



**Village of Algonquin
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Held in Village Board Room
November 8, 2016**

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Trustees Debby Sosine, John Spella, Jerrold Glogowski, Bob Smith, Brian Dianis, Jim Steigert, and President Schmitt. A quorum was established.

Staff Present: Tim Schloneger, Village Manager; Michael Kumbera, Assistant Village Manager; Robert Mitchard, Public Works Director; Russ Farnum, Community Development Director; James Sowizrol, Sergeant; and Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney. Village Clerk Jerry Kautz was also in attendance.

Chairman Sosine called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Audience Participation
None

AGENDA ITEM 3: Community Development
None

AGENDA ITEM 4: General Administration

A. Review 2016 Algonquin Police Pension Fund Property Tax Levy Request

Mr. Kumbera reported that the Algonquin Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees is requesting that the Village Board levy an amount of \$1,899,008 in accordance with the actuarial valuation results for the year beginning May 1, 2016. This is a 3.4 percent increase from last year's levy.

Consensus of the Committee of the Whole is to forward this item to the Village Board for acceptance by motion at their meeting on November 15.

B. Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Municipal Compliance Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2016

Mr. Kumbera reported that the Police Pension Board is required to annually report to the Board of Trustees the Municipal Compliance Report that provides the condition of the pension fund at the end of each fiscal year for tax levy purposes. A copy of the report is available for inspection at the Ganek Municipal Center.

The consensus was to forward this item to the Board for acceptance.

C. Consider a Resolution Determining the Amount of Funds to be Levied for 2016 Real Estate Taxes

Mr. Kumbera reported that staff recommendation for the 2016 Tax Levy is \$5,600,000. This amount is \$131,000 less than the 2015 tax levy. The proposed levy is 97.7 percent of last year's extensions, therefore there is no requirement for a public hearing under the Truth in Taxation Statute.

As a matter of information, staff believes that Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) in the Village will increase for the second consecutive year. The estimate of EAV for 2016 is \$830,000,000 which is 3.7% more than last year which illustrates appreciation of real estate values and new construction. The estimated tax rate for 2016 would be .675 per \$100 of EAV which is less than 2015.

Following discussion, it was the consensus to move this item to the Board for approval.

D. Consider an Ordinance Levying Taxes for Special Service Area Number 1 in the Village of Algonquin for the 2016 Tax Year (Riverside Square or Plaza)

Mr. Kumbera reported that pursuant to Ordinance 2012-O-38, the owner of Riverside Plaza agreed to reimburse the Village for Streetscape Construction Special Services provided adjacent to the property located at 1 N. Main St. Special Service Area (SSA) #1 was established by Ordinance 2013-O-10 and provides that the Village may levy an amount not to exceed \$70,000 annually from the date of the establishment of the SSA, for five consecutive or more years until the Village is fully reimbursed \$350,000.

Staff recommendation for the 2016 Tax Levy is \$70,000. Due to the increase over the 2015 tax extension, a public hearing will be required.

After discussion the Committee of the Whole consensus was to this pass on to the Board for approval.

E. Presentation of New Village Website

Mr. Kumbera reported that staff from the Village Manager's Office and Innovation & Technology have worked to develop a refreshed interface for the Village website. The website was last updated in 2011, with the new template scheduled to go live later this month. A brief presentation of the design strategy, service model, and the new website itself was previewed at the meeting. Mr. Kumbera stated it is a work in progress, and the reaction of the Committee of the Whole was very positive.

F. Consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 33, Decreasing the Number of Available A-1, A-2, and B-2 Liquor Licenses

Mr. Schloneger reported that in accordance with an ordinance passed in 2013 limiting the number of allowable liquor licenses in all classes to the number of licenses issued at that time, the proposed ordinance decreases the number of available Class A-1 and B-2 liquor licenses by one. This change is the result of requests from two businesses surrendering their liquor licenses.

Additionally, as a housekeeping measure, the municipal code allows for three A-2 Class liquor licenses and currently there are no businesses holding said class of liquor license. Therefore, staff proposes to decrease the available Class A-2 liquor licenses by three.

Consensus was to approve this item.

G. Consider an Ordinance Amending the Algonquin Municipal Code Regarding Video Gaming

Village Attorney Cahill reported that in light of recent petitions for video gaming cafes and the discussions the Committee has had, she prepared an ordinance which specifically prohibits video gaming cafes for Board consideration. As a home rule community this would be a valid regulation. There is case law supporting a home rule community imposing additional regulations beyond what the state gaming board requires.

Committee of the Whole members thought this would be the best solution, there consensus is to approve this item at the next Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider a Resolution Authorizing Temporary Construction Easements

Mr. Mitchard reported that staff recommends executing a series of temporary blanket construction easements in the Downtown Algonquin area which will provide the Village the necessary authority to survey, design and construct a variety of infrastructure and utility improvements on private property.

The consensus was to move along to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Executive Session

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: Other Business

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Sosine adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk