



**Village of Algonquin
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting
Held On November 18, 2025
Village Board Room
2200 Harnish Dr. Algonquin, IL**

Trustee Smith, Chairperson, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 8:19 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Trustees, Jerry Glogowski, Laura Brehmer, Maggie Auger, Brian Dianis, Bob Smith, John Spella, President, Debby Sosine and Clerk, Fred Martin.

A quorum was established

Staff in Attendance: Tim Schloneger, Village Manager; Nadim Badran, Public Works Director; Patrick Knapp, Community Development Director; Ryan Markham, Deputy Chief of Police; Attorney, Kelly Cahill.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Public Comment

None

AGENDA ITEM 3: Community Development:

Mr. Knapp:

A. Consider a Special Use Permit to Allow a Dog Grooming Business at 1109 South Main Street

Kara Sylthe and Jennifer Young of Aqua Paws, LLC, the "Petitioners", have submitted a Development Petition requesting issuance of a Special Use Permit to allow a Dog Grooming Business at 1109 South Main Street, the "Subject Property."

The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Request at its meeting on November 10, 2025. There was no public comment. After discussion, the Planning and Zoning Commission accepted (approved 6-0) staff's findings as the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission and recommended issuance of the Special Use Permit, as outlined in the staff report for case PZ-2025- 20, and subject to staff's recommended conditions. DISCUSSION The Petitioners propose to operate Aqua Paws, a dog grooming business, within a tenant space at Edgewood Plaza, located at the intersection of IL Route 31 and Edgewood Drive. The proposed hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. During the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Petitioners stated that they expect to serve between five and nine dogs per day, with no more than two to three dogs on-site at one time. All services will be provided by appointment only, and no kennel services will be offered. A fifteen-minute pick-up window will be used to reduce congestion and ensure that dogs remain onsite for a limited time.

Staff finds that the standards for a Special Use Permit have been met and recommends the Committee of the Whole advance the request to the Village Board to approve the issuance of a Special Use Permit allowing a Dog Grooming Business at 1109 South Main Street, subject to the following conditions and final staff approval:

- a. Dogs shall be let outside no more than one at a time and at the rear of the building only, if they need to relieve themselves. All animal waste shall be cleaned up immediately and disposed of properly in sealed refuse containers. If at any time it is determined by the village that the odor of pet waste negatively impacts the vicinity, the business shall increase the frequency of refuse collection and shall clean the trash enclosure area as part of their daily activities;
- b. Any motor vehicle associated with the business that includes logos, decals, or other similar business-related information on its exterior shall be parked in the adjacent lot owned by the landlord at the rear of the building;
- c. All necessary permits through the McHenry County Health Department shall be obtained prior to opening for business.

It is the consensus of the Committee to forward this to the Village Board for approval

AGENDA ITEM 4: General Administration

Mr. Schloneger:

A. Consider an Extension to the Agreement with Groot Industries for Residential Waste and Recycling Collection

As you are aware, the Village's residential waste and recycling collection contract with Groot Industries is set to expire on August 30, 2026. In August, staff conducted outreach to gauge interest from residential waste

haulers in bidding on services matching our existing collection arrangement. Unfortunately, no providers expressed interest in submitting a proposal. Since that time, staff has engaged in discussions with Groot to negotiate a continuation of services that would enhance options for residents while maintaining competitive pricing. The proposed agreement would introduce two cart-size options and a discounted rate for senior households. Proposed Program Highlights:

- Senior Discount Option: A 35-gallon trash toter for seniors at a monthly rate equivalent to less than the cost of one sticker per week.
- Standard Service Options: Choice of a 65 or 95-gallon trash toter for all other households, with a rate increase of less than 1% compared to the current year.
- Bulk Item Collection:
 - o One free bulk item per week, eliminating the need for the annual spring cleanup event.
 - o Additional bulk items, beyond the free weekly item, would require a sticker.

Current free leaf and brush schedule as well as the annual Shred Event would continue. Proposed Rate Structure:

- September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027:
 - o Trash toter: \$21.84 a \$0.04 monthly increase
 - o Stickers (yard waste and bulk items): \$3.49 each (no increase)
 - o Senior rate: \$13.50 per month 35-gallon toter
- Beginning September 1, 2027:
 - o 3.5% annual increase for the following seven (7) years

After reviewing comparable agreements in surrounding communities, staff believes that Groot's proposal represents an aggressive and favorable offer that would provide value and flexibility to Village residents while maintaining cost stability over the long term.

After considerable discussion regarding pricing of the 95/65 gallon totes and time frame of the contract, no action was taken by the Committee, recommending staff to meet again with Groot and return to the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Public Works & Safety

Deputy Chief Markham:

A. Consider an Agreement with Currie Motors to Purchase a 2026 Police Interceptor through the Suburban Purchase Co-Op

Our fleet is primarily comprised of Ford Police Interceptor Utilities. Internal Services Supervisor Mike Reif has recommended replacing Squads 06 (2019 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan) and 09 (2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility) in the 2026-2027 fiscal year due to age and mileage. After recently attending a meeting with the Ford Motor Company, Mike learned that orders for the 2026 Police Interceptor Utilities will close in December of 2025. Orders for 2027 Police Interceptor Utilities will not open until September of 2026. It is suggested the Village order the 2026 Police Interceptor Utilities now, due to the fact that there is typically a 12 – 16 week lead time and if we delay the order until September of 2026, we would not receive the vehicles until early 2027. In addition to the two vehicles that are scheduled for replacement, Squad 22 (2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility) was recently involved in an accident and suffered significant damage, which Mike Reif believes will be a total loss. He recommends ordering a replacement for Squad 22 also. The typical cost per vehicle, with standard options, is \$45,542.00. This pricing is the same as what was recently paid for Squad 25 (2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility) this past September. Should authorization to order these vehicles be granted, payment would not be due until they are received, which would likely be the end of March to the end of April 2026. Attached please find the pricing document for the vehicles. I respectfully request the Committee of the Whole consider this request to order and purchase three 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utilities prior to the start of the next fiscal year, and forward them to the Village Board for approval and signature.

It is the consensus of the Committee to forward this to the Village Board for approval.

B. Consider an Agreement with Motorola Solutions for the Purchase of N70 Portable Radios with Accessories and a 7-year Subscription

The Motorola portable radios currently assigned to our individual officers, were placed into service in 2017 and have now reached the end of their anticipated 7–9 year operational life cycle. The current APX 6000 models have been discontinued and all manufacture support for these radios has ended. Replacement is necessary to ensure continued reliability and communication efficiency. Our radios operate off of the Motorola Starcom 21 digital system, which is utilized by all SEECOM agencies. The new generation of the Motorola Starcom 21 portable radios have advanced features that will drastically reduce the number of “dead spots” in our Village, where radio reception is poor. This improved reception is due to the new generation radios having an optional feature that provides them with the ability to broadcast through the Starcom21 digital signal and LTE cellular

signal. When set up in buildings with a dedicated Wi-Fi network, such as schools, the radios can also connect to that system to transmit and receive radio traffic. This redundancy of connectivity will significantly reduce, or potentially eliminate, the inability to receive or broadcast radio transmissions. In addition, the new generation portable radios have another optional feature that would allow them to be programmed/updated remotely, simply by having a reprogramming signal broadcast while they are powered on. To reprogram/update our current radios, each individual radio has to be plugged into a laptop and manually updated by a technician, who is from an outside vendor. This is both expensive and very time consuming. These two features are necessary for our new portable radios, as they increase public and officer safety and improve efficiency. Other optional features such as mapping and text to radio capabilities are much less important and in my opinion are not worth the additional cost to subscribe to. I have been working with the Motorola Senior Account Manager, who was been assigned to work with McHenry County agencies upgrading their portable radios. After discussing the various optional features, I have received quotes for fifty-four (54) N70 Portable radios with batteries, fifty-four (54) public safety mics, nine (9) radio bank chargers, eight (8) desktop chargers and three (3) vehicle chargers I have received pricing for those items and a 7-year subscription for the option "bundles". If purchased prior to the end of this calendar year, the Village would be offered a discount of \$61,651.05 over the 7-year term, with over \$50,000 of those saving coming upfront in the first year. The following is a breakdown of the discount: Prior to January 1, 2026 After January 1, 2026 Upfront Cost: \$382,999.86 \$432,132.62 Upfront Subscription: \$18, 829.72 \$20,618.05 Year 2- 7 Subscription: \$18, 829.72 annually \$20, 618.05 annually Total Year 1 Cost: \$401,829.54 \$452,750.67 Total 7 Year Cost: \$514,807.92 \$576,458.96. He requestS the Committee of the Whole consider this request to purchase these radios and necessary equipment, and forward them to the Village Board for approval and signature.

It is the consensus of the Committee to forward this to the Village Board for approval.

Mr. Badran:

C. Consider Change Order Number 1 to the Agreement with Suburban Concrete for the Annual Concrete Program

Staff requests approval of a change order to the 2025 Annual Concrete Program contract with Suburban Concrete, Inc. (SBI). The current contract amount of \$355,945.50 (per the executed agreement on file) will need to be increased by \$144,010 to utilize the full \$500,000 budgeted in the FY25 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund. Suburban Concrete has agreed to honor all previously bid unit prices, which remain highly favorable as the unit price for sidewalk in SBI's contract is 20% less than the approved contract for last fiscal year. Staff has been satisfied with the quality of their work, productivity, and responsiveness. Given the competitive prices and the positive performance to date, staff recommends maximizing the available budget to complete additional concrete removal and replacement work on Roaring Brook Lane, Fairfield Lane, and Mayfair Lane in the eastern portion of the High Hill subdivision. The Public Works Department currently has a backlog of sidewalks in several subdivisions that need replacement. The additional funding capacity will allow staff to address more of these locations during the current construction season, improving pedestrian safety and neighborhood aesthetics, ultimately reducing the current backlog. Work will only occur as the weather allows. Staff recommends that the Committee of the Whole consider a change order with Suburban Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$144,010. This will increase the FY25 contract total to \$500,000, maximizing available funds for additional concrete work.

It is the consensus of the Committee to forward this to the Village Board for approval

AGENDA ITEM 6: Executive Session

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: Other Business

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Submitted:

Fred Martin, Village Clerk