGINEER TO REVIEW
AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
STORM SEWER LINE AT 35 PENTWATER**

Chairman McCombie directed Village Engineer Phipps to look at the situation and come back with recommendations at the next meeting.

Administrator Masciola gave an overview on the electrical issues from the storm. According to ComEd more than 220 homes were affected for less than 24 hours. Village Staff became aware of outages in the following subdivisions: Crabtree Trails, South Barrington Lakes, Glen, 2 East Mundhank, and Hunters Ridge. Discussion ensued regarding damaged trees and limbs.

OLD BUSINESS

BARTLETT ROAD SANITARY SEWER

Administrator Masciola gave a brief update on the status of the Bartlett Road Pumping Station Modification Project.

**DIRECT ADMINISTRATOR TO SEND A LETTER
TO HOA PRESIDENTS REGARDING EMERALD ASH BORER**

Chairman McCombie directed Administrator Masciola to send notification to the Homeowner's Associations President's regarding the Emerald Ash Borer.

Trustee Abbate initiated discussion to disallow cold tar sealants in the village and shopping centers due to the carcinogens and chemicals. He went to a program on this issue. Village Engineer will gather information and bring to the next meeting.

**DIRECT BUILDING OFFICER TO FOLLOW
UP WITH TOLL BROTHERS JIM HEPLER
RE: WETLANDS & DETENTION BASINS**

Discussion ensued regarding Toll Brothers wetland mitigation and mowing of the detention ponds. Building Officer Wolfel reported there have been homeowner complaints. Senior Project Manager Chris Nickel said Senior Land Development Manager Jim Hepler is responsible for those issues. Chairman McCombie directed Building Officer Wolfel to follow-up with Mr. Hepler. Discussion ensued regarding tall grass maintenance. Karyn Radek at Lieberman Management was referred to as the contact person for further information.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:50 A.M. Trustee Merci made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Abbate. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by Marcia Landin, Village Secretary