



**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 18, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: Village President John Schmitt brought 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 Robert Smith, Jerry Glogowski, Deborah Sosine, Brian Dianis, John Spella, and Jim Steigert. A quorum was established.
Staff in attendance: William Ganek, Jenna Kollings, Jeff Mihelich, Robert Mitchard, Russell Laine.
Attorney – Kelly Cahill.

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

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mr. Tim Fisher, a resident of Aspen Drive in Algonquin, addressed the Board regarding the School District 300 boundary proposals. He read a prepared statement that urged the Board to evaluate the boundary proposals being considered by the District, write the District 300 Board of Education expressing concerns with Plan #6, request that existing students in impacted schools be grandfathered, and communicate concerns to other impacted Villages. President Schmitt responded that the Board needs time to look into this issue. Trustee Sosine stated that she is serving as part of a group that is evaluating these proposals. Trustee Glogowski stated his belief that proposals #3, 6, and 10 are the finalists. Mr. Fisher expressed his support for plan #10 which, he believes, is based on data and has the least impact. President Schmitt reiterated that the Board will need to research this issue.

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. Algonquin Historic Commission Meetings Held 10/10/07 and 11/14/07
2. Algonquin Historic Commission Workshops Held 10/20/07, 10/27/07, and 11/10/07
3. Village Board Meeting Held 12/4/07
4. Committee of the Whole Meeting Held 12/11/07

B. Village Manager's Report for November 2007

Moved by Spella, seconded by Glogowski, to approve the Consent Agenda of December 18, 2007 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. Pass Ordinances

1. **ORDINANCE 2007-O-52, GRANTING A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION FOR THE PRAIRIE PATH SUBDIVISION FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT**
2. **ORDINANCE 2007-O-53, DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY AND VEHICLES AS SURPLUS**

B. Authorize Agreements

1. **WITH DAVID ETERNO FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SERVICES**
2. **WITH CHAYA FRIEDMAN FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DATABASE**
3. **WITH HEARTLAND COMMUNICATIONS TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-WIDE WIFI NETWORK**

Moved by Steigert, seconded by Dianis, to approve the Omnibus Agenda of December 18, 2007. Roll call vote; voting aye -- Steigert, Smith, Glogowski, Sosine, Dianis, Spella.
Motion carried; 6-ayes, 0-nays.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Moved by Dianis, seconded by Sosine, to approve the List of Bills for payment dated 12/18/07 and Payroll dated 12/15/07 in the combined amount of \$1,386,699.10 as recommended.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund	\$300,433.74
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	42,380.02
Street Improvement Fund	6,806.25
Swimming Pool Fund	41.46
Park Fund	412,145.36
W & S Operating Fund	92,569.96
W & S Improvement Fund	16,571.62
Building Maintenance Service Fund	14,016.02
Vehicle Maintenance Fund	47,725.78
Total	\$932,690.21

COMMITTEE & CLERK'S REPORTS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ~ Trustee Sosine summarized the minutes from the December 11, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting that are on file and available for review at Village Hall. Items on tonight's Omnibus Agenda were among those discussed at the Committee. The following board actions are required tonight.

Under General Administration

Moved by Sosine, seconded by Dianis, to participate in the "Cool Cities" program by endorsement of the Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement.

Trustee Smith expressed that his opposition to this item is not on global warming, but that by endorsing the Agreement, the Board has no recourse. He suggested that the Agreement encourages the federal government to enact mandatory laws, and gives carte blanche to do so, and that this may result in laws that lead to costs at the local level.

Roll call vote; voting aye – Sosine, Dianis, Spella, Steigert, Glogowski; voting nay – Smith.

Motion carried; 5-ayes, 1-nay.

Under Public Works & Safety

Moved by Sosine, seconded by Glogowski, to approve the bid for the Route 62 Bridge Water Main Replacement in the amount of \$393,250 to John Neri Construction.

Roll call vote; voting aye – Sosine, Dianis, Spella, Steigert, Smith, Glogowski.

Motion carried; 6-ayes, 0-nays.

VILLAGE CLERK ~ Deputy Clerk Kollings announced upcoming scheduled Village meetings. She also passed along Clerk's Kautz's wishes for happy holidays to the Village Board and staff.

STAFF REPORTS:

VILLAGE MANAGER ~ Mr. Ganek reported the following:

1. The Algonquin Road project undertaken by the County, which impacts Algonquin Road west of Randall to Lakewood, is fully open. Installation of the final road surface, striping, and landscaping will be completed in the spring.
2. Mr. Ganek expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Department for their snow removal operations over the weekend.
3. The Kane County Highway Department has sent out a request for qualifications for a traffic and feasibility study for the Longmeadow Parkway project. President Schmitt has also been involved with this effort by serving on a task force. A consultant will be selected in January, and the consultant will have three months to complete the study.
4. He wishes everyone a happy holiday.

President Schmitt passed along that friends and neighbors contacted him to express how pleased they were with the Village's recent snow removal efforts.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ~ Mr. Mitchard reported the following:

1. He and his staff reviewed the recent snow storm activities. They received no complaints, and feel confident that they did a good job with snow removal.
2. The Village has received verbal approval from the Illinois EPA that the additional million gallon capacity at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is granted due to the imminent startup of phase 6A. The EPA has approved permits as a result of this preliminary approval.
3. His staff is working on their budgets and long-range capital plans.
4. Staff is also working on GIS data collection for trees, signs, and storm sewer.
5. The Parks & Forestry Division is conducting tree trimming in the High Hill subdivision.
6. An offer to a potential new employee for the Senior Mechanic position has been made by the Human Resources Division and tentatively accepted by the candidate.
7. During the recent snow storm, the fourth of the year, they experienced outstanding results in snow removal operations. There were no vehicle breakdowns; the Fleet Division did a great job providing dependable equipment.

President Schmitt inquired whether or not we surpassed the number of storms at this point last year. Mr. Mitchard responded that we have not yet, but that we have used a lot of salt to date.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER-DEVELOPMENT ~ Mr. Mihelich reported the following:

1. Commercial development is still underway with progress made at Randall Crossing with Mimi's Café. The Galleria is moving along. Steel is being set at Riverside Square downtown. Over 750,000 square feet of commercial development is under construction.
2. His Department has also been working on their budget, trail grant, downtown streetscape, and master planning.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ~ Chief Laine reported the following:

1. Two new officers completed the Police Academy on December 6, and are now in field training. Field training is a twelve to fifteen week program, so these officers should be on the street in early spring. On January 6, 2008, two additional officers will head to the Academy. One more officer needs to be hired, and then the Police Department will have filled all of its officer positions.
2. A Liquor Commission hearing will be scheduled for January 15 at 7:30 p.m. to address four violations of the Liquor Code.
3. His Department has also been working on their budget proposal.

Trustee Steigert asked how many police officers are approved for the Department. Chief Laine responded that they are authorized for fifty officers.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY ~ Ms. Cahill reported the following:

Her office has been involved with contract review as well as public works and community development issues.

CORRESPONDENCE & MISCELLANEOUS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Submitted:

Approved this 8th day of January, 2008:

Deputy Village Clerk, Jenna Kollings

Village President, John Schmitt