



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
ALGONQUIN, McHENRY & KANE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD IN THE VILLAGE
BOARD ROOM ON OCTOBER 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Village President John Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. Deputy Village Clerk Michelle Weber called the roll.

Trustees Present: Jim Steigert, Janice Jasper, Jerrold Glogowski, Debby Sosine, Laura Brehmer; John Spella. Also in attendance; Village President, John Schmitt

Staff in Attendance: Tim Schloneger, Village Manager; Robert Mitchard, Public Works Director; Russ Farnum, Community Development Director; Police Chief, John Bucci; Attorney, Kelly Cahill; and Deputy Village Clerk Michelle Weber

PLEDGE TO FLAG: Deputy Clerk Weber led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Moved by Sosine, seconded by Glogowski, to adopt tonight's agenda. Voice vote; ayes carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Bob Smith, Glacier Parkway – Addressed the Board with concerns of the proposed former Brunswick property redevelopment. He feels the curb cuts on the plans are too close to the Huntington Bank exit, which is unsafe and should be reviewed.

President Schmitt asked Mr. Farnum to review the plans and if IDOT, who already approved the curb cuts, would consider any changes.

Cynthia Kanner, 920 Susan Court – As the Executive Director of the McHenry County Environmental Defenders asked the Village if they would consider an Ordinance prohibiting single bag use within the Village. She explained, the City of Woodstock recently approved an Ordinance and she has a copy if the Village would like to pursue such a regulation. She also thanked the Village for their support with the recent McHenry County Environmental Defenders event, It's Our River Day.

President Schmitt explained he received a copy of the Ordinance from Woodstock and he and Staff will review the new policy.

Karen Werle, Algonquin – Explained she is opposed to the selling of recreational marijuana within the Village. She supported her opposition with statistics of the negative effects of marijuana on a recreational user, especially in adolescence. She also had statistics regarding increased car accidents in states that allow recreational marijuana use. She feels the Board has always been good stewards of public trust and hopes they continue.

President Schmitt explained to Ms. Werle that later in the meeting the Board will be discussing the topic of recreational marijuana sales within the Village, and he hoped she would stay for that portion of the meeting.

John Franck and Liane Franck, 508 Lincoln – Mr. Franck explained he was upset that he received a letter from property maintenance asking him to remove the debris and rubbish from his backyard area. He feels that composting sticks and other items in his backyard enhances his soil. He also feels the regulations imposed has caused a diminish of wildlife (i.e. birds, deer, salamanders, and other natural wildlife) in the area. He also was upset that the Village allowed a 300-year-old oak tree be removed from a neighbor's yard. Mrs. Franck continue, after discussions with the Property Maintenance Inspector she thought the requirements were environmentally unfriendly. Although it was OK for others to use carcinogenic chemicals to enhance their properties appearance, she was not allowed to let nature takes its course.

PRESENTATION GIVEN BY THE LOWER FOX RIVER ALLIANCE

Mr. Bruce Mason representing the Lower Fox River Alliance gave a presentation explaining his and his groups concerns regarding the proposed motor boat restrictions to be imposed on the lower Fox River in the coming years.

President Schmitt thanked Mr. Mason for his presentation and explained, although the Village Board has no jurisdiction over the Fox Waterways, if the waterways agency was to approach the Algonquin Board for support in the proposed changes, he feels he is now well informed.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items are considered routine in nature and are approved/accepted by one motion with a voice vote:

A. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

- (1) Liquor Commission Special Meeting Minutes September 17, 2019
- (2) Village Board Meeting Minutes September 17, 2019
- (3) Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes September 17, 2019

Moved by Spella, seconded by Glogowski, to approve the Consent Agenda of October 1, 2019.
Voice vote: ayes carried.

OMNIBUS AGENDA: The following Ordinances, Resolutions, or Agreements are considered to be routine in nature and may be approved by one motion with a roll call vote.

(Following approval, the Village Clerk numbers all Ordinances and Resolutions in order)

A. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS:

- (1) **2019-R-69**; Pass a Resolution Accepting and Approving an Agreement with Christopher Burke Engineering for the MCCD Trailhead and LaFox River Drive Bridge Improvements 75% plans in the amount of \$62,814.00
- (2) **2019-R-70**; Pass a Resolution Accepting and Approving an Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering for Stage 1D of the Downtown Streetscape which is the Bike Trail Connection on Main Street and Harrison Street and the Roundabout at Cary/Algonquin Road in the Amount of \$261,550.00
- (3) **2019-R-71**; Pass a Resolution Accepting and Approving an Agreement with Christopher Burke Engineering for the Downtown Streetscape and Utility Work; Design-Build Services in the Amount of \$1,121,304.00

Moved by Steigert, seconded by Sosine, to approve the Omnibus Agenda.

Roll call vote: voting aye – Steigert, Jasper, Glogowski, Sosine, Brehmer, Spella.

Motion carried; 6-ayes, 0-nays.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Moved by Glogowski, seconded by Brehmer, to approve the List of Bills for payment for 10/01/2019 in the amount of \$1,120,711.54 including payroll expenses as recommended for approval.

Roll call vote: voting aye – Steigert, Jasper, Glogowski, Sosine, Brehmer, Spella.

Motion carried: 6-ayes, 0-nays.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General	\$60,073.23
MFT	18,204.04
Street Improvement	91,895.88
Swimming Pool	2,249.80
Park Improvement	830.22
Water & Sewer	83,716.85
Water & Sewer Improvement	112,642.62
Building Maintenance	13,224.19
Vehicle Maintenance Service	23,318.76
Total	\$406,155.59

COMMITTEE & CLERK'S REPORTS:

UNDER COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Moved by Steigert, seconded by Brehmer to Pass and Approve a Special Event Permit for Dr. Stirneman's Angel Towne Park Celebration, Sunday, October 6, 2019

Voice vote: ayes carried.

VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk Weber reported the future Village meeting schedule.

STAFF REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Schloneger

No Report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Russ Farnum

No Report

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Bucci

Tomorrow, Tuesday, October 2, 2019 is National Walk to School Day. Extra patrols will be added to the area.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Mitchard gave updates on the Downtown construction project, the new water main behind Historic Village Hall, water service replacement to certain homes in the downtown area, Sleepy Hollow roadway and landscape restoration, Souwannas Creek restoration, and the Terrace Hill Roadway project. He also indicated that IDOT will be commencing with Route 62 construction, of which he has been in discussions with IDOT regarding the various decorative standards the Village requires.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Kelly Cahill

1. Her staff has been working on Property and Public Works items.

CORRESPONDENCE & MISCELLANEOUS:

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Discussion of and Direction to Staff on Drafting Regulations for Recreational Cannabis

President Schmitt opened the dialogue asking Trustees for their input on whether staff should be directed to begin drafting regulations for recreational cannabis sales within the Village. In past meetings it was presented on the legality of the State Statute and have received input from Staff individually on what it would mean if we allowed sales. The numbers in the presentation indicated anywhere from \$200,000 to \$700,000 in tax revenue but he feels the \$200,000 is more realistic. However, the revenue and the potential, if we did choose to have recreational sales, would be considered at a future Committee of the Whole where the funding would be appropriated.

The purpose of this conversation is to do a straw-pole to ask if we want to ask Staff and Kelly to spend their time putting together an Ordinance that would allow us to discuss where we want to zone, the hours of operation for such a business, all the nitty gritty items. Do we want to spend time on the fine details or do we want to say, Algonquin is not interested in allowing recreational cannabis sales?

Ms. Sosine asked Chief Bucci if he had figures on the cost of training officers to be certified to detect marijuana use. Also, how many officers does he feel would be needed to be trained. Chief Bucci explained, one officer has completed the training which cost the Village approximately \$17,000. Following the training, to keep their certification, an officer must be recertified annually. Although all his officers are trained on Alcohol Breathe Ops, which would be his goal for cannabis use detection. He feels, at this time, he would want at least 4 officers per shift trained/certified. This would be needed whether the Village allows sales or not.

Ms. Brehmer asked if they would need to hire more officers if we allowed sales?

Chief Bucci indicated that is unknown at this point.

Ms. Jasper asked would the tax income the Village receives from the State go toward funding the necessary training? She also asked if we would have staff looking into the growing and distributing to retailers or just the selling for recreational use?

President Schmitt explained, what to do with the tax income would be something discussed at a future Committee of the Whole if the Board chooses to allow sales. The Village does not have the option to entertain the growing and distribution to retailers, that has already been determined by the State. He also explained, within the State plan the license to sell recreational cannabis is on a graduating scale. With the intent to allow 300 or less retailers in the next 3-year to be license to sell cannabis within the entire State of Illinois.

President Schmitt asked to take a straw-pole asking; Yes, the Village does want to have recreational cannabis retailers; or No, the Village does not want to have recreational cannabis retailers.

Ms. Weber asked each Trustee:

Trustee Brehmer, No; Trustee Sosine, No; Trustee Glogowski, Yes; Trustee Jasper, Yes; Trustee Steigert, Yes, Trustee Spella, Yes.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to have staff begin drafting regulations for recreational cannabis sales within the Village of Algonquin.

Based the vote, staff was directed to draft Ordinances for consideration. President Schmitt stated that drafting the Ordinances does not commit the Board to ultimately approving the sale of recreational cannabis in the Village. There will be further discussion at a future Committee of the Whole meeting once the Ordinances are drafted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Glogowski, seconded by Sosine to recess to Executive Session to discuss property acquisition at 8:43 p.m.

Roll call vote: voting aye – Steigert, Jasper, Glogowski, Sosine, Brehmer, Spella.

Motion carried: 6-ayes, 0-nays.

Moved by Sosine, seconded by Spella to reconvene to the regular Board meeting.

Roll call vote: voting aye – Steigert, Jasper, Glogowski, Sosine, Brehmer, Spella.

Motion carried: 6-ayes, 0-nays.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, it was moved by Glogowski, seconded by Steigert, to adjourn.

Voice vote; ayes carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Submitted:

Approved this 15th day of October, 2019

Deputy Village Clerk, Michelle Weber

Village President, John Schmitt