

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
August 26, 2008

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Jenna Kollings, Assistant Village Manager; Bob Mitchard, Director of Public Works; Sergeant Wade Merritt; and Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

No items were discussed under Community Development.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Consider Application for a Public Event Permit with the McHenry County Defenders for "It's Our River Day" at Cornish Park (September 20, 2008)

Mr. Ganek stated that he was approached by the McHenry County Defenders regarding an "It's Our River Day" event at Cornish Park. Cynthia Kanner of the Defenders was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Ganek explained that the Village would be a co-sponsor of this event. The event would promote clean up of the Fox River, and would host live music, kayak demonstrations by canoe clubs, and presentations on how to be safe on the river. A discussion ensued regarding signage and parking. Mr. Ganek explained that this event would bring people downtown, and Sergeant Merritt added that sufficient parking is available.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended that a public event permit for this event be forwarded to the Village Board for approval.

B. Consider Amendment to Chapter 33, Liquor Control, Amending Restrictions and Increasing the Number of Certain Liquor License Classifications

Mr. Ganek explained that this item is a housekeeping measure that is necessary due to the change in the Code that prohibits bringing personal liquor into a restaurant for consumption ("BYOB"). The ordinance changes the Code to allow a Class E liquor license holder to sell food for consumption on the premises. The Ordinance also increases the number of A-1 (restaurant), B

(liquor store), and F (sale of beer for consumption on/off the premises) licenses by one each in order to accommodate pending liquor license requests.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended that the Ordinance be forwarded to the Village Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider Supplemental Resolution Authorizing the Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Utilization of Salt for the 2007-2008 Season

Mr. Mitchard stated that, due to the significant snowfall last season, the Village exceeded the amount of salt previously allotted. He presented a resolution that addresses the overage allowed for under the MFT program last season, and stated that this is a housekeeping measure as it addresses salt used in the past. He clarified that this is money that has already been expended by the Village, and we are now asking for reimbursement through the State.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended that the resolution for Use of MFT Funds for Utilization of Salt be forwarded to the Village Board for approval.

Mr. Ganek added that the Public Works Department is part of the joint purchase program through the State of Illinois for salt. He explained that, when salt purchase and delivery in McHenry and Lake Counties was bid, no bid submittals were received. Algonquin and other communities are working with State Senator Althoff and other representatives to address the shortage and significant high costs for salt. He will keep the Board informed. Mr. Mitchard expressed that he is considering alternatives.

B. Consider the Rejection of Bids for the Heat Scarification Road Resurfacing Demo Project

Mr. Mitchard explained that the bid results for the heat scarification road reconstruction demonstration project came in over budget due to increasing fuel and asphalt costs. He recommends that the Village Board reject all bids and wait for fuel costs to reduce, and re-bid the project in January. In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Mitchard explained that the bids should be more competitive in January because contractors have reduced workloads. He explained further that Public Works personnel will monitor and maintain the condition of the roads slated for resurfacing so they will be acceptable for driving until the project can be completed in the spring.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended that the motion to reject bids for the Heat Scarification Road Resurfacing Demo Project be forwarded to the Village Board for approval.

C. Consider Ordinance Amending Section 41.20, Stop Intersections, Adding a Four-Way Stop on County Line Road at Stonegate

Mr. Ganek explained that this ordinance allows for installation of a four-way stop at County Line and Stonegate Roads. Sergeant Merritt verified that the warrants needed to justify this stop sign have been met.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended that the ordinance for installation of the stop sign at County Line and Stonegate Roads be forwarded to the Village Board for approval.

D. Consider Ordinance Amending Section 42.03, All Night Parking, Regarding the Definition of Street Width

Sergeant Merritt presented an ordinance that would change the minimum street width for overnight parking. The current ordinance reads that the minimum width of the road is 15 feet to the center line. Many local streets are 12 feet to the centerline. The proposed ordinance adjusts the minimum street width to 12 feet to accommodate more streets.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended that the ordinance revising the definition of street width be forwarded to the Village Board for approval.

E. Discussion of Traffic Concerns on Eineke Boulevard

Mr. Ganek explained to the Committee that they have the results of two traffic studies conducted in the Eineke Boulevard neighborhood before them, and Sergeant Merritt will give an overview of those studies.

Sergeant Merritt stated that the studies revealed that an average of 1,000 vehicles per day travel down Eineke, which is a local street designed to handle between 500 and 1500 vehicles per day. Most vehicles travel within 5 mph of the posted speed limit. The Police Department conducted wolf packs for a few drivers that go excessively fast. They issued a total of 40 tickets. The studies indicate that the high speeds are decreasing. Less than 1% of all vehicles are small trucks to semis. An example of a small truck is a UPS-type truck. Sergeant Merritt addressed the notion, suggested by a resident, that the street be posted "no through truck traffic;" the courts have not been firm on the meaning of the word "through," so he does not recommend this option. The Police Department will continue to provide enforcement in this area of town. They will also engage in public education with the school district. Mr. Ganek and Sergeant Merritt spoke with School District 300 officials, who stated that no empty school buses will use Eineke Blvd. They anticipate less than 10 buses per day on Eineke for bringing students to and from school. Sergeant Merritt requested to continue the action plan for this street. He will conduct another study 3 to 4 weeks into the school year and will determine if further action is needed at that time.

Trustee Smith inquired about truck size. Sergeant Merritt responded that truck limits are only posted at entrances, and they can issue citations for violators. President Schmitt inquired about limiting semis from using Eineke. Sergeant Merritt stated that semis cannot use Eineke unless they are moving trucks or doing work in the area. Mr. Ganek added that local deliveries are okay. President Schmitt inquired if it is possible to post a smaller weight limit for Eineke. Attorney

Cahill stated that she will need to research provisions in State statute. Mr. Ganek added that this may be appropriate because final binder is not on Eineke yet.

A discussion ensued regarding traffic patterns in the area. Trustee Dianis asked if the road improvements and additions planned for the area would alleviate some of the traffic using Eineke. Sergeant Merritt stated his belief that the addition of the frontage road will give drivers an alternate route. Trustee Dianis requested the timeframe for completion of the improvements on Harnish and the frontage road. Mr. Ganek responded that the developer has indicated that the frontage road to Walmart would be completed by mid-September. Sergeant Merritt stated that the Police Department will continue to study traffic in this area, with studies being conducted 3 to 4 weeks after school starts, and then again in late October/early November. Trustee Smith inquired about other planned enforcement efforts. Sergeant Merritt responded that they will use the speed monitor, speed hump, and other enforcement (i.e. wolf packs) to continuously address this issue. In addition, a representative from Faces4.org will distribute educational material to students at Jacobs High School. The Committee discussed other means of distributing educational material to the public on safe driving habits.

AUDIENCE INPUT:

Cynthia Kanner, a resident of the East side, stated that her family will be picking up trash in the Village as part of Earth Day. She inquired if there are fines for littering in Algonquin. Mr. Ganek responded that the Village does issue fines for persons caught littering. Ms. Kanner stated that there is littering at Water Treatment Plant No. 1 on the east side of the Village, and asked if a sign could be installed as a deterrent. Mr. Ganek stated that he will look into having a sign installed.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

None necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

Mr. Ganek announced that the ribbon cutting for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 6 will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 6, with the dedication of Ted Spella Community Park to follow at 10:00 a.m.

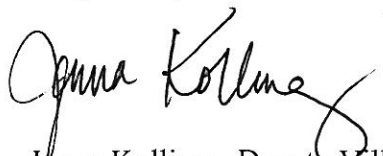
Trustee Glogowski stated that the first and third light poles on south side of Huntington Hill seem to be tilting. Mr. Mitchard stated that he will look into this.

Trustee Smith confirmed that Attorney Cahill will report back to the Committee on the possibility of limiting truck traffic on Eineke.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenna Kollings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Jenna Kollings, Deputy Village Clerk