

**MINUTES OF A "SPECIAL" MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH
COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 8:00 P.M. Chairman Gery Herrmann called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person: Chairman Gery Herrmann, Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper, Susan Allman, Frank Mattioli, Barbara Cragan, Pat Ryan
Absent: Jackie Andrew, Pete Wesley
Also Present: Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
September 4, 2007**

The Minutes of the September 4, 2007 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper moved that the Minutes of the September 4, 2007 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Susan Allman.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Minutes of the September 4, 2007 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Discussion of Leaf Disposal

Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper presented his research into various leaf disposal options for the residents of the Village. Mr. Kramper contacted Waste Management, the current garbage service company for the Village of North Barrington. There are nearly two years remaining on the existing contract for regular garbage pickup, which also includes bagged leaf pickup service for an additional cost. The Villages of Wauconda, Island Lake, Tower Lake and North Barrington share this contract. Waste Management has leaf vacuum equipment services which it currently provides for various other villages. The Commission discussed the possibility of SWALCO renegotiating the contract at a later date to include leaf disposal services. Vice Chairman Kramper explained that some disposal companies prefer to contract for garbage pickup in conjunction with leaf pickup.

The other option discussed was the possibility of private contractors performing manual leaf pickup services on an hourly basis. Vice Chairman Kramper also mentioned the potential plans for Cuba Township purchasing a truck with the ability to pickup leaves. Mr. Tom Gooch, Highway Commissioner for Cuba Township will provide some costs to Mr. Kramper.

The Commission agreed that alternative leaf disposal methods need to be presented to the Village residents in the event a ban on leaf burning was enacted, and emphasized the importance of ongoing informational education on mulching and composting. Chairman Gery Herrmann stated his opinion that the leaves are currently falling and any implementation of a leaf disposal program would realistically be next year. There was lengthy discussion. The Commission would like to see the Board of Trustees consider their previous recommendation from the Environmental and Health Commission at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

4. Discussion of Flint Creek Watershed Partnership

Chairman Gery Herrmann directed the Commission to the informational packet distributed from the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership detailing their goals. Chairman Herrmann will attend the October 29, 2007 meeting and update the Environmental and Health Commission at the next meeting. The Commission recommends Village participation and support in conjunction with the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership in a cleanup of Flint Creek.

5. Old/New Business

The Deputy Clerk informed the Commission of the Ordinance Amending Section 4-5-1 of the Village Code, permitting the Health Officer to issue a permit for repairs to an existing individual sewage disposal system. The intent of the Ordinance is to simplify the process for the residents of the Village. Chairman Gery Herrmann will contact Village and Sanitation Health Officer Natalie Karney for clarification.

Village Forester Susan Allman updated the Commission on the status of the Village 50/50 tree planting program. The resident response has been good, with 19 trees scheduled to be planted October 15th and 16th, 2007. Village Chipper days are also scheduled for the week of October 15, 2007. This is the 3rd year of this Village program.

There was no discussion in regards to the Village Entrance Beautification project.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Barbara Cragan moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:55 p.m. Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held November 6, 2007.

ATTEST:

Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk

