

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Meeting Minutes
Ganek Municipal Center Board Room
September 23, 2014

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Staff Members Present: Tim Schloneger, Village Manager; Andrew Warmus, Utilities Superintendent; Russ Farnum, Community Development Director; Ben Mason, Senior Planner. Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; and Michelle Weber, Deputy Village Clerk, were also in attendance.

Chairperson John Spella called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced those in attendance. A quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

A. Special Use for an Outdoor Patio Dining Area (2014-11) Burnt Toast Restaurant, 2520 Bunker Hill Drive.

Mr. Mason presented the proposed outdoor patio at Burnt Toast would be constructed in line with the existing footprint of the building, directly to the east of the restaurant. The patio would have 10-12 tables and the owner anticipates this amenity would attract an additional 100 customers a week. The patio would be open air and seasonal, with movable tables and chairs to be stored inside over the winter months. Staff is requiring that any shade umbrellas used on the tables shall be a solid color and signage or advertising logos shall be prohibited.

Due to the fact this business has a liquor license, controlled access directly from the building will be required. Specifically, a new, designated entrance will be added on the east elevation for outdoor patrons. Additionally, the seating is required to be enclosed from the surrounding parking lot/sidewalk and the owner will install a decorative iron fence. The fence shall have a flat black finish, consistent with the building's decorative light fixtures and window trim.

Staff is also requiring landscaping be installed around the perimeter of the fence exterior and the petitioner will first attempt to relocate some of the existing plantings adjacent to the building foundation. Regardless of the source of the landscaping, plantings around the perimeter of the fence shall be a minimum width of 5 feet and be compatible with the existing foundation landscaping and consist of a mix of shrubs and ground cover.

After some discussion of the height of the fence, location of the gate, and the location of the new door that will lead to the new outdoor patio, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move on to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Consider Ordinance Amending Chapter 33, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing, Redefining the Class A-4(b) Liquor License and Decreasing the Number of Available Class A-1 Licenses

Mr. Schloneger explained, in May of this year, the Liquor Commission had approved Scorched Earth Brewing Company for a Class A-4(b) Liquor License. This classification is defined as Alcoholic Liquor/Production of beer/Sale for consumption on/off premises.

At the time of Scorched Earth's application for this license, they weren't opposed to the restriction in the number of servings in the definition of the Class A-4(b) license. However, now that they are in operation, their customers

don't understand why they have a limit since other similar tap rooms in the area do not have this restriction; cited were Jasters in Crystal Lake and Plank Road in Elgin. They now feel that the limit will negatively impact the tap room's future success.

Therefore, staff proposes that the definition for the Class A-4(b) Liquor License be amended to remove the drink limit. Approval of this request will keep Scorched Earth Brewing Company in the competitive realm of local tap rooms.

Consensus of the Committee of the Whole is to move on to the Board for approval.

B. Consider Public Event Permit for Scorched Earth Brewing Grand Opening, Saturday, October 18, 2014, 2 – 10 p.m., 203 Berg Street

Mr. Mike Dallas from Scorched Earth Brewing Co. (203 Berg Street) has applied for a Public Event/Entertainment License for Saturday, October 18, 2014. The event, which is being called "Scorched Earth Brewing Grand Opening," will take place within the parking lot area of the business from the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will be open to the public.

Due to this event including outdoor amplified live musical performances by various German/Bluegrass bands and amplified recorded music throughout the day, the Village Board's approval is required. A Special Event Liquor Permit will need to be obtained. The event will have a variety of food, music, and events for kids, along with outdoor games like bags. Mr. Dallas has been instructed by Chief Laine that security must be provided by either hired off-duty officers or a private security company. Parking will be available on the public street areas as well as within the adjacent parking lot areas of the two adjacent buildings; the event location and the two adjacent buildings are all owned by the same owner. Owner permission has been granted for the event and notice has been sent to other tenants in the development that the event is being considered; no negative feedback has been received at this time.

Mr. Glogowski asked will alcohol be limited to a fenced area or will the security need to enforce the entire area. Mr. Schloneger explained Chief Laine is working on the restrictions with Scorched Earth and will have everything ironed out before the event.

Consensus of the Committee of the Whole is to move on to the Board for approval.

- C. Consider Ordinances Related to Creating a Tax Increment District for the Old Town Area:
- (1) Approving a Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan for and Redevelopment Project for the Downtown Development Project Area
 - (2) Designating the Downtown Redevelopment TIF Project Area of Said Village as a Redevelopment Project Area Pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act
 - (3) Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Algonquin Downtown Redevelopment Project Area

Consensus of the Committee of the Whole is to move on to the Board for approval.

D. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with D300 Relating to the Downtown TIF District

Mr. Schloneger requested the Committee to move the Ordinances relating to Creating a TIF District for the Old Town Algonquin; this plan and project is recommended in order to finance the implementation of the Downtown Plan. The proposal has been reviewed by the other taxing districts and was the topic of several informational meetings with businesses and property owners within the area, as well as a public hearing held on September 16. On August 13, the Joint Review Board unanimously recommended approval of the proposed TIF Plan and Project Area. District 300 supports this proposal, contingent upon approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement which he is also asking to be approved.

Mr. Glogowski noticed an error in the legal description; Route 22 should be Route 62. Mr. Schloneger will have the legal description corrected.

Consensus of the Committee of the Whole is to move on to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works and Safety

- A. Consider Contract Extension of our Agreement with Synagro Central, LLC for Disposal of Biosolids Produced by our Waste Water Treatment Facility

Mr. Warmus explained he is seeking the support of the Committee of the Whole and Village Board to execute a professional services agreement with Synagro Central, LLC to continue to provide transportation and land application of the approximately 4,300 cubic yards of biosolids produced annually by our Wastewater Treatment Facility. Per the Agreement, the first year unit cost will be \$20.00 per cubic yard of biosolids. At our historical rate of production, we can expect an annual expenditure of \$86,000 for disposal. A review of the Sewer Operation & Maintenance Budget actually reflects an amount of \$119,125.00, monies in excess of the anticipated cost so as to accommodate harsh winter operations, frozen farm fields, and the necessity to dispose of biosolids by landfill rather than by land application to farm fields. Added disposal costs might include tipping fees at a landfill. In simplest terms, we fully expect to be within the approved budget for biosolids disposal. Year 2 and Year 3 unit pricing can be found under Schedule B of the Agreement at \$20.30 and \$20.60, respectively.

Mr. Dianis questioned the end date of the current contract. Mr. Warmus explained the current contract ended in June.

Consensus of the Committee of the Whole is to move on to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

Nothing to report

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

Mr. Schloneger announced the Village is again the recipient of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This is the 11th consecutive year the Village has received this award.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Submitted: Michelle Weber, Deputy Village Clerk