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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21, 2026

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Trustees Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais (remote attendance), Vandenberg and President Sweet McDonnell.

Also present was James Colella, Agnes Colella, William Colella, Paul Colella, Gery Herrmann, Lauren Colella, Joe Cirrincione, Susan Allman, Peter Yackowski, Rochelle, Colella, David Lauffer, Daniel Grove of Kimley-Horn, Village Attorney Bryan Winter, Village Administrator John Lobaito, and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Pledge of Allegiance

James Colella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Gery Herrmann, North Barrington, IL, addressed the Board and voiced his concern about negative environmental impacts the GHO project may have on Honey Lake. He asked if the Lake Study has been completed. President Sweet McDonnell stated she would make a formal request to Lake County Health Department.

Susan Allman, North Barrington, IL, addressed the Board and voiced her concerns about the GHO Project on Highway 59. She commented that IDOT should bear total responsibility and cost for the repairs, and that the Village should wait before getting involved. President Sweet McDonnell advised Ms. Allman to speak with Village Administrator Lobaito about the details of the GHO Project.

President Sweet McDonnell thanked Ms. Allman and Mr. Herrmann for their comments.

Motion by Trustee Mignano and seconded by Trustee Creviston to move Agenda item 8.A ahead of the Approval of Minutes. On roll call Trustees Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

8.A. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Confirming the appointment of James Colella, as a Trustee for the Village of North Barrington.

Motion by Trustee Kelleher and seconded by Trustee Mignano to Adopt a Resolution appointing James Colella as a Village Trustee for the Village of North Barrington. On roll call Trustees Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

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President Sweet McDonnell administered the Oath of Office and congratulated Mr. Colella. Trustee Colella joined the present Board of Trustees on the dais.

Approval of Minutes Village Board Special Meeting from December 17, 2025

Motion by Trustee Vandenberg and seconded by Trustee Creviston to approve December 17, 2025, Village Board Special Meeting Minutes. On roll call Trustees Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. Trustee Colella abstained. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report

December Treasurer's Report for FYE 2026.

Village Treasurer Mo Ashab addressed the Board and stated the Village is eight months into the fiscal year ending April 30, 2026. The Village's finances are in good order, both revenue and expense amounts, and the Village remains on target. Village Administrator Lobaito responded to a question about an entry for Parks Impact Fees. Trustee Vandenberg asked about the amount of funds and interest earned for monies transferred into Village savings accounts. Village Administrator Lobaito responded with approximate amounts and their source.

Village President Sweet McDonnell thanked Mr. Ashab for his work on behalf of the Village.

Motion by Trustee Kelleher and seconded by Trustee Pais to approve December Treasurer's Report for FYE 2026. On roll call Trustees Colella, Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

7. Presentations-Kimley Horn Update of Parks & Recreation Commission and Open Space 5-Year Master Plan to date. Mr. Daniel Grove presented an update on the project with a PowerPoint presentation. The following topics were presented.

- **Initial Analysis**
- **Stakeholder Feedback**
- **Resident Survey Results**
- **Needs Assessment**

Mr. Grove outlined the opportunities and challenges of the studies and the interests of the North Barrington Residents. The next step will be reviewing and refining the Master Plan with the Parks & Recreation Commission, develop final recommendations and prepare a final Master Plan Report to be presented to the Village Board in April 2026 which will be based upon national standards and resident survey input. Mr. Grove explained there are Grants and sponsorships available to assist with the funding of the plan.

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The Board agreed there are numerous possibilities although the community of North Barrington is a semi-rural countryside of 3,200 residents. There was discussion about possible walking trail locations.

Chairperson Lauffer explained to the Board that the Commission is relying on the expertise of Kimely Horn and will have a 5-Year Master Plan which will serve as a road map for the development of the Parks and other natural areas owned by the Village.

President Sweet McDonnell thanked Mr. Grove for the informative presentation.

Action Items

8.B. Motion to Approve solicitation of bids for the Grassmere, Haverton, and Oaksbury Drainage Improvement (GHO) Project.

Motion by Trustee Vandenberg and seconded by Trustee Mignano to approve solicitation of bids for the Grassmere, Haverton, and Oaksbury Drainage Improvement (GHO) Project. On roll call Trustees Colella, Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

It is anticipated that the project award will be in March 2026 and presented to the Village Board for action. Village Administrator Lobaito stated that all permit applications and plans have been submitted to the various regulatory agencies for review and approval. It is anticipated that permits will be issued in May 2026.

Mr. Lobaito stated the key elements of the Final IGA included an obligation for the Village to pay a Project Expense Match of \$270,578 and an obligation that the project be completed by October 31, 2026, unless a time extension is approved. Village Board discussed the likelihood of a time extension. Lobaito explained that this topic was discussed with Lake County Stormwater Management Commission and they had no experience with requesting time extension from Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Lobaito commented that there are no guarantees that an extension would be granted by DCEO. The goal is to be completed by the deadline.

Village Attorney Bryan Winter referred to the Board the Draft contract in their Board Packet, and certain conditions written into the contract must be met before the before issuing a "Notice to Proceed" to the contractor.

8.C. Motion to Pass an Ordinance Approving a permanent Drainage Easement Agreement for property located at 470 Duck Pond Lane.

Motion by Trustee Vandenberg and seconded by Trustee Kelleher to Pass an Ordinance Approving a permanent Drainage Easement Agreement for property located at 470 Duck Pond Lane. On roll call

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Trustees Colella, Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The agreement provides for reimbursement to the owner for the restoration of the driveway after the installation of new pipes and regrading of the channel.

8.D. Motion to approve lease payment to Joseph LaGioia pursuant to Ordinance No. 2025-10 for a lease for certain portions of real property on Lot 16 (130 Hillandale Ct.).

Motion by Trustee Mignano and seconded by Trustee Pais to approve lease payment to Joseph LaGioia pursuant to Ordinance No. 2025-10 for a lease for certain portions of real property on Lot 16 (130 Hillandale Ct.). On roll call Trustees Colella, Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

In December 2025, the Village received notice that the property was sold to Joseph LaGioia and that the lease agreement has been assigned to the new owner.

8.E. Motion to pass an Ordinance Approving a Drainage Easement Agreement for property located at 225 Honey Lake Court. Motion by Trustee Kelleher and seconded by Trustee Pais to Pass to pass an Ordinance Approving a Drainage Easement Agreement for property located at 225 Honey Lake Court. On roll call Trustees Colella, Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

8.F. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement between the Village of North Barrington and John A. Lobaito.

Motion by Trustee Creviston and seconded by Trustee Mignano to Adopt a Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement between the Village of North Barrington and John A. Lobaito. On roll call Trustees Colella, Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Village President Sweet-McDonnell thanked Administrator Lobaito for his work on behalf of the Village.

Unpaid Warrant List

Approval of the December 2025 Unpaid Warrant List.

Motion by Trustee Vandenberg and seconded by Trustee Pais to approve the December 2025 Unpaid Warrant List. On roll call Trustees Colella, Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

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Checks Written Report

Approval of the December 2025 Checks Written Report.

Motion by Trustee Mignano and seconded by Trustee Pais to approve the December 2025 Checks Written Report. On roll call Trustees Colella, Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Village Administrators Report

No report.

Board of Trustee's Reports

Trustee Mignano - Trustee Mignano had no report. He attended and enjoyed the Lake County Municipal League annual Christmas party with President McDonnell and Administrator Lobaito.

Trustee Kelleher – Trustee Kelleher reported the Parks and Recreation Commission met January 13th, 2026. They voted on the dates for the 2026 Event Schedule. The Commission is currently determining which bands will perform at the Summer Concert Series. There will be a campout at Eton Park on May 16, 2026. The Parks & Recreation Commission is working with the Environmental & Health Commission on a joint events mailer. The Commission voted to host a tree lighting ceremony at the Village Hall on December 5, 2026. It was determined that the Fall Festival would be held September 27, 2026, as the Barrington High School Homecoming was scheduled for the following weekend.

Trustee Creviston-Trustee Creviston reported she attended the Lake County Municipal League Breakfast with President Sweet McDonnell and Trustee Mignano. Illinois and Federal budget concerns were discussed by the panel. The increase in FOIA requests was discussed, along with proposed bills addressing possible AI involvement. President Sweet McDonnell complimented Trustee Creviston's legislative experience.

Trustee Pais – Trustee Pais had no report.

Trustee Vandenberg – Trustee Vandenberg reported the Commission met. The 2025 Tree City USA application has been submitted. The 2025 Tree of the Year winner is 517 Shady Lane for their White Pine. George Balis made a presentation to the Commission about the Village mosquito program. There will be discussion about an increase in the Honey Lake area mosquito treatment budget due to cost savings decisions by Cuba Township. There was no SWALCO meeting.

Village President's Report

Village President Sweet McDonnell thanked Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy for her work on behalf of the Village.

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Village President Sweet McDonnell will attend the Barrington Town Warming event at the Barrington White House on February 7, 2026.

President Sweet McDonnell reported she will attend Lobby Days in Springfield when the House of Representatives and Senate are in session.

President Sweet McDonnell reported she is still involved with the Lake Zurich Rural Fire District.

President Sweet McDonnell wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Closed Session

None.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Vandenberg and seconded by Trustee Creviston to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Trustees Colella, Creviston, Kelleher, Mignano, Pais and Vandenberg voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by



John A. Lobaito, Village Clerk

