

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
April 24, 2012

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Chairperson – Trustee Jerry Glogowski; Trustees Jim Steigert, Debby Sosine, Brian Dianis, John Spella and President John Schmitt

Absent: Trustee Bob Smith

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director; Craig Arps, Building Inspector; Russ Laine, Director of Community Development; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk

Chairperson Glogowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and established a quorum with all Committee members present except for Mr. Smith.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

A. Presentation by Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Firefighters' Association Requesting Permission to Construct a Firefighters' 911 Memorial at Riverfront Park

Lieutenant Matt Berg and Firefighter Dan Teson of the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Firefighters' Association requests the use of a parcel of land located at Riverfront Park to construct a memorial for those who lost their lives on September 11, 2011 and to honor the two firefighters the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District has lost in the line of duty. The centerpiece of the memorial would be to honor those lost on September 11 and there would be additional pieces to honor the fallen Algonquin firefighters. Monies donated to the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Firefighters' Association for this purpose will fund this project. The location of this project holds great significance them as firefighters, as it is adjacent to what was once their main fire station. They feel this project will add to an already great park and portray both the Village and the Firefighters' Association in very positive manner. Tonight they are looking for permission to move forward with a final design and a more formal presentation in the near future. During discussion it was noted that the memorial area would be 60 feet by 60 feet in diameter and placed near the emergency boat launch. Mr. Ganek said there are logistical issues to be dealt with. Messrs. Glogowski and Steigert were concerned about safety issues at that location and asked if Towne Park would be a better site. They both were concerned about the crowds at Founders' Days. Ms. Sosine asked if they could place the memorial at their headquarters on Pyott Road. Mr. Berg responded that it is not the most visible site and that the riverfront would be more appropriate. Mr. Spella spoke up and said he sees no problem with the plan and to look at the "big picture" of what 911 meant to the country and the first responders who lost their lives over the years to which Mr. Schmitt

agreed. Mr. Ganek said the Fire District would be responsible for maintenance of the memorial. He asked for direction whether to move forward on this request or not. Mr. Steigert and others want to see a rendering of what it would look like once the design is complete.

The final consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to have the Fire District work with Village staff in planning for this matter.

B. Indian Grove Subdivision Sidewalk Improvements:

- (1) Discussion of Recommended Improvements
- (2) Consider Engineering Agreement with Trotter and Associates for Indian Grove Phase 3

Public Works Director Bob Mitchard reported the reconstruction project was originally designed to meet a Village minimum standard for residential streets that has been commonly applied to road reconstruction projects in areas similar to Indian Grove area, i.e., Algonquin Hills, south Algonquin Phases 1, 2, and 3, and downtown Algonquin. All of these projects were upgraded to an urban cross-section from a previous rural cross-section that included ditch and culvert drainage. This urban cross-section includes curb and gutter street construction, closed storm sewer system, 24-foot-wide asphalt pavement and a sidewalk, at least on one side of the road. Sidewalk was completely eliminated in Algonquin Hills in most areas due to extreme grade and minimal setback of houses from the right-of-way. There is one entry point to the subdivision at the bike path. Since this would be a total reconstruction, that being removal of old road with sub-base and rebuild, there would be a temporary access road to the south of the job near Souwanas, but it would be removed and landscaped when the project is completed. There would some loss of trees due to the sidewalk addition, with 15 of those being quality trees. The Village would replace them. Mr. Mitchard also noted that the original water mains in this area are sand-casted and deteriorated and would require replacement. He gave the following statistics of tree removal: 29 for water main, 23 for road repair, and 23 for sidewalks. The reasons for widening the streets to 24 feet were to adhere to standards set by the state codes. This is substandard to the normal 26 feet but acceptable. Curbs would also be required to improve drainage and stormwater quality. The majority of the audience (residents of the subdivision and neighbors) were not in favor of the project. The main speakers against the improvements were Michael Amster, president of the Indian Grove Homeowners Association, and Wayne Kirkpatrick. Mr. Amster read a survey taken of residents showing the majority being against sidewalks, tree removal, and widening of the streets with curbs. The Village did not receive a copy of the survey. One point that kept arising was that the residents did not have good communication and information from the Village. Resident Ms. Gruver was one who addressed this issue. During the lengthy discussion, Mr. Glogowski suggested the Village take the money allocated for this project and use it to fund other subdivision projects if redesign is necessary, but the roads would further deteriorate--an estimate was maybe two more years of use and then failure. In the meantime, the water main would have to be watched carefully as the soil in the area would cause sand-casted mains to break down. At this point Mr. Schmitt moved for consensus to table this project for two years or less. It was seconded by Mr. Spella. Further discussion followed during which time Mr. Mitchard was asked if the road would last two more years. He replied he cannot predict if the road would hold up or if the water main would or would not fail in the next couple of years. The project would no doubt cost more due to re-engineering and cost of materials at that time. A deadline for getting this project on track

now would be mid-May. A roll call on the motion was ayes: Schmitt, Spella, Steigert; nays: Glogowski, Sosine, Dianis. The motion failed due to a tie vote.

Chairman Glogowski asked for a show of hands from the audience of those in favor of the project. At this point Mr. Spella demanded the other side of this issue be listened to. Those in favor or somewhat in favor stepped forward to address the Committee of the Whole. Mrs. Pat Zange wants to be sure the water main is taken care of but no sidewalks. Ms. Tina Nelson was in favor of the project with sidewalks. Ms. Richter was in favor of the project but wanted to leave the width of the street the same as present. Ms. Barbara Lyndall also voiced her opinion in favor. The desire to grind and overlay the surface was noted as not an option as the base of the road is completely deteriorated. Afterward it was apparent that this entire improvement project would definitely have to be further reviewed and discussed by Village staff, officials, and the residents and then be brought back to a meeting in the near future.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

General Administration

A. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller for Local Debt Recovery

Attorney Cahill reported a recently enacted law in Illinois allows the State Comptroller to deduct debts to local governments from a person's income tax return or other payments from the State. This new law provides that, if a person is entitled to a warrant or payment from the State treasury, and if that person owes a debt to a unit of local government, school district, or public institution of higher education, then the State Comptroller may deduct, on behalf of that entity, the amount owed from the warrant or payment. When processing the deduction, the Comptroller must inform the person in writing and give that person an opportunity to protest the debt. The Comptroller may also charge a processing fee to cover the costs of that office's activities in making the deduction.

Following a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move on to the Board for approval.

B. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Cary for Chief Building Official and Plan Review Services

Mr. Ganek reported, due to financial constraints and the slower building climate, the Village of Cary has decided that they will be able to save resources by using the Village of Algonquin chief building inspection official and plan review services rather than having their own official or using an outside vendor for inspection services. It is possible over time that the agreement would be expanded to include inspection services as well. This agreement is also positive for the Village of Algonquin as the services of our building commissioner can be put to full use, and the Village will gain another revenue opportunity. The Village currently has similar agreements with Carpentersville and Huntley which are very successful.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move on to the Board for approval.

C. Discussion of Committee Chairs Reporting on Previous Meeting

President Schmitt noted that reporting and reading minutes of the Committee of the Whole at regular Board meetings is redundant since all trustees are at those Committee of the Whole meetings. In years past, when only three trustees made up committees, the reporting of minutes was useful. Most items discussed are on the Omnibus, and those that require separate motions will still take place.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to discontinue the reading or reporting of minutes at Board meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider Bids for Lawndale Park Creek Streambank Stabilization

Mr. Mitchard reported, as with other creek restorations, this project involves pulling back the creek banks, installing emergent and wet prairie plantings to reinforce the creek bed as well as the side slopes, and will also involve bioengineering measures such as soil lifts, cross vanes in the creek channel, and boulder placement. This is needed to stop the channel that is eroding and damaging the adjacent residents' private property. The low bidder for the work is EnCap, Inc. The Village has worked with this company through many developer projects over the years and has had no problems. They are a reputable company and their references checked out satisfactorily. The budget for this project is \$150,000. EnCap was well below that with a bid of \$89,078.44.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move on to the Board for approval.

B. Consider Resolution Authorizing the Use of MFT Funds for Road Maintenance Materials for 2012

Mr. Mitchard reported this is a housekeeping item for a MFT resolution and municipal estimate of maintenance costs for the purchase of salt, sand, concrete and gravel for calendar year 2012. These are materials that Public Works estimates we will be using during this year. IDOT requires that the Village Board pass a resolution that allows for the expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax money for the use of materials for maintenance activities performed on Village-owned streets. Once the resolution is passed, IDOT allocates this money towards our material expenses.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move on to the Board for approval.

C. Consider McHenry County Mutual Aid Agreement for Major Investigation Assistance Team (MIAT)

Chief Laine reported Algonquin has been an active participant in the program since its inception. Algonquin officers have assisted and have been assisted by other communities. The department cooperated in specific training programs and the Village has benefited from MIAT

since its existence. The Board of Directors, which has oversight of the operations of MIAT, saw a need to update the Mutual Aid Agreement. Chief Laine recommends approval.

The Committee of the Whole consensus was to move forward with this agreement.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Glogowski adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 9:47 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk