

**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 DECEMBER 2, 2003**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Village President John Schmitt called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Mr. Schmitt welcomed Village Clerk Jerry Kautz back from surgery. He said it was great to be back and thanked all for their kind thoughts. He then called the roll.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Trustees Constance Donner, Robert Smith, John Schmitt, Barbara Read, Jim Steigert. Absent; John Spella. A quorum was established.  
Staff in attendance: Administration – William Ganek, Robert Mitchard, Jeff Mihelich, Russell Laine.  
Attorney – Dave Rogers, Engineer – Frank Cuda.

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

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Moved by Donner, seconded by Smith, to adopt tonight's agenda as printed, deleting item 16, Executive Session.  
Voice vote; ayes carried.

**PRESENTATION:** State Senator, Pam Althoff, gave a brief overview of legislation that is being considered and what bills were passed in the latest legislative session.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

1. Larry and Wanda Connell, 426 S. River Road, Algonquin, voiced concern regarding the Village's open burning ordinance. They have experienced neighbors burning material other than recreational hardwood burns. Mr. Connell said people leave the fires unattended and have seen fires re-ignite after being doused with water and then left unattended. He asked how the Village can properly enforce the burning ordinance properly when certain folks have burned refuse such as garbage, grass, leaves, and even furniture. Acting President Schmitt responded that just a few years ago the Village did not have any burning ordinances and that many strides have been made to regulate burning within the Village limits. Mr. Ganek added, the police can observe what is being burned but are not able to totally police the area at all times. Chief Laine said that the department has issued five tickets in the Connell's area and visited with them last year to observe. It is a judgment call and the police do train officers to decide to the best of their knowledge what is legal burning or not. Mr. Schmitt added, the Village tries to catch offenders but sometimes miss just as trying to catch all traffic speeders. The police have been responsive to the Connell's concerns and will continue to do so. Trustee Steigert suggested the Village refresh the residents on River Road as to what the ordinance prohibits as to burning. Mr. Schmitt said the regulations had been published in the village Newsletter in the past and will be reprinted in the spring issue.

2. Marc Avelar, 2073 Peach Tree Lane, Algonquin, had observed some election procedure changes in North Aurora regarding a referendum asking their voters to convert from a partisan system to a truly non-partisan voting system. He gave the Board examples of other villages that have gone to non-partisan ballots, and then asked the Board to place this issue on a Committee of the Whole agenda for further discussion. Acting President Schmitt said the Board would need some time to look over the material presented tonight and they would consider discussion in the future.

**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. Historic Commission meeting of 10/08/03 & Workshop meeting of 10/18/03
2. Public Hearing regarding Annexation Algonquin 36, LLC, Algonquin 80, LLC, and Randall Road 74, LLC of 11/18/03
3. Regular Village Board meeting of 11/18/03
4. Committee of the Whole meeting of 11/25/03

Moved by Smith, seconded by Read, to approve the Consent Agenda of December 2, 2003 as listed.  
Voice vote; ayes carried.

**OMNIBUS AGENDA:** The following items are considered routine in nature and were approved by one motion with a roll call vote;

A. Adopt Resolutions

1. **RESOLUTION 2003-R-19, AUTHORIZING USE OF MFT FUNDS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ALTA VISTA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**
2. **RESOLUTION 2003-R-20, IN SUPPORT OF ROUTE 47/INTERSTATE I-90 FULL INTERCHANGE INTERSECTION**

B. Authorize Agreements

1. **SOUTHEAST EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER (SEECOM) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**
2. **AUTHORIZING THE MFT ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE ALTA VISTA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**
3. **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MCHENRY COUNTY FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALGONQUIN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Moved by Donner, seconded by Read, to approve the Omnibus Agenda of December 2, 2003 as listed.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Moved by Read, seconded by Steigert, to approve the List of Bills for payment, as funds become available, and as recommended by the Village Manager; Bills dated 12/02/03 in the amount of \$281,658.19 and Payroll dated 11/26/03 in the amount of \$307,541.49.

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

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund	\$114,186.07
Cemetery Fund	11,595.00
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	2,975.00
Street Improvement Fund	21,634.08
Swimming Pool Fund	339.56
Park Fund	27,620.38
W & S Operating Fund	34,045.31
W & S Improvement Fund	17,816.56
W & S Construction Fund	28,979.79
Village Construction Fund	17,370.82
Insurance Fund	69.20
Vehicle Maintenance Fund	<u>5,026.42</u>
Total	\$281,658.19

**COMMITTEE & CLERK'S REPORTS:**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** ~ In the absence of Mr. Spella, Mr. Schmitt reported the committee met November 25, with minutes on file at Village Hall for viewing. Several items discussed at the meeting were approved on tonight's Omnibus Agenda. No further action is required at this time.

**VILLAGE CLERK** ~ Mr. Kautz announced upcoming scheduled Village meetings. He also thanked Deputy Clerk, Jenna Kollings for filling in for him, and thanked Staff for helping keep his desk clean while convalescing.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

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

Announced that a Community Development Block Grant was recently awarded to the Village to help construct a sidewalk on the north side of Route 62 from River Road to Highland. Due to a lack of items for the next Committee of the Whole, the meeting may be cancelled.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** ~ Mr. Mitchard reported the following:

Staff met with design engineers to discuss the Water Treatment Plant #3 site and surrounding area. Pilot studies show a good report on the ability to remove iron and barium from the new well. Staff has reviewed many new developments, and a snowplow meeting was conducted last week. The new Public Works facility grand opening will be scheduled for after the first of the year.

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

The Plan & Zoning Commission will discuss the final plat for Manchester Lakes Phase Five at its meeting next week. There are many holiday activities scheduled for downtown this coming weekend.

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

Re-bidding will take place for the South Main Street sewer project. Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 5D construction is wrapping up this month.

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

The I.D.O.T. construction work on Route 62 east of the river has caused gridlock. He has asked the media to warn motorists of these delays. His department is working on the holiday activity plans for this weekend.

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

His staff has involved with development matters and governmental agreements.

**CORRESPONDENCE & MISCELLANEOUS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

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

Voice vote; ayes carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved this 16th day of December, 2003:

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*Village Clerk, Gerald S. Kautz*

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*Acting Village President, John Schmitt*