

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
November 14, 2006

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Chairperson – Trustee Read; Trustees Dianis, Glogowski, Smith, Spella, Steigert; and President Schmitt

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Jeffrey Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager; Jenna Kollings, Assistant Village Manager; Police Chief Laine; Sgt. Wade Merritt; Sarah Stefan, Recreation Superintendent; and Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney

Ms. Sarah Stefan, Recreation Superintendent, gave a PowerPoint presentation of this year's Village of Algonquin Photography Contest. Awards were distributed to the winners in each category.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development.

A. Status Report on the Barrington Farms Resubmission to McHenry County

Mr. Ganek reported that the proposed Barrington Farms project received a negative recommendation from the McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals on July 25th. A revised plan is currently in the review process. The latest plan was before the Committee for their review and comment. He will keep the Committee informed of any developments.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Consider Ordinance for Designated Depositories of Municipal Funds

Mr. Ganek presented the draft ordinance for designation of depositories of municipal funds. He reported that any changes or additions to the list of depositories are required to be approved by ordinance.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended to move the draft Ordinance for Designated Depositories to the Village Board.

B. Consider Amendment to Section 2.07, Annual meetings, of the Algonquin Municipal Code

Mr. Ganek presented the draft ordinance to change the annual meeting date to the first regularly scheduled Village Board meeting in May. This was necessitated due to 2007 being an election year and the need to allow sufficient time to prepare for inauguration of newly elected officers after the election and canvassing of vote by the County.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended to move the draft Amendment to Section 2.07 to the Village Board.

C. Consider Amendment to Section 33.21 of the Algonquin Municipal Code, Closing Hours on New Year's Day.

Mr. Ganek presented the draft amendment to add one hour to the hours that alcohol can be served on New Year's Eve in the event the holiday falls on a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Mr. Antonio Colatorti, Cucina Bella, explained that the request is for customer satisfaction and to help the Village businesses successfully plan for this holiday.

Chief Laine stated that there is a potential for added cost for the Village in addition to cost of life and property if the hours were extended allowing additional time for alcohol consumption.

President Schmitt and Chairperson Trustee Read suggested that the hours be extended charging a fee to cover any costs to the Village for police hours and added paperwork.

After a detailed discussion, the Trustees unanimously agreed to grant the extension of one hour on New Year's Eve at the discretion of the staff. The majority of the Committee members agreed to grant the extension at no additional expense to the business owner as a business courtesy. This would be allowed without permit.

Trustee Steigert recommended that the restaurant owners be particularly vigilant in serving alcohol.

The consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to move the request to consider the Amendment to Section 33.21 of the Algonquin Municipal Code, Closing Hours on New Year's Day to the Village Board.

D. Consider Reduction of Vending Fees Requested by Internet Gaming Café

Ms. Kollings gave a brief explanation of the request from Mr. Gunter Klauser, owner of Internet Gaming Café, to reduce his electronic amusing device licensing fees. She gave a brief background and presented staff's recommendations to reduce the fee from \$120.00 to \$50.00 per device due hardship the vending fees would cause this new business.

Trustee Smith suggested a flat fee, or a fee cap due to the uniqueness of the business. He noted that this business provides a service to the Village by drawing patrons to the shopping center.

President Schmitt explained that this is a service business and does not generate revenue to the Village. The licensing fees cover costs generated to monitor appropriate use of the computers as agreed to by the owner.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to forward the recommendation to consider reduction of vending fees requested by Internet Gaming Café to the Village Board as written by Staff.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Discuss Results of Bunker Hill Road Strategic Enforcement Program.

Sergeant Wade Merritt presented the results of the study to the Committee. He stated that the study showed a reduction of 22 percent in vehicles violating the speed limit and reduced volume of traffic on Bunker Hill. He stated that police effort will continue to ensure the safety of Bunker Hill.

Ms. Chris Kravetz, representative from the Safe Bunker Hill Drive Committee, read a statement on behalf of the Committee. The Committee questioned the results of the study done stating that results were from insufficient testing and traffic concerns are still present. She asked for an additional study.

President Schmitt stated that speed bumps and temporary efforts do not work. The Village is, and has been working with developers, other municipalities, and future planning for improvements to direct traffic from Bunker Hill. He offered to work with the Committee toward solutions to the problem.

There was a general discussion regarding the installation of speed monitors that could be moved throughout the Village. Staff will research options regarding speed monitors.

B. Update on Speed and Traffic Studies

1. Stop Intersection – County Line at Sleepy Hollow

Sgt. Merritt presented a draft ordinance to place stop signs at the intersection of County Line and Sleepy Hollow Road. Results of the studies done showed that the amount of traffic at this intersection warrants a stop sign intersection.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended that the draft ordinance for a stop intersection at County Line Road and Sleepy Hollow be moved to the Village Board.

2. Parking Limitations East Side of Persimmon

Officer Merritt presented traffic concerns caused from street parking during weekend activities on Persimmon. He recommended that the east side of Persimmon be posted no parking from Lakeview Drive to Fox Glove Drive.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended that the draft ordinance for parking limitations on the east side of Persimmon be moved to the Village Board.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Executive Section
None necessary

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Witte".

Susan Witte
Recording Secretary