

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
September 1, 2009

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Chairperson – Trustee Bob Smith; Trustees Brian Dianis (absent at roll call; seated at 7:46 p.m.), Jerry Glogowski, Jim Steigert, Debby Sosine, John Spella and President John Schmitt

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Jenna Kollings, Assistant Village Manager; Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director.

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. and established a quorum with all Committee members present except for Trustee Dianis, who was seated at 7:46 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development
No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

- A. Consider Application for a Public Event Permit with the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County for “It’s Our River Day” at Cornish Park on September 19, 2009

Mr. Ganek explained that this event was held in 2008, and it was successful, so the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County is coordinating with the Village to host another event this year. This public event will take place from 1-4 p.m. at Cornish Park, and will involve river cleanup, kayak safety demonstrations, live music, and educational talks. As part of the public event permit for this event, Village Board approval is required. Trustee Dianis indicated that the 2008 event was wonderful and much trash was collected from the river. The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended forwarding this to the Village Board for approval. Cynthia Kanner from the Defenders was in the audience; she thanked the Village Board for their support.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

- A. Consider Engineering Services Agreement with Christopher Burke Engineers:
 - (1) Spring Creek Subdivision Section 2, Phase II
 - (2) Spring Creek Subdivision Section 3, Phase I

Mr. Ganek gave an overview of the improvements planned for the Spring Creek subdivision. This project is included in the Village’s multi-year plan, and includes final street rehabilitation for this subdivision located on the east side of the Village. The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended forwarding these agreements to the Village Board for approval.

- B. Consider Engineering Services Agreement with Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI):
 - (1) Design Services for Deep Well #12 and Expansion to Water Treatment Plant No. 3
 - (2) Construction Management Services to Construct Well #12

Mr. Ganek explained that these agreements are for EEI’s services related to development of a deep well on the west side as well as an addition to Water Treatment Plant No. 3 to

accommodate the water from the new deep well. Staff proposed using a new engineering firm, EEI, for design and construction management services related to this project. Public Works Director Bob Mitchard introduced Tom Talsma, a vice-president from EEI. Mr. Mitchard explained that the timing of these projects is important, as the type of the water recovered from the deep well will impact the design of the expansion to the treatment plant. Once the water from well 12 is tested to determine amounts of barium, then EEI will determine whether to design the water treatment expansion to blend water from shallow and deep well sources, or to include a more complex design if high levels of barium are discovered.

Mr. Talsma gave an overview of the type of well system that they are planning to use. He explained that this well will be deeper than other wells in the area. His firm has done extensive research and testing to develop a design for this well that will produce a raw water supply with a lower concentration of barium and radium.

Mr. Schmitt asked for a clarification of hard vs. soft water, and Mr. Talsma explained that deep well water contains less hardness than shallow. Shallow well water has more iron and is harder water. Mr. Mitchard stated that blending of the water will be a benefit for customers. In response to a question about roles from Trustee Glogowski, Mr. Mitchard explained that Project Manager Shawn Hurtig from the Village will serve as the Village Representative for the projects, and the engineer from EEI will serve as the Resident Engineer. All communication for the Village will go through Shawn. Trustee Sosine inquired about accommodating a higher project cost if the more complex system is required; Mr. Mitchard explained that the project will be spread out over two fiscal years to ensure that funding is provided.

The Committee unanimously recommended forwarding these agreements to the Village Board for final approval.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other business

No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 7:59 P.M.

Submitted: Jenna Kollings, Deputy Village Clerk