

**BARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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TOWNSHIP OF BARRINGTON

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021, 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
Town Clerk, Daniel P. Fitzgerald
Trustee, Edgar Alvarado (participated by telephone)
Trustee, Helen Edwards
Trustee, Fritz Gohl
Trustee, Linda Post

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by Trustee Edwards.

ELECTORATE PRESENT: None.

MINUTES: Trustee Gohl moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Township meeting. Trustee Edwards seconded. Discussion ensued. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None provided.

BILLS: Trustee Post moved for the payment of the bills for June 8, 2021, through July 13, 2021, as presented. Trustee Gohl seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Fund	\$ 46,497.84
General Assistance	\$ 525.00
TOTAL	\$ 47,022.84

RESOLUTION 2021-6 TO ESTABLISH THE TOWNSHIP'S FOOD PANTRY AND ANGEL FUNDS AS AUDITABLE ENTITIES, ESTABLISHED MAY 17, 2021:

Supervisor Alberding introduced Resolution 2021-6 to the Board. Supervisor Alberding moved to approve Resolution 2021-6. Trustee Alvarado seconded. Discussion ensued. Roll Call Vote. Supervisor Alberding, Aye; Trustee Alvarado, Aye; Trustee Edwards, Aye; Trustee Gohl, Aye; Trustee Post, Aye. Motion carried.

REVIEW PRELIMINARY TOWNSHIP AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2021: In advance of the Board meeting, Supervisor Alberding had distributed to the Board, for their review, copies of the Draft Township Audit Report for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021. Supervisor Alberding explained that the Final Township Audit Report will be placed on the agenda for the August 2021 monthly Board meeting for discussion and approval. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Alberding confirmed that any questions about the Draft Township Audit Report should be submitted to him, in writing, prior to the August 2021 monthly Board meeting.

BACOG MONTHLY REPORT: Included in the meeting packet.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Barrington Bank and Trust	(A Quarterly Interest-Bearing Account)
Year to Date Balance	\$ 23,049.80

Supervisor Alberding announced that the Barrington Township Office successfully re-opened on July 6, 2021. Residents are encouraged to make appointments for assistance from the Assessor's Office and for certain other services. Supervisor Alberding updated the Board about the progress on the building maintenance projects involving the exterior painting and the lower door replacement. Painting was completed on July 1, 2021. The entrance door measurement will be completed on July 14, 2021, with an estimated installation date within 10 to 14 weeks thereafter. Supervisor Alberding informed the Board that in order to avoid anticipated significant cost increases, the BACOG Board authorized the purchase of 25 water testing kits for their 2021 Water Quality Well Network retesting dates. According to BACOG, the upcoming price increases for water testing kits will result from escalating laboratory processing fees. Supervisor Alberding advised the Board that the BACOG Executive Director has stated that reduced water levels have resulted from the recent extended drought in the area. The Executive Director requested that the Barrington Township Office notify BACOG if we receive any reports of wells going dry during the summer period. Supervisor Alberding reminded the Board about the Township Trustee committee assignments that he had previously announced. A Township Trustee committee assignment chart was included in this month's Board packets. Supervisor Alberding instructed the Committee Chairpersons to formulate their respective committee operation plans and to prepare to present reports to the entire Board at future monthly meetings. Supervisor Alberding directed the Board to notify the Township Office, in writing, of all planned vacation dates or anticipated absences that conflict with currently scheduled Township monthly meeting dates. Doing so will avoid unexpected attendance challenges. If a quorum is unattainable, the Township Board cannot conduct business.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT:

RTA/Metra Passes	3
Disabled Placards Issued	6
Food Pantry Assistance	35

Voter Registration	0
Emergency Assistance	4
Notaries	5

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REPORT: Assessor Stephens explained that the 2021 tax bills have been delayed due to the coronavirus and due to Cook County's conversion to a new computer system that is not compatible with the systems utilized by several area Township offices. Assessor Stephens also explained that in recent legislation, the State of Illinois raised the equalizer to 3.2234. This new figure will only appear on homeowners' tax bills and may not be contested. Finally, Assessor Stephens explained that Board of Review Commissioner Wendt recently invited homeowners to pre-file with the Board of Review to appeal their 2021 property taxes. However, Assessor Stephens reminded the Board that Barrington Township homeowners have not yet received their 2021 valuations, so they are not technically able to pre-file at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

COMMENTS AROUND THE TABLE: Supervisor Alberding and Clerk Fitzgerald attended the Township Officials of Cook County Annual Conference, which was held remotely, on June 17, 2021. Trustee Post confirmed that the "Open Meetings Act" online training module is still not accessible on the Township Officials of Illinois website. Supervisor Alberding encouraged all to consider registering for any of the virtual, online training classes offered by Township Officials of Illinois to assist elected officials in addressing their job roles and responsibilities. Supervisor Alberding also encouraged all to consider attending periodic meetings hosted by the Township Officials of Cook County. Each elected position has its own Division (namely, the Supervisors Division, the Assessors Division, the Clerks Division, and the Trustees Division), all of which convene periodic meetings throughout the year.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Alvarado suggested that the Township should consider tracking all in-kind contributions to the food pantry. Trustee Alvarado asked about the appropriate and necessary levels of cash reserves the Township should maintain.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board, Trustee Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Post seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Fitzgerald/Town Clerk

D. Robert Alberding

Edgar Alvarado

Helen Edwards

Fritz Gohl

Linda Post
