

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN,  
McHENRY & KANE COUNTIES, IL HELD IN VILLAGE HALL ON  
JANUARY 16, 2001**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Village President Ted Spella called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 PM. In the absence of Village Clerk Jerry Kautz, Deputy Clerk Jenna Kollings called the roll.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Trustees Jim Steigert, Barbara Read, John Schmitt, Linda Wolski. Absent: Bob Smith and Constance Donner. A quorum was established.  
Staff in attendance: Administration – William Ganek, Jim Wilford, Jeff Mihelich, Russell Laine. Attorney – David Rogers, Engineer – Frank Cuda.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:** Deputy Clerk Kollings led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Moved by Schmitt, seconded by Wolski, to adopt tonight's agenda as printed including item 14, Executive Session, to discuss possible land acquisition. Voice vote; ayes carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** NONE

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The following items are considered routine in nature and were approved/accepted by one motion with a voice vote;

A. Meeting Minutes of Boards, Committees & Commissions:

1. Regular Village Board Meeting Held January 2, 2001
2. Public Works and Safety Committee Meeting Held December 7, 2000
3. Historic Commission Regular Meeting Held November 8, 2000 and Workshop Meeting Held November 18, 2000

Moved by Wolski, seconded by Schmitt, to approve the Consent Agenda of January 16, 2001 as listed. Voice vote; ayes carried.

**OMNIBUS AGENDA:** NONE

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Moved by Steigert, seconded by Wolski, to approve the List of Bills for payment, as funds become available, as recommended by the Village Manager; Bills dated 1/16/01 in the amount of \$271,650.72 and Payroll dated 1/15/01 in the amount of \$259,883.11.

Roll call vote; voting aye -- Steigert, Read, Schmitt, Wolski.

Motion carried; 4-ayes, 0-nays, 2-absent.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund	\$188,143.75
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	7,981.30
Street Improvement Fund	1,780.00
Swimming Pool Fund	128.41
W & S Operating Fund	66,233.16
W & S Improvement Fund	460.00
W & S Construction Fund	4,451.10
Village Construction Fund	1,712.50
Insurance Fund	<u>760.50</u>
Total	\$271,650.72

DEPUTY CLERK'S NOTE: TRUSTEE SMITH WAS SEATED AT 8:05 P.M.

**COMMITTEE & CLERK'S REPORTS:**

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE~** Trustee Steigert reported the committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ~** Trustee Schmitt reported the committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE** ~ Trustee Wolski reported that the Committee met on January 4, 2001, and discussed the following:

The Committee discussed parking issues at the Riverwoods town houses. The homes have one-car garages and short driveways; when homeowners park more than one car in the driveway, the second car encroaches on the sidewalk. Many resident complaints have been received regarding blocking of the sidewalk. The Committee recommends approval of an ordinance allowing parking all night on one side of the street except after a two-inch (or more) snowfall.

Moved by Wolski, seconded by Smith, to pass **ORDINANCE 2001-O-01, ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 41.03, ALL NIGHT PARKING, OF THE ALGONQUIN MUNICIPAL CODE (EXEMPTION FOR SOUTHEAST SIDE OF STRATFORD LANE)**

Roll call vote; voting aye – Steigert, Smith, Read, Schmitt, Wolski.

Motion carried; 5-ayes, 0-nays, 1-absent.

The Committee also reviewed the Hill Climb Park Plan, which is proposed for the Huntington Ridge site. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$800,000; the park is planned to be built in two to three years. The Committee approved and endorsed the plan.

The Committee also discussed the site development permit fee schedule. The Committee approved fee increases. They will revisit the fee schedule in six months; in the meantime, staff will investigate fees charged in other municipalities.

Moved by Wolski, seconded by Smith, to Amend Site Plan and Development Permit Fee Schedule Dated 1/16/01.

Roll call vote; voting aye – Steigert, Smith, Read, Schmitt, Wolski.

Motion carried; 5-ayes, 0-nays, 1-absent.

Finally, the Committee talked about the mailing to residents regarding lead in the water. A flyer will be sent to residents in the January water bills in order to clarify this issue. Testing was conducted in sixty older homes; thirteen of those homes tested positive for lead. These were older homes with lead supply pipes. The Water Division of the Public Works Department has stated that the drinking water is safe. The Village has begun to add an additive to the water supply to aid in the prevention of corrosion.

Trustee Schmitt inquired whether or not residents have been informed of the change in the parking regulations on Stratford. Mr. Ganek noted that staff will notify the residents and will put up appropriate signage along the street.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** ~ President Spella announced that the Committee will meet on January 25, 2001. He stated that any Trustees wishing to place an item on the agenda should notify him.

**VILLAGE CLERK** ~ Deputy Clerk Kollings announced upcoming scheduled Village meetings.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**VILLAGE MANAGER** ~ Mr. Ganek reported the following:

Trustees have a sample water quality letter that will go out with the January water bills. He emphasized that lead in the water occurred only in homes with older plumbing; the lead did not show up in the Village's water system. Also, we will be placing a link on our web site to Dundee Township's new site, and the Township will include a link to Algonquin's home page on their site.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING DIRECTOR** ~ Mr. Mihelich reported the following:

Next Tuesday, the Community Development Committee will review a gas station survey study as well as updates to the zoning map (annual adoption) and subdivision ordinance. The watershed plan is complete; the steering committee for this project will meet one more time to review the plan, which will be presented to the Committee of the Whole. Finally, the Retail Marketing Strategy is paying off; he will present more information to Trustees in the near future.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** ~ Mr. Cuda reported the following:

He will be meeting with Baxter and Woodman to do a review of the plans for Phase 5D of the treatment plant expansion. Also, the water main looping project that was recently completed will be pressure tested and chlorinated, and should be on line next week. His office is completing forms for the lift stations. Also, he is working on plans for the North River Drive project.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** ~ NO REPORT.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** ~ Chief Laine reported the following:

The Police Commission has been meeting to conduct interviews, and will be meeting again tomorrow evening. His office has also been busy with their budget request.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY** ~ Mr. Rogers reported the following:

His staff has been involved with contract review, development issues, and Village property matters.

**CORRESPONDENCE & MISCELLANEOUS:** President Spella announced that the Village has received a grant in the amount of \$378,000 for development of Kelliher Park. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$756,000. The park is scheduled to be constructed in the fall, with an opening in the spring of 2002. The Village has received a total of over \$2.2 million for parks over the past seven years.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Smith recommended that the Board consider suspending the Village portion of the utility tax on natural gas due to the increased gas costs this season. This would relieve some of the financial burden on residential property owners as well as commercial entities in the Village. Mr. Ganek informed the Board that they would need to pass an ordinance to suspend the tax with a reinstatement date. He indicated that it might take the gas company a month or more to institute the suspension, depending on where they are in processing their next gas bill. Trustee Steigert suggested that the Board consider a 50% or 60% reduction to be consistent with the increase in costs, since the Village also has costs to maintain. He added that the Village does have a program to help residents with this. Mr. Ganek confirmed that the Village has a utility tax rebate program.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Schmitt, to pass an ordinance suspending the utility tax on natural gas through April 30, 2001.

Roll call vote; voting aye-Smith, Read, Schmitt, Wolski, Steigert.

Motion carried: 5-ayes, 0-nays, 1-absent.

Mr. Ganek indicated that the attorney's office would create the ordinance. Once it is executed, it will be submitted directly to the natural gas company.

**RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Schmitt, seconded by Smith, to recess into executive session to discuss possible land acquisition.

Roll call vote; voting aye – Schmitt, Wolski, Steigert, Smith, Read.

Motion carried; 5-ayes, 0-nays, 1-absent.

President Spella recessed the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** President Spella reconvened the regular meeting at 9:15 P.M. and requested a roll call. Trustees Steigert, Smith, Read, Schmitt, and Wolski were present. Trustee Donner was absent.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Attorney Rogers stated the Board met to discuss possible acquisition of real estate with no action required tonight. He also reported the Board discussed the transfer of property regarding the lift station. Three documents require Board approval in order to execute this transaction. Thus, he solicited three motions, one authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Kane County Forest Preserve District, one taking action on the ordinance, and a third taking action on the resolution.

Moved by Schmitt, seconded by Smith, to authorize execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Algonquin and the Kane County Forest Preserve District.

Roll call vote; voting aye – Schmitt, Wolski, Steigert, Smith, Read, Spella.

Motion carried; 6-ayes, 0-nays, 1-absent.

Moved by Schmitt, seconded by Wolski, to pass **ORDINANCE 2000-O-03, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ACCEPT A CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE KANE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT.**

Roll call vote: voting aye – Schmitt, Wolski, Steigert, Smith, Read, Spella.

Motion carried; 6-ayes, 0-nays, 1-absent.

Moved by Schmitt, seconded by Wolski, to pass **RESOLUTION 2000-R-01, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TO THE KANE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT.**

Roll call vote: voting aye – Schmitt, Wolski, Steigert, Smith, Read Spella.

Motion carried; 6-ayes, 0-nays, 1-absent.

Attorney Rogers indicated that he will see that the proper documents are recorded to effect this transaction.

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, it was moved by Schmitt, seconded by Wolski, to adjourn.

Voice vote; ayes carried.

President Spella adjourned the meeting at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001:

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*Deputy Village Clerk, Jenna R. Kollings*

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*Village President, Salvatore Spella*