



**Village of Algonquin
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Held in Village Board Room
May 23, 2017**

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

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

Present: Trustees Debby Sosine, Janis Jasper, Jerry Glogowski, Laura Brehmer, Jim Steigert, and President Schmitt. A quorum was established.

Absent: John Spella.

Staff Members Present: Tim Schloneger, Steve Ludwig. Attorney, Kelly Cahill and Village Clerk, Jerry Kautz were also in attendance.

(Note: Trustee Spella was seated at 7:33 p.m.)

AGENDA ITEM 2: Public Comment – Audience Participation

(1) Bob Smith, Algonquin, thanked Village staff for sidewalk improvements on the east side and then asked if the sidewalks will be extended along Route 62. Mr. Ludwig, Public Works replied that they would but only up to the property lines of current development within the Village limits.

(2) Donna Webster, 1210 Surrey Lane, Algonquin, voiced concern about the creek work behind her home. She said it is a mess with a sinkhole in her back yard. President Schmitt replied, with all the rain we have had the project is behind schedule but the situation will be corrected. Staff will be in contact.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Community Development

A. Consider Glenloch PUD Amendment and Final Plat of Resubdivision

Change in Agenda, deletion. CalAtlantic has requested that their Committee of the Whole consideration be postponed to June 13, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting, to allow them time to revise their engineering and other plans to meet our recommended conditions of approval.

AGENDA ITEM 4: General Administration

A. Consider Changes to Chapter 22, Algonquin Subdivision Ordinance

As advised by our attorney, Kelly Cahill, it was recommended that we change out the Letter of Credit portion of Chapter 22, Algonquin Subdivision Ordinance, Appendix F, Letter of Credit Form, to include the following updated language:

- Remove: “subject to the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits (1998 Revision or most current version) International Chamber of Commerce Publication ISP98 (“UCP”) except that, as to matters not governed by the UCP”
- Replace with: “subject to the International Standby Practices (“ISP98”), as most recently published on the date of this Letter of Credit, by the International Chamber of Commerce, except that, as to matters not governed by ISP98

The Committee of the Whole consensus was to move the ordinance on to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider an Agreement with Compass Minerals America, Inc. for the Purchase of Salt

Mr. Steve Ludwig stated this is a housekeeping item with bids opened on May 9, 2017, for the purchase of bulk rock salt for the 2017-18 winter season. The Village participated in a joint bid for his material, which was led by the McHenry County Highway Department and included four other communities. Two bids were received for this material purchase. Compass Minerals America, Inc.

out of Overland, KS was the low bidder for the product that Algonquin uses, which is enhanced (or treated) rock salt. This is chemically treated salt that lowers its melting temperature so that it is more effective when it is applied. The Compass bid came in at \$68.46 per ton which is \$1.38 cheaper than last year's price. The Village's typical salt usage in a regular winter season averages 2,500 tons. The bid specification for last year's salt required that each community had to purchase exactly the quantity they asked for in the bid, and could not purchase any more than they asked for in the bid. Therefore, we purchased 3,000 tons. Even though this past winter was relatively mild, temperature fluctuations at or around freezing required numerous salting only call outs, resulting in the use of 1,800 tons of salt. The remaining balance of 1,200 is stored in our salt dome at the Public Works Facility. We again asked for 3,000 tons of salt in this current bid. However, the bid specifications were changed so that we are only required to purchase 80% of our bid quantity and we can purchase up to 120% over our bid quantity. If we have another mild winter and assume we will only use 1,800 tons again, we are only required to purchase 80% of our 3,000 tons or 2,400 tons. This would leave us with 2,400 tons plus whatever is left over from the previous year. Therefore, it is Public Works recommendation that the Committee of the Whole take action to move this matter forward to the Village Board for approval of Compass Minerals America, Inc. as the supplier for this material at a bid price of \$68.46 per ton.

The Committee of the Whole consensus was to move this item on to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Executive Session
None

AGENDA ITEM 7: Other Business

A. Potbelly Pig

Ms. Melissa Harper, Village resident, received a Potbelly Pig as a gift but then realized that keeping them is against village codes. She asked if an exception can be made. Our staff member, Ian Irizarry, researched and presented to the Committee of the Whole with the following written memo.

Purpose:

Per the recent request on providing background information on the behavior and impact of owning a pot-bellied pig, below are the characteristics identified with pot-belly pigs as well as associated behaviorisms.

Summary:

Pot-bellied pigs have the capacity to be great pets, equivalent to or better than other household pets. However, they also have the capacity to be trouble due to their intelligence and food obsession. Similar to other pets, discipline and training are essential to ensure these animals are not a nuisance. Spaying and neutering of pot-bellied pigs is essential to limit aggressive behavior.

Background:

Merriam-Webster defines potbellied pigs as "any of a breed of small pigs originating in southeastern Asia and having a straight tail, potbelly, swayback, and black, white, or black and white coat." Dictionary.com defines potbellied pigs as "a type of small, dark, domesticated pig with a lighter band running around its middle, native to Vietnam and sometimes kept as a pet."

Pot-belly pigs originate from many different breed types but share many physical characteristics:

- Stand at about 16-28 inches tall
- Can average at around 100-200 pounds
- Smaller compared to other domesticated pigs
- Other general characteristics include:
 - Despite common perception, they are generally very clean and can be potty-trained
 - Do not smell (except males who are not neutered)
 - Very vocal (i.e., scream, squeal, grunt, etc.)

Analysis:

Based on research found on those who study the behavior of pot-bellied pigs and those who own them, the following describes common information associated to pot-belly pigs:

Pot-bellied pigs are highly intelligent mammals, close behind that of primates. Like other animals, they can be territorial of their space and food. Because of their tendency to be food obsessed, they can become very demanding and destructive to obtain sustenance wherever and however they can. Another problem area associated with pot-bellied pigs is their tendency to become aggressive. If bored, they will root and destroy whatever they can. In addition to their being territorial, those with young children should be cautious leaving their kids with pot-belly pigs, as the pigs may be especially aggressive towards the child. One final problem area to note coincides with the pot-bellied pig's possible inclination towards being demanding. Pot-bellied pigs are very vocal and can release a "scream" or squeal when distressed. Apart from areas of concern, the intelligence of pot-bellied pigs makes them among the easiest domesticated animals to train. Providing a structured, disciplined, and intellectually stimulating environment allows for pot-bellied pigs to be pleasant companions. To prevent, or limit, much of their aggressive and destructive behavior, it is required that they be neutered or spayed at approximately 8 to 12 weeks of age.

Examples of Regulations for Communities that Allow Pot-Belly Pigs:

- Spayed or neutered (at 4 months of age)
- Males must have their tusks clipped and trimmed
- Cannot be outside without supervision
- Must be provided a fenced-in yard
- Can't be walked on any public grounds without a leash
- 125 pounds max (contested)
- One pig per household
- Can still be cited under the city's nuisance ordinance if issues of odor emerge
- An owner must submit paperwork to the city from a veterinarian verifying that the pig is a potbellied variety rather than a more traditional livestock variety raised for food production
- Potbellied pigs should not be raised as a food source
- Verifying true potbellied pigs becomes important
- \$12 registration fee

Discussion ensued with President Schmitt reminding all that if the Village waives the ordinance, it would have to be done for all residents and he doesn't feel our community is ready to have livestock as pets. Chairman Steigert asked for consensus with only himself, Ms. Jasper, and Ms. Brehmer in favor of changing the ordinance. Therefore, this item will not be brought to the Village Board.

- B. Trustee Brehmer requested that Longmeadow Parkway speed limit be set at 30 MPH.
- C. Trustee Jasper asked for clarification as to what official finishes a public works project within the Village? It was explained that when a contractor completes a project the Village has a "punchlist" of things that are not either correct or needs further work. The contractor will not be paid until the Village is satisfied.
- D. Chairman Steigert praised the Boy Scouts that are working on the Mineral Springs reconstruction in Towne Park. He said they have poured their heart and souls into completing this project.

Adjournment There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk