

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
September 9, 2008

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Chairman – Trustee Spella; Trustees Dianis, Glogowski, Smith, Sosine, and Steigert; and President Schmitt

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Jenna Kollings, Assistant Village Manager; Katie Parkhurst, Acting Planning Director; Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director; Ben Mason, Senior Planner; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

- A. Consider Special Use Permit Extension for the Existing Mining Operation on Meyer Material Company Property

Before discussion began on items 2A and 2B, President Schmitt recused himself from the meeting and left the Board Room.

Ms. Parkhurst provided an overview of the request from Meyer Material to extend the ordinance allowing the mining operations and associated uses to continue for an additional ten years. They recently received approval from the Village of Cary to mine property north of the Village of Algonquin Klasen Road pit (Tract 3) and would like to finish mining Tract 3 and use that area to transport material from the Cary operation to the pit south of Klasen Road.

Mr. Glogowski asked if the bonds for Tract 3 will also be extended. Mr. Randi Wille, Risk Management Manager for Meyer Material, stated that the bonds do not expire.

Mr. Smith asked why a ten-year extension when the original ordinance was for 15 years. Mr. Wille replied that the mining of the Cary property and Tract 3 will take approximately ten years.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously that the Special Use Permit Extension for the Existing Mining Operation on Meyer Material Company Property be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

- B. Consider Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Plat of Dedication of Real Property from Meyer Material Company to the Village of Algonquin for the Arrowhead Subdivision Storm Water Facility

Mr. Ganek briefly described the background of the Arrowhead Subdivision and that it was built without storm water management. Upgrading the storm water collection system would include construction of a storm water detention facility. Meyer Materials has agreed to dedicate 1.76 acres of land to the Village for the purposes of constructing the storm water detention facility.

Ms. Sosine asked if this would interfere with the proposed Western Bypass. Mr. Ganek replied that it would not.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously that the Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Plat of Dedication of Real Property from Meyer Material Company to the Village of Algonquin for the Arrowhead Subdivision Storm Water Facility be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

*At this time Chairman Spella called a brief recess to allow President Schmitt to rejoin the Committee.

C. Consider Approval of the 2008-2009 Public Art Display Plan

Mr. Mason presented the Public Art Display Plan for 2008-2009. He provided details on the locations, both indoor and outdoor, where the pieces would be displayed. For this year, 44 artists submitted 109 pieces of artwork. Staff recommended 35 pieces, one of which was carried over from last year named "Untitled 3," to be placed throughout the Village.

Mr. Glogowski expressed how he enjoys this year's selection but asked why certain pieces weren't used. Mr. Mason stated the specific pieces in question were made by an artist from Japan and it would be cost prohibitive to have them shipped overseas.

Ms. Sosine also commended the staff on a great job, especially on deciding where to place all the pieces. President Schmitt also commented on the selection of the pieces stating that it was the best grouping so far.

Mr. Steigert advised the State of Illinois is currently offering programs that recognize communities that support the arts and asked if staff has applied for any of these programs or awards. Mr. Mason replied that the Village did apply for the award program through the Illinois Arts Funds last fall and did receive an award from that group.

Mr. Steigert then asked if the Village has received any feedback from residents regarding the art pieces from the locations where they are placed. Mr. Mason said that most comments are favorable, especially from the libraries and elementary schools. Mr. Steigert added that it is great to have art in the schools as they inspire the younger kids to be creative. He then asked if Staff can gauge the general feeling of the community other than the libraries and schools. President Schmitt replied all feedback he has heard from residents has been very positive, most notably regarding the sculptures.

Mr. Dianis acknowledged Mr. Mason and the Art Commission on the great job they've done and asked how many new artists submitted pieces. Mr. Mason replied that half of the artists were new to the Village's program. Mr. Dianis then asked about the geographical reach the program has. Mr. Mason said that 60-70% of the artists were from the Chicago area, approximately 8-10 states were represented, and there was one submission from Japan.

Mr. Smith also commended the staff on a very good job. Chairman Spella added that this was his favorite year.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously that the 2008-2009 Public Art Display Plan be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

- A. Consider a Plat of Easement for Maintenance of a Water Main on District 300 Property (Jacobs High School)

Ms. Parkhurst provided a brief summary of the request. The School District has prepared a plat of easement over the new water main that will allow the Village access to maintain the water main.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously that the Plat of Easement for Maintenance of a Water Main on District 300 Property (Jacobs High School) be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

- B. Consider Supplemental Resolution for the Use of MFT Funds for Additional Salt Purchase Beyond Previously Approved (2008-2009 Winter Season)

Mr. Ganek began by stating that this request is supplemental for the upcoming winter season. Mr. Mitchard then summarized the need for additional funds to be available for road salt purchases. This is due to the extremely high salt bids received through the Central Management Services of IDOT. Bids were 3½ times higher than last year's rates and, therefore, much higher than was budgeted for. The original amount set aside is \$150,809. This resolution will provide an additional \$140,000. After January 1, 2009, there will be one more request for approximately \$110,000. Mr. Mitchard also stated that the Central Management Services has guaranteed the Village of Algonquin delivery of 3000 tons of salt at \$138.50 per ton (last years price was approximately \$45 per ton).

Mr. Ganek added that the Village uses MFT funds not only to purchase salt but also for roadway projects. He stated the funds are available for these requests; however, there will be fewer funds available for roadway improvements.

Mr. Smith asked if there were vendors to supply salt, as before there were none. Mr. Mitchard stated that there are four vendors participating in this program, and Cargill, located in Kane County, will be supplying our area. Mr. Smith then asked if Mr. Mitchard knew what other communities were paying. Mr. Mitchard said that Carpentersville will be paying \$68.50 per ton due to being located in Kane County. Mr. Smith also questioned whether or not the Village could pick up the salt or arrange another way of delivery for an adjusted cost per ton. Mr. Mitchard replied that it was asked of IDOT, and prices were delivered only. Mr. Ganek added that Staff had to act quickly and commit to CMS to guarantee the Village would have a salt supply for the upcoming season. Mr. Smith asked what the difference in cost was between Kane and McHenry Counties. Mr. Mitchard said Kane County pays \$68.50 per ton; McHenry County pays \$138.50 per ton.

Mr. Dianis asked if it was possible to buy from other municipalities. Mr. Mitchard stated that he didn't know, but he would guess that, with the short supply, other villages would not be selling.

The Committee of the Whole recommended unanimously that the Supplemental Resolution for the Use of MFT Funds for Additional Salt Purchase Beyond Previously Approved (2008-2009 Winter Season) be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

None necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other business

A. Mr. Ganek presented to the Committee a request from Bakley Construction Corporation to expand the gravel pit in unincorporated Kane County which is in the Village's planning district but not contiguous to Algonquin. The request would grant the Village 60-foot right-of-way along the northern edge of their property. Mr. Ganek is looking for direction from the Committee on how to respond to Bakley Construction and Kane County. He specifically noted that the Village cannot stop the mining due to its location in unincorporated Kane County, only make a recommendation.

President Schmitt asked if Mr. Bakley is agreeing to an easement until such time the Village would take ownership. Mr. Ganek stated that Mr. Bakley has only gone as far as the letter written to the Village which guarantees the Village a right-of-way in the future and did not include an option for an easement. Village staff is asking if the Committee is comfortable with the letter as is or if they would require something more than his letter of commitment. President Schmitt then asked if there is a disadvantage to having an easement versus ownership. Ms. Cahill stated that there is not.

Ms. Sosine asked (regarding the handout/overhead view of the property), on the portion that is squared off in purple, if the curved area is part of Bakley. Mr. Ganek answered that it was not; that area is part of Plote, which is not annexed.

Mr. Glogowski asked if Bakley preferred Option A instead of Option B. Mr. Steigert stated that, in his opinion, Option A is the only option available; the question is whether the Village wants to have the property dedicated now or have an easement. President Schmitt added that Mr. Bakley could sell his business at any time at which point it is possible that no options would be available to the Village.

Mr. Smith asked how long the area would be mined. Mr. Ganek replied that, if there is a strong market, it could be five years; if the market isn't doing as well it could be, ten years. Mr. Smith asked if the property adjacent to the mine is owned by Plote. Mr. Ganek said the properties north and east are owned by Plote.

President Schmitt stated that the "blue line" (Option B) is not an option; he added that it would be foolish to not secure Option A while it is available. Mr. Steigert agreed; he believes Option A, with an easement, is the most appropriate way to go. Mr. Dianis and Mr. Glogowski were in agreement with Mr. Steigert. Chairman Spella would like to see a more concrete document besides the letter.

With no official action to be taken on this issue, Chairman Spella closed the discussion to move on to the next item.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Spella adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Morgan, Recording Secretary