

**CUBA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
28000 W. Cuba Road
Barrington, IL 60010
Thursday, March 8 , 2012; 7:00 pm**

Supervisor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Nelson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: David Nelson, Supervisor; Doug Alexander, Trustee; Don Griffith, Trustee; Jack Mumaw, Trustee; Art Rice, Trustee.

Also present: Priscilla Rose, Clerk, Becci Tonigan, Assessor, Tom Gooch, Highway Commissioner; Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Township attorney, Lisa Wolford, Barrington Area Conservation Trust, Barbara Murphy, Tom Rowan; Grant Jones, Davey Tree; Matt Schaefer, Davey Tree.

Public Comment

Barbara Murphy noted to the board that yesterday afternoon she noticed that her mailbox had been pulled out of the ground and that 2 political signs had been removed. It was suggested that she report the incident to the local police.

Lisa Wolford introduced herself as the land protection specialist with the Barrington Area Conservation Trust. She spoke in favor of the Township's participation in purchasing the parcel known as Barclay Woods. She added that she felt open space is important to the community, particularly for the wildlife corridor that is provided. There was further discussion on the merits of the property, its location, the benefit to the community, and the possible participating financial partners.

Tom Rowan addressed the board and spoke in favor of open space. He continued that Cuba Road is well maintained, but is concerned about the volume of cyclists using the road. There was a suggestion to post signage indicating that cyclists should travel in single file, instead of several cyclists across the roadway. Gooch said he would post such signage on Cuba Road.

Rowan continued, asking the board if there was a contract with Comcast for internet service. He is interested in another providing coming into the area to hopefully lower prices. It was confirmed to Rowan that there is no contract with Comcast, but there is no other provider currently serving the area.

Rowan concluded that he serves on the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District board and that the board has a sprinkler ordinance in place for new residential construction. He added that it is difficult to enforce and is not receiving support from Lake County for enforcement of the ordinance. Krafthefer confirmed to Rowan that the Township has no purview for writing an ordinance to mandate or enforce the sprinkler ordinance. Gooch suggested the issue be discussed with the Lake County board members.

Approval of minutes

February 9, 2012

A motion was made by Trustee Griffith and seconded by Trustee Alexander to approve the minutes of February 9, 2012.

Discussion on the subject included the suggestion to reword several sentences of the minutes regarding the topic of computer recycling. Gooch offered an explanation of the recycling process. He suggested that some of the recycling computers could be distributed through the food pantry. Concern was

expressed regarding any potential liability of such distribution and the process through which the hard drives are erased.

A motion was made by Trustee Mumaw and seconded by Trustee Griffith to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

February 29, 2012

A motion was made by Trustee Griffith and seconded by Trustee Mumaw to approve the minutes of the special board meeting on February 29, 2012.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Emerald Ash Borer presentation

Trustee Mumaw introduced Matt Schaefer and Grant Jones from Davey Tree. They presented information on the emerald ash borer problem affecting local trees, including prevention and treatment. There were questions and discussion concerning the topic.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Rice and seconded by Trustee Griffith to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and real estate. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 8:05 pm

A motion was made by Trustee Griffith and seconded by Trustee Mumaw to go back into regular session. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Regular session reconvened at 8:51 pm

Roll call: Alexander, Griffith, Mumaw, Rice, Nelson
Also present: Rose, Gooch, Tonigan, Krafthefer, Murphy

Supervisor's report

Nelson reported that he will be attending an IMRF seminar with bookkeeper, Jenny Powell to address IMRF issues related to decreasing fund reserves. He also will be attending a meeting on the Rt 53 expansion. Alexander will be attending the BADC Leadership seminar on April 14, 2012. Nelson concluded by saying that he attended an assembly held by the BHS Pom Pom squad to thank them for their recent financial donation to the food pantry. He asked all to check their calendars to determine a date for the Fall Festival at the April 12, 2012 board meeting with a suggested date of October 20, 2012.

Set agenda for Annual Town Meeting- April 10, 2012

The board determined that the following items should be added to the Annual Town Meeting agenda:

Discussion of potential acquisition of open space, including the property known as Barclay's Wood, located at Stonehenge Drive and Pebblecreek Drive, Tower Lakes, IL.

Declaration of surplus property:

Unit #4- 1989 L8000 Ford dump truck
1997 GMC 1500 pick truck

It was decided to place an ad in the Daily Herald regarding the Annual Town Meeting and the open space discussion.

Resolution 12-R-02

A motion was made by Trustee Mumaw and seconded by Trustee Griffith to adopt resolution 12-R- 02, Pertaining to becoming U.S. EPA WaterSense Promotional Partner.

Discussion about the resolution was concerned about the unspoken cost of the a project

Roll call: Alexander- no; Griffith- no; Mumaw- yes; Rice- no; Nelson-yes. Motion not carried.

Budget review

Tonigan told the board that the tentative factor on the Township's EAV is 3% for the upcoming year. She indicated that she could reduce a line in her budget reflective of a reduced cost of an independent appraiser for hearings in an effort to reach a balanced budget. Tonigan excused herself from the meeting.

There were questions on various aspects of the budget, including hours worked, office supply purchases and the newsletter cost. Rice indicated he will continue to meet with the Citizens Budget Review.

Gooch indicated that he would like to wait for final revenue figures from Lake County for the Road District budget. These figures are provided by the County in April. There were questions about the grants received by the Road District from the state and the intergovernmental agreements with the various villages.

Mumaw stated that he would to see that all employees in all areas of the Township are treated uniformly with respect to raises and "bonuses".

BACOG report

Nelson told the board that at the recent BACOG meeting, Gooch had an opportunity to speak about snow removal. All BACOG members were appreciative of the job done with snow removal throughout the BACOG communities. It was discussed that South Barrington has decided to remain in BACOG, but that Deer Park is considering leaving.

BACOG has taken a stand on the DiMucci property situation which is to stand opposed to the development in solidarity with the Villages of North Barrington and Hawthorn Woods.

Health insurance review

Mumaw stated that the committee has met recently. In light of the approximate 8% decrease in the health insurance premiums for the coming year, he suggests that the direction of the committee at this time is to continue to provide the same coverage as last year. He recommends that the situation continue to be reviewed and that in the next year employees should begin to pay a portion of their health insurance coverage.

Assessor's report

There was no report

Clerk's report

Rose reported that Early Voting has begun and voter turnout is low. She added that the well installation at White Memorial Cemetery should be completed shortly and that she is working with an Eagle Scout on doing an "inventory" of the cemetery.

Highway Commissioner' report

Gooch told the board that he would ask that the Highway Commissioner's report be moved to an earlier spot in the agenda.

Gooch told the board that due to an agreement with the Village of Lake Barrington, he will be purchasing a new truck this year, funded by the Village. He continued with information on the rehabbing and reconditioning of older trucks. Gooch added that he is considering buying a used school bus for the transportation of workers to job sites. He continued by saying that he will be buying a pick-up truck to replace one that is being declared as surplus property and sold. He concluded by adding that paving will begin soon and that he will be conducting recycling events throughout the Township in April.

Brief discussion on computer recycling took place. This will be reviewed further at the April board meeting. Griffith suggested that he was not opposed to recycling, but is concerned regarding the liability issues involved.

Township Attorney's report

Krafthefer distributed a written report of her recent activity for Cuba Township. She confirmed that the CPI is 2.1%.

Approval of bills

A motion was made by Trustee Griffith which was seconded by Trustee Alexander to approve the bills in the amount of \$47,539.40, check nos. 28603 through 28642.

There were several questions by Mumaw on Road District bills. More discussion took place regarding loans that the Road District has outstanding. Mumaw made the suggestion that surplus funds of General Town could payoff Road District loans. Krafthefer said that an intergovernmental agreement would need to be in place to detail the loan and repayment process. Rice suggested that the budget committee needs to complete the budget process prior to investigating this suggested situation. Nelson offered to have this discussion after the budget is approved and with the prospect of saving some funds for possible open space purchases.

Roll call: Alexander- yes; Griffith- yes; Mumaw- yes; Rice- yes; Nelson- yes. Motion carried.

New Business

There was no old business

Old Business

Rice asked about the resolution of a situation with an incorrect withholding amount in payroll. Nelson confirmed that this situation is being resolved.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rice and seconded by Trustee Griffith to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla H. Rose
Clerk