

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Ganek Municipal Center Board Room
March 11, 2014

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Calls to Establish Quorum

Present: Chairperson Jerry Glogowski, Trustees Debby Sosine, Brian Dianis, John Spella, Jim Steigert, Bob Smith, and President John Schmitt

Staff Members Present: Tim Schloneger, Village Manager; Mike Kumbera, Assistant Village Manager; Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director; Jack Walde, Finance Director; Russ Laine, Police Chief; Katie Parkhurst, Senior Planner; Katie Gock, Recreation Coordinator; Andrez Beltran, Intern; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; and Michelle Weber, Deputy Village Clerk.

Chairperson Glogowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced those in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Review Proposed 2014-2015 General Fund Budget

Mr. Kumbera presented an overview of the General Fund stating the village has been the prestigious National Budget Presentation Award for ten years. The 2014-2015 budget is balanced, highlighting one additional part-time seasonal employee (Recreation Intern), flat property tax levy, maintain infrastructure and service levels, no tax increases, no new taxes, and no new debt. The total budget expenditures of \$19,573,000 consist of the following:

- \$2,259,000 General Services Administration
- \$9,361,500 Police
- \$1,423,300 Public Works: Administration
- \$2,526,700 Public Works: Streets
- \$1,834,000 Public Works: Parks and Forestry
- \$ 896,500 Multi-Departmental

Mr. Steigert asked for an update on the funds received from the video gaming machines and inquired where those funds are being designated. Mr. Kumbera indicated that those funds are being earmarked for the Parks and Recreation fund and he does not have the current data on those funds but he believes it is approximately \$2,000 a month with five establishments. He will follow up and report tomorrow.

President Schmitt questioned, what will be costs associated with the current roof leaks at Village Hall? Mr. Mitchard explained although every effort was done to prevent the roof from leaking, the extreme winter we had this year has evaded all efforts. It is the design of the roof, not the shingles or workmanship of the new roof the ice damming surpassed the 6 feet of ice and water shield that was installed in all the valleys and along the edge of the roof. After consulting with Legat Architect, their suggestion was to repeak and construct a new roof. The costs to fix the will consist of drywall replacement, carpet, and ceiling tiles. There is no recourse with the roofer.

President Schmitt mentioned in the past we have been recipients of grants for equipment in the Police Department, but noticed there was not mention of grant funding coming in. Chief Laine indicated that staff is consistently looking for grants and will continue, but it is hard to predict a grant coming up or receiving the funding. This is why it was not added as an income item. Mr. Kumbera added; going forward grant funding received will be placed directly toward the cost of the grant item. For example, the Police Department received grant funding for enforcement for the upcoming holiday weekend. The funds received will go directly toward the overtime and other costs associated with the extra enforcement efforts.

B. Review Proposed 2014-2015 Budget for Remaining Funds

Mr. Walde over-views some of the things that have impacted our budget this year such as interest costs. Although we were able to secure some low interest rates for debt, we were not able to receive as high as expected interest on our investments. Also this year, the Police Pension Fund increase is due to the actuary, the actuary society required all actuaries to change their mortality rate for Police and Fire from 100 years to 120.

(1) Development Fund

What was once known as Special Revenue all related to funds that come about from new development. The revenue that is at \$135,000 continues to be stable or down a little bit.

(2) Village Construction Fund

This fund is geared toward construction toward our major facilities. At this time, there are no plans for additional buildings or expenditures. The revenues are very modest since the funds for this comes from new building permit fees and interest.

(3) Police Pension Fund

Revenues had a nice increase but it was attributed to the employer contribution. The reason for the additional contribution is due to a change made approximately three years ago, where a funding plan that should be 100% funded by the year 2033 this was changed by the State to by 2040 and funding level 90%, it also changed some of the retirement ages etc. but to avoid, in a few years, a very steep incline we will continue to fund at 100% by 2033. We had some good years on return on investment and it is continuing this year.

(4) Debt Service Fund

\$618,000 transfers from the Public Works Administration fund transfers and interest while it is in the fund. We will close out series 2010 in 2015. Getting close to the area of 2014A the principal amounts are coming due now, so you will see expenditures in the coming years along this level. 2020 is the last year that debt service will come out of the General Fund.

C. Consider Public Event Requests:

(1) Village of Algonquin Summer Concert Series for 2014 – Thursdays, June 26 through August 14 at Riverfront Park.

Ms. Gock would like the Committee to consider approving the Summer Concerts at Riverfront Park that will run from June 26 through August 14. This year we would like to add a food vendor to enhance the picnic type experience and offer more sustenance for our residents.

With no discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to move this to the Board for approval.

(2) Village of Algonquin Lunch Hour Entertainment Series for 2014 – Fridays, July 11 and August 1 at Spella Park/Library.

Ms. Gock asked that the Committee consider the two lunchtime events that will partner with the Library on July 11 and August 1 at Spella Park.

With no discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to move this to the Board for approval.

D. Electric Aggregation Update

Mr. Kumbera provided an update on electric aggregation which is a ballot item in the March 18 election. He discussed background information and frequently asked questions regarding municipal programs.

Mr. Steigert stated with ComEd getting the energy supply from someone else, how can we get a better rate with just 30,000 resident's verses with Comed and getting a rate with millions of customers.

Mr. Kumbera indicated alternate suppliers are competitive with their pricing while ComEd's pricing is subject to state approval. ComEd passes their energy supply costs through to their customers as their profits come from distribution.

Ms. Sosine asked; can a resident get in mid-stream? How will this effect new residents, will they be able to join after the initial start-up, and how will new residents be notified if they can?

Mr. Kumbera indicated that this would be a part of the plan of operation and governance. There would be information available on the Village website for new residents to reference if they would like to be a part of the aggregation process.

Mr. Smith asked; the opt-out period is it only during a specific time or can a resident opt-out at any time?

Mr. Kumbera said there is a required opt-out period initially; however the plan of operation and governance would determine the opt-out process once accounts are transferred to an alternate supplier.

Mr. Dianis asked; if this passes would we try to get back with the Consortium?

Mr. Kumbera indicated that if this passes the Board could provide the policy direction to go in with a consortium of other communities.

E. Consider Ordinance Establishing a Backup Special Service Area #2 for the Property Known as the Coves III Subdivision.

Ms. Parkhurst indicated we are in the final steps of the process establishing a Special Service Area #2 for the Coves III. The process began in November 2013 all State Statute requirements have been met and staff has followed up with any questions that came up from residents following the initial Public Hearing. No petitions opposing the SSA have been filed. With this said she would like the Committee to consider moving this ordinance to the Board for approval.

With no discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to move this to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider an Ordinance Amending Section 41.07, Parking Limitations, Concerning Loading Zones

Chief Laine asked the Board to consider amending section 41.07 adding loading zones, which is not currently addressed in our municipal code. This will allow the Village to limit loading areas and place time limitations in certain areas based upon State law. The current areas that he feels are in need of this Harrison Street near what will be Riverside Square and Port Edwards.

Mr. Smith asked, will the loading zone be at the business owners request or will the Village arbitrarily assign one.

Chief Laine indicated that a business can request one but it will be up to the Village to determine if the loading zone is in a safe area.

With no further discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to move this to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

Nothing to discuss

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

Mr. Steigert congratulated Mr. Jack Walde on 23 years of service to the Village.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

With no further business, Chairperson Glogowski adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted: Michelle Weber, Deputy Village Clerk