

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Meeting Minutes  
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room  
May 8, 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; Jeffrey Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager; Katherine Thornton, Senior Planner; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Community Development

A. Executive Session – Interview for Vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Historic Commission

Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Spella seconded a motion to call a recess in order to convene an Executive Session at 7:35. The Voice Vote noted all ayes.

Chair, Trustee Glogowski called the Committee of the Whole meeting back to order at 8:30 p.m.

B. Case No. 2007-07 Wilshire Subdivision – Unincorporated McHenry County North of Cary-Algonquin Road, North of Blackhawk Trail

Ms. Thornton presented the request for a preliminary plat for a residential subdivision located in unincorporated McHenry County. The property is adjacent to the Village limits and is within Algonquin's planning jurisdiction; therefore, the Village is required to sign off on the plat of subdivision per the County regulations. Staff concurs with the Planning and Zoning Commission and recommends approval.

The consensus of the Committee was to forward the Wilshire Subdivision, Preliminary Plat of Subdivision to the Village Board.

C. Discuss Political Sign Regulations

At the request of the Village Board, Mr. Mihelich provided the Committee with excerpts of the Village's Municipal Code regarding political sign regulations.

There was an in-depth discussion regarding the infringements of free speech versus the aesthetics and possible traffic site line issues.

With the exception of Trustee Steigert, the Committee agreed to not make any changes to the existing Village Sign Code regarding political signs.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3. General Administration**

Discuss Membership with the McHenry County Council for Governments and the Metro West Council of Governments.

President Schmitt presented the proposal from both COGs for the Village to join the McHenry County Council of Governments at one price for both. He highlighted the benefits to the Village, which included a common voice for our region. Monies to cover the cost have already been appropriated in the current fiscal year budget.

It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend that the Village join both the Metro West and McHenry County COGs.

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

#### **A. Consider Amendment Increasing Fines for Unauthorized Parking in Spaces Reserved for Persons with Disabilities**

Mr. Ganek presented the amendment to the Village's current Ordinance to be consistent with the change made by the State of Illinois in addition to language for future changes to be made without adding another amendment.

Trustee Smith felt that the fine should be higher if the Village could exceed the State fine.

The consensus of the members was for the Village attorney to investigate if the Village could impose a \$500.00 fine for unauthorized parking and then forward the amendment to the Village Board for consideration.

#### **B. Consider Interim Agreement for Animal Control Services with Kane County Animal Control.**

Mr. Ganek presented a proposed interim contract with Kane County Animal Control, which is consistent with the agreement already in effect with McHenry County.

The consensus of the members was to forward the Interim Agreement to the Village Board.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: Other Business**

Due to the delay of the Western bypass, Trustee Read asked that consideration be given to code enforcement at the Toastmaster building due to safety hazards.

Trustee Read asked for the status of the shooting star statue. Mr. Ganek stated that the perpetrators are currently in court, and restitution is being considered.

**AGENDA ITEM 6:** Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Witte". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Susan Witte, Recording Secretary