



**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  
MAY 1, 2007**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Village President John Schmitt brought the regular meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Village Clerk Jerry Kautz called the roll.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Trustees John Spella, Robert Smith, Jerrold Glogowski, Jim Steigert, Brian Dianis, Barbara Read. A quorum was established.  
Staff in attendance: Administration – William Ganek, Robert Mitchard, Jeff Mihelich, Edward Urban. Attorney – Kelly Cahill, Engineer – Frank Cuda.

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

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Moved by Smith, seconded by Read, to adopt tonight's agenda as printed deleting item 17, Executive Session.

Voice vote; ayes carried.

**PROCLAMATION:** Clerk Kautz read a proclamation supporting National Police Week of May 13 to May 19, 2007, and Peace Officers Memorial Day of May 15, 2007.

**WESTERN BY-PASS STATUS REPORT:** Civiltech Engineer, Gary Overbay, updated the Village Board as to the status of the Western By-pass. He started saying he was with this project since the late 1990's. The federal approval of the Phase 1 design is not forthcoming at this time. The projected costs of the project in 1999 and monies appropriated were 9 million for the Federal Government, and 38 million secured from the State. The current appropriated funds available are now at 20 million with an estimated total cost of the project, at today's rates, at \$90 million. State of Illinois money will not be available for at least five years. Trustee Glogowski asked if issuing construction bonds would be an alternative. Mr. Overbay said this is not an option. President Schmitt said State and County leaders are searching for additional funding. Mr. Overbay also added that the State of Illinois is "scrapped" for road funding these days, and on the federal front, the earmarked funding could be lost due to no local/state matching funds being available. If the design approval is granted in the future months, Phase 1 design could be implemented along with partial land acquisition. As Mr. Overbay understands, the Illinois Department of Transportation has made offers to land owners with a "take it or leave it" attitude with no negotiating.

**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. Village Board meeting of 04/17/07
2. Liquor Commission meeting of 04/17/07

Moved by Spella, seconded by Glogowski, to approve the Consent Agenda of May 1, 2007 as listed. Voice vote; ayes carried.

**OMNIBUS AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Moved by Read, seconded by Dianis, to approve the List of Bills for payment, as funds become available, and as recommended by the Village Manager; Bills dated 05/01/07 in the amount of \$1,706,764.65 and Payroll dated 04/30/07 in the amount of \$395,310.83.

Roll call vote; voting aye -- Read, Spella, Smith, Glogowski, Dianis, Steigert.  
Motion carried; 6-ayes, 0-nays.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

General Fund	\$369,510.61
Cemetery Fund	525.40
Street Improvement Fund	42.50
Swimming Pool Fund	40.08

Park Fund	14,959.68
W & S Operating Fund	55,153.46
W & S Bond Interest Fund	428.00
W & S Improvement Fund	1,243,660.93
Insurance Fund	4,638.84
Vehicle Maintenance Fund	17,163.15
Debt Service Fund	<u>642.00</u>
Total	\$1,706,764.65

## **COMMITTEE & CLERK'S REPORTS:**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** ~ No Report

**VILLAGE CLERK** ~ Mr. Kautz announced upcoming scheduled Village meetings.

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

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

1 - The construction on Algonquin Road west of Randall Road is beginning, and utility work should be done by spring of 2008. 2 - I.D.O.T. is scheduled to paint the Route 62 Bridge starting on May 10 and finishing by July. This may require some lane closures with delays expected from 9 to 3 AM. 3 - Riverside Square construction will begin in the next couple of weeks, but utility work will take place from 8 PM to 4 AM, to help traffic.

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

1 - Cornish Park fountain is now in operation with flowers also blooming in the park. 2 - The wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 6 construction is moving along with the final floor to be poured and brick work following. The project is still 75 days behind schedule. 3 - The digester cover replacement is completed on number one. It will be up and running in about two weeks. 4 - Digester #2 cover will be delivered in two weeks. 5 - Procedures involving Water Treatment Plant 3 should be completed by the next Village Board meeting. 6 - Village tree planting is moving along with Hydrant flushing also taking place. 7 - Staff is working on some personnel issues.

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

1 - The Planning & Zoning Commission will meet May 14 at which time discussion will take place regarding commercial development in front of the Target and Kohl's property. 2 - Riverside Square construction is beginning. 3 - A new 95K sq. ft. commercial building is getting ready to open off Boyer Road. It is a very attractive structure.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** ~ As this will be the last Village Board meeting at which Schefflow Engineers will be contracted with the Village. President Schmitt presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Frank Cuda for the past 39 years of service to the Village of Algonquin.

Mr. Cuda then read a brief statement saying it has been an honor for Schefflow Engineers working with the Village for all these past 40 years. He shared his disappointment that the Village chose to select a different firm and wanted to note that his firm engineered the previous water and sewer expansions within limited space and budgets, but had no involvement with the new Water Treatment Plant #3 or the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant even though the need was suggested by Schefflow Engineers back in the 1990s. He wished all well.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** ~ Deputy Chief Urban reported the following:

1 - The sergeant promotion process is now in phase two. 2 - One new officer has finished training with another being moved to investigations. 3 - Staff is in the process of hiring a Community Service Officer.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY** ~ Ms. Cahill reported the following:

1 - Her office has been working on several issues with Community Development. 2 - Staff is involved with Municipal Code updates.

## **CORRESPONDENCE & MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Trustee Smith wished to praise the Police Department for their efforts in handling two emergencies in town at the same time, a major accident and a Fox River incident.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Trustee Glogowski praised the Cornish Park completion, but said he noticed a total lack of disrespect by fishermen who was stepping on the shrubs planted along the river bank. He asked if fencing on some kind could be erected. He also said he found that the fencing behind the new strip mall near Mandile's restaurant is not owned by the homeowner's association but was installed by the property owner who sold to the commercial developer.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. President Schmitt stated the need for a river crossing but with no available funding from the counties or state there is another funding idea that requires the following Board action. Longmeadow Parkway has been on the Village Comprehensive Plan since the mid 90's with a section being built from just east of sleepy Hollow Road to Randall Road. A Fox River crossing was part of a Route 31 and 62 intersection traffic improvement plan and would be accessed from Route 25 to Route 31, and eventually to connect with the Longmeadow Parkway. A Longmeadow/Bolz Corridor bridge resolution was adopted some time ago but no money was or is now available. Mr. Schmitt is requesting the Board and the surrounding communities to adopt a resolution asking Kane County to "create a toll bridge and get it done". He believes that the bridge and access roads could be built in five years if Kane County moves on this quickly. The state passed legislation back in the 90's to allow counties to form toll bridge authorities and operate them.

Lengthy discussion took place including very strong support for this resolution from Trustees Smith, Dianis, and Read. Trustee Glogowski said there is a great need for a bridge but questioned the length of time to have it in service. The resolution states a date of 2018/2020 as potential availability yet the President is saying a bridge could be in place in five years. He was told the 2018 figure was an estimate if normal public funding was approved and used to build the corridor. A toll authority would take much less time to build. Trustee Steigert also voiced the need for a bridge and is in favor of paying with tolls. He stated he wants the Village to have a say in what the toll costs will be and how it is operated. He wants to be sure that Algonquin has "leverage" with Kane County. Trustee Spella said he would vote yes and asked if the five year time table was viable. Other items during discussion were brought up. Mr. Overbay stated a route design was prepared previously for a Longmeadow/Bolz bridge with the exception of toll collection devices. Also the resolution will ask for the integration with I-Pass transponders. The resolution as a whole is basically requesting, strongly, that Kane County take quick action to see the toll bridge built.

**Moved by Smith, seconded by Read, to adopt RESOLUTION 2007-R-03, REQUESTING LONGMEADOW BRIDGE CORRIDOR FUNDING**

**Roll call vote; voting aye -- Smith, Glogowski, Dianis, Steigert, Read, Spella, President Schmitt.**

**Motion carried; 7-ayes, 0-nays.**

**ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, it was moved by Spella, seconded by Read, to adjourn. Voice vote; ayes carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved this 15th day of May, 2007:

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*Village Clerk, Gerald S. Kautz*

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*Village President, John Schmitt*