

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Meeting Minutes  
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room  
April 10, 2007

**AGENDA ITEM 1:** Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Jeff Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager; Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director; Diane LaCalamita, Building Inspector; and Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Community Development

A. Consider Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, Nuisances, and Chapter 24, Property Maintenance

Mr. Mihelich presented an overview of proposed ordinance changes to address the storage of inoperable vehicles within the Village. A photo survey was provided showing existing auto repair and auto body shops in Algonquin. Highlights included the methods proposed to improve the aesthetics of these businesses.

Concerns were noted with the definition of inoperative. Trustee Steigeret noted that there is a definite difference between common repairs such as brake work or tire changing and wrecked vehicles. The consensus of the Trustees was that the ordinance needs to clearly define inoperative.

Questions were asked and answered concerning penalty fees. A minimum amount of \$200.00 would be charged per occurrence to the vehicle's owner.

Placing limits on the length of time a car can be parked was discussed, but the Trustees decided this was unfeasible.

Trustee Smith suggested that the ordinance directly address abandoned cars only. He stated that there was a significant different between a junk, an abandoned vehicle, and a vehicle being worked on. He was concerned with placing the burden on the business owner for additional costs for screening or fines.

The consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to ensure that appropriate language was used to be sure that the intent was clear. With said changes, the Committee

unanimously recommended that the ordinance to amend Chapter 12 and Chapter 24 be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration**

A. Consider Ordinance for the Annual Adjustment to the Merit Compensation Plan

Mr. Ganek presented the draft ordinance for non-union employees annual increase. The merit-based increase would be approximately 4.5%, consistent with the '07-'08 budget and comparable with surrounding communities.

Trustee Steigert wanted to ensure that employees are aware of their performance prior to the time of their annual evaluation.

Trustee Dianis wanted to make certain that employees were not penalized because of the date of their annual review. Mr. Ganek assured the committee that this would not be the case.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the request to consider the Ordinance for the Annual Adjustment to the Merit Compensation Plan be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety**

A. Consider Bids for Phase 1 Improvements to Ted Spella Park

Mr. Ganek gave a brief overview of the bid totals and recommendations for the Ted Spella Park project.

Trustee Read asked for verification of the proposed contractor, to which Mr. Mitchard assured the Committee that although the contractor is a new company, the references given were superior in addition to a performance bond built into the contract.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the request for the Phase I Improvements bid be forwarded to the Village Board with the alternate for tree removal. The other alternates for landscape watering and porous pavers in the parking lot were rejected due to budget constraints.

B. Consider Declaring Certain Equipment as Surplus

Mr. Ganek reported that due to the consistent high maintenance costs and lack of use, staff is requesting that the 1994 John Deere Combination Back Hoe be declared as surplus.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the request to declare certain equipment as surplus be forwarded to the Village Board.

**AGENDA ITEM 5:** Executive Session

None necessary

**AGENDA ITEM 6:** Other business

President Schmitt handed out copies of the Legislative Bulletin reporting on Senate Bill 1500, the Statewide Smoking Ban and House Bill 1500 - Cable/Video Bill.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:** Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Witte". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Susan Witte, Recording Secretary