

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Meeting Minutes  
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room  
September 14, 2010

**AGENDA ITEM 1:** Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Absent: Trustee

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director; Russ Farnum, Community Development Director; Ben Mason, Senior Planner; Todd Walker, Human Resources Director; Mike Kumbera; Management Assistant; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk

Chairperson Spella called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and established a quorum with all Committee members present.

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Public Comment

Mike Plocinski, 824 Surrey Lane, Algonquin, voiced complaint regarding his drainage issues from the Hanson Road reconstruction. Mr. Mitchard said he personally inspected the backyard after the August 10 Committee of the Whole meeting, and the road contractor will fix the problem even though the grading in the yard was not done properly to begin with. Also, Mr. Plocinski will need to contact Treasurer Jack Walde to discuss water billing issues with the Village paying for any excessive water used to keep the foliage in the back of the yard from dying. This amount is based on average water use and only the excess will be adjusted. He was also informed that he would have to remove the plastic netting used to keep the new seed in place before mowing is performed.

**AGENDA ITEM 3:** Community Development

- A. Consider Acceptance of Lots 100 and 101 in the Grand Reserve Subdivision for Public Open Space

Mr. Ganek and Mr. Farnum reported there are two parcels in the Grand Reserve Subdivision that will be accepted as open space with the Village having the cash in hand for improvements due to calling the letter of credit. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this forward for approval.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:** General Administration

- A. Consider Proposed Modifications to the Algonquin Personnel Policy Manual

Mr. Walker reported this is a housekeeping measure to update and clarify language in the manual. It will not change any benefits already in the policy. Following a short discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this forward for approval.

B. Consider Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.09.12, Public Art Code, Algonquin Public Arts Commission Duties

Mr. Ben Mason reported that this updates the code to expand the Commission members' roles. It allows Commission members to participate in art events such as "Art on the Fox" as long as certain criteria are met and there is no self-promotion of their art pieces. It also updates certain fees. Mr. Steigert was concerned that other Commission members may be put into an uncomfortable position in judging art from another Commission member. Mr. Mason replied that no names are attached to the art pieces while being selected for display. Since there have been no incidents of this kind in the past, some Trustees asked, "Why fix what isn't broken?" After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this forward for approval.

C. Review and Accept the Public Art Display Selections for 2010/2011

Mr. Mason presented the display selections for 2010/2011. There are 12 indoor and four outdoor locations for sculptures. There are 28 new artists with a total of 75 pieces submitted. The Arts Commission recommends 43 of the pieces for inclusion, with several carryovers from the previous year. There will be an Art Open House on October 21 at Village Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. with all invited. The Committee of the Whole consensus was to move on to the Board for approval.

D. Consider Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Cemeteries, and Appendix B, Fees

Mr. Mike Kumbera reported this was a housekeeping measure to update procedures with cemetery fees adjusted and consistent with other municipal cemeteries in the state. This will not change any operations of the Algonquin cemetery. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this forward for approval.

E. Village Social Media Communications

For informational purposes, Mr. Kumbera updated the Committee of the Whole as to the Village's involvement with social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Nixle. This is not for networking but rather an additional way, other than the web site, to communicate events and happenings to our residents. This does not affect the budget. After discussion, Chairman Spella asked the Committee of the Whole for its endorsement, which was received.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Public Works & Safety**

A. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with the Huntley Fire Protection District for Cost Sharing Improvements to Manchester Lakes Storm Water System

Mr. Farnum and Mr. Mitchard reported that this agreement will not only be a cost-saving measure for the Village but also alleviate a perceived problem with drainage in the Manchester Lakes area. The residents have complained in the past that their ponds do not drain quickly enough after storms. With the fire district building a new station in the area, a 15-inch drainage pipe will be replaced by an 18-inch sewer line to Algonquin Road to benefit the overall drainage issue in the Manchester Lakes Subdivision. The estimated total project cost is \$100,000, and the Village share would come from surplus moneys in the Capital Fund due to a positive bidding environment. Future benefited properties that develop and use this drainage system would reimburse the Village. The Committee of the Whole consensus was to move on to the Board for approval.

**AGENDA ITEM 6:** Executive Session  
No items to discuss.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:** Other Business  
No items to discuss.

**AGENDA ITEM 8:** Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Spella adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk