

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
January 26, 2010

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Jenna Kollings, Assistant Village Manager; Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director; Russ Farnum, Community Development Director; Michael Kumbera, Administrative Analyst; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk

Chairperson Dianis called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and established a quorum, with all Committee members present.

No one registered for audience participation

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

- A. Consider Acceptance of the Manchester Lakes Phase 5 Open Space/Wetlands Land Donation.

Mr. Ganek reported this matter is part of the Village's property maintenance procedure in which the Village formally accepts the subject property. It meets the standards for acceptance from the developer. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this on to the next Board meeting for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

- A. Presentation from McHenry County Highway Department Regarding the Randall Road Improvement Study – Randall & Algonquin Intersection.

Representatives from McHenry County, headed up by Peter Austin - County administrator, Wally Dittrich – McHenry County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and design manager, and Jeff Young – assistant County engineer, presented the subject study update. It is projected to be an \$80 million plan to revamp Randall Road from County Line Road to Rakow Road and to include a continuous flow intersection (CFI) at Randall and Algonquin Roads. Total cost along Randall Road, with the widening of Rakow to four lanes, could be \$160 million, with the County attempting to get a large portion of the money from the federal government.

The CFI would include removing property such as the Phillips 66 gas station and the Bank of America branch in Lake in the Hills, and limiting direct access to local businesses. Mr. Dittrich stated that, along with the CFI, there would be a grid of frontage and access point roads to carry traffic to local businesses. The plan is aimed at not only moving traffic faster on Randall Road but also creating a viable economic plan for the future. The County is looking at traffic projections toward the year 2030.

There was a very lengthy discussion of this issue. President Schmitt started by asking about the southeast quadrant and how to keep drivers from using side roads to bypass the Randall/Algonquin Road intersection. Mr. Dittrich and Mr. Young said either overhead or side signage would be installed to educate drivers, but he said experience shows that drivers would quickly get used to these changes within a short period of time. Trustee Sosine said this type of plan would hurt local business and is not what the owners want to see come to fruition. Trustee Glogowski stated he contacted communities in Ohio and Missouri that had either operational or planned CFIs. He found a couple of sites that were either under construction or operational, and, after his conversations, it was his opinion that dual left-turn lanes in each direction would be just as effective at the Randall and Algonquin intersection. Mr. Dittrich replied that what was planned in the last 20 years is not sufficient for the future. Trustee Smith also asked where another CFI is planned in this area; the answer was none. The County explained that the traffic delay figures presented regarding signal intersections were based on rush hour statistics. Ms. Sosine questioned who would maintain these new and extra access roadways. Mr. Dittrich responded this would have to be worked out with the villages and property owners involved. Mr. Steigert asked if the property owners along the corridor who would be affected have been contacted. The reply was that County officials will have to meet with property owners in the near future. There will also be some closures of access to the Jewel Foods lot off of westbound Algonquin Road, but an access road would be built next to Jewel where an existing business now stands. The road would connect to the street where the indoor storage facility and the Thorton Gas Station are located, just east of the Jewel property. Another access road would be planned off of westbound Algonquin Road to go behind the Caputo Food Store. Mr. Dianis asked if the County was willing to help relocate businesses affected by this plan. The response was only that the County would discuss it. Mr. Dianis also asked if this CFI plan were to be approved, how long it would take to build it. He was told maybe three years to start land acquisition, but it is unlikely the County would get the \$80 million at one time. No one knows how much they would get, or even what percentage would come from the federal government. Ms. Sosine stated she didn't understand why this plan was chosen out of the other options previously discussed. Mr. Spella said, after listening to what was presented tonight, he is not in favor of making any decisions at this time; more information is needed.

After discussion, President Schmitt, on behalf of the trustees, said since this particular study is different from what was presented by the County in the past, he would like McHenry County to supply more pertinent information for this plan along with a better explanation of current CFIs in use, and then come back before the Committee in three to four weeks. County Supervisor Peter Austin said the County staff would do so and that tonight was strictly an update of the plan with no approvals asked for.

B. Review Capital Budgets for 2010/2011

1. Proposed Water and Sewer Improvement and Construction Budget

Mr. Ganek reported the following: Expected revenues of \$1.9 million and expenditures of \$1.8 million. Several projects in the budget for items such as construction of well #14 with raw water lines, design of the ion exchange expansion of a deep well at WTP #3, completion of painting Jacobs water tower, and design of a new water main along Oceola Drive.

2. Proposed MFT and Street Improvement Budgets

Expected MFT revenues of \$817,000 and expenditures of \$1.5 million. Expenditures to include maintenance items such as salt, sand, and upkeep of road networks throughout the Village.

Expected Street Improvement revenues of \$2.75 million and expenditures of \$3.83 million. Items such as engineering design services, professional project oversight, and inspection services for South River Road and Edgewood Drive 2010/11, Improvements to Lawndale Park

Creek, Indian Shores, Royal Hill, and Edgewood Drive in Royal Hill Subdivision 2012/13, and Spring Creek Section 3 in 2012/13.

3. Proposed Park Improvement Budget

Expected revenues are \$2,000 with expenditures at \$110,000. With the economic slowdown and no resident developer donations, this fund is basically interest from limited existing reserves. Park building funds are very limited. The Village has available funds for items and services such as tree restoration, wetland mitigation, and maintenance of current open space within the Village from previously collected monies required from development for those purposes. No funds are available for park development. A detailed memo regarding this portion of the budget was distributed to the Board.

Please note: At this time, Mr. Ganek offered his thanks to Ms. Jenna Kollings for her 12 plus years of service to the Village of Algonquin. She is moving on to a new and exciting position in the southwest part of the country. Everyone present wished the best in her new endeavors.

C. Consider Amendment to Chapter 33, Liquor Control, Revising the Definition for a Class E Liquor License and Increasing the Number of Class B-1 Liquor Licenses.

Mr. Ganek reported that the two Walgreens Drug Stores in the Village wish sell beer and wine as they once did. The Village needs to allow two more Class B-1 (sale of beer and wine to be consumed off the premises) liquor licenses. There are also some revisions of language in the Liquor Ordinance that need to be made. Following discussion it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move on to the Board for passage.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Municipal Code Regarding Snow and Ice Removal and Enforcement

Mr. Ganek reported the proposed changes to this ordinance regard the enforcement of the section that requires residents not to push snow from driveways or sidewalks onto the public streets. Currently police officers and building inspectors can issue violations; this amendment would allow additional Village personnel to have authority to enforce this section. The Village Manager would have the authority to designate employees such as code enforcement, property inspectors, and public works supervisors who have knowledge of compliance issues. This amendment also will free up police for other emergency duties. During discussion, Mr. Smith stated he was concerned about giving too much discretion to employees in issuing citations. Mr. Mitchard replied that anyone given authority will be properly trained in evaluating circumstances. Afterward, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to forward this to the Board for 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 Dianis adjourned the meeting at 10:12 PM.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk