

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
January 25, 2011

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Absent: Trustee Bob Smith

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Michael Kumbera, Management Assistant; Russ Farnum, Community Development Director; Katie Parkhurst, Senior Planner; 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 except for Mr. Smith.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development
No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Consider Annual Approval of the Official Village of Algonquin Zoning Map for 2011

Ms. Parkhurst reported the Zoning Map has been updated to reflect some developments over the past year such as adding some parcels and zoning, special use permits, open space clarification, and address changes. Staff recommends approval. The consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to move this matter to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Review Capital Budgets for 2011/2012

Mr. Ganek presented an overview of the proposed following budgets:

(1) Proposed Water and Sewer Improvement and Construction Budget

Cash reserves can be accumulated from year to year so the revenues from tap-on fees and home rule sales tax, bond proceeds, and cash reserves were used to pay for the expansion of Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 6. The Village can now reduce expenditures for this fiscal year and begin to save for future expansion to other treatment plants. Revenues will exceed expenditures.

Some projects planned in this budget are construction of Well No. 14, a screening compactor for the wastewater facility, design work for a new water main on Oceola Drive, and SCADA enhancements.

(2) Proposed MFT and Street Improvement Budgets

Both these funds have accumulated cash reserves. Expenditures are estimated to be lower than revenues. Engineering costs and road construction projects total approximately \$2.6 million, with revenues projected to be \$3.7 million with a cash reserve of \$4.3 million. The Village is saving for larger cost projects projected for the next two years. Some projects scheduled in this budget are repairing south River Road due to river shoreline deterioration, Royal Hill rehab, completing Ratt Creek restoration, and future engineering projects for street improvements.

(3) Proposed Park Improvement Budget

This fund is used for acquisition of parkland and development of new parks and to improve current ones but is not projected to have much new revenue (\$10,000) as it is based on residential development contributions which are at an economic low. The fund also has \$230,000 available in restricted funds that will be used for wetland mitigation, reforestation (tree replacement for ash borer infestation), and maintenance of open space.

After discussion, there was no consensus due at this point, with Mr. Ganek reporting a schedule of presenting the other 2011/2012 budget items to the Committee of the Whole.

B. Consider Bids for Grand Reserve Natural Areas Enhancement

Mr. Mitchard reported the above bids would be covered by a letter of credit drawn upon from the bankrupt developer. The open space natural areas will be enhanced to approved standards. Of the ten bids received, there were two low bids. McConnell Environmental, the lowest bidder, did not submit proper documents with the bid. The second lowest bidder, EC3, submitted proper documents and also had excellent references and has done numerous successful nature projects of this kind. It is the recommendation of staff to accept the bid of \$82,519.13 at the next Board meeting. Consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to move forward for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session
No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

A. Mr. Ed Mamola, 10957 Hanson Road, Algonquin, voiced concerns regarding the possible sale of drug paraphernalia at a local retail establishment off Main Street. President Schmitt and Mr. Ganek said the Village will look into this matter immediately.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Dianis adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk