

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
August 8, 2006

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Chairperson – Trustee Smith; Trustees Dianis, Glogowski, Read, Spella, Steigert; and President Schmitt

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Sergeant Wade Merritt; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; and Susan Witte, Recording Secretary

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development
None

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration
None

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Presentation and Discussion of Speeding and Traffic on Bunker Hill Drive

Sergeant Merritt gave a brief overview of the strategic plan and its proposed implementation to help eliminate the two major problems identified on Bunker Hill, which include non-compliance of the speed limit and the volume of automobiles on this collector street. Highlighted items included educating the public, visibility of information, and enforcement.

President Schmitt reported that the Village is trying to build on past experience doing everything they can within the limits of the law to find the right balance of enforcement, tools, and funds to mitigate the problem. All resident's comments and concerns will be taken into consideration

Public Comment

Dave and Michelle Trunda, 3611 Bunker Hill Drive, asked how long the Village plans to oversee the traffic problem, to which Sgt. Merritt stated that the process would be in place for six weeks at which time the situation will be reevaluated. Mrs. Trunda suggested road striping. President Schmitt answered that striping was considered, but thought to be counterproductive. Mr. and Mrs. Trunda were concerned about the safety of children walking to the bus stop. They noted that District 158 has proposed to increase the distance between bus stops. Mr. Ganek stated that this situation would need to be reviewed by School District 158 and parents.

Marilyn Schnell, 3570 Bunker Hill, presented a petition signed by eighty-five per cent of the residents of Bunker Hill listing their concerns and requesting that speed bumps be installed. She asked if the Village would accept ideas or suggestions that she gathered from neighboring towns who have resolved their traffic problems.

There was a general discussion regarding the successfulness of speed bumps. Sgt. Merritt stated that speed cushions are successful to reduce speed by about 5%.

Jerry Helman, 3710 Bunker Hill, suggested raising the fine, enforcing 20 miles per hour on all Village side streets, and installing dual stop signs. He noted concern with the increase of traffic on Bunker Hill while Algonquin Road is being widened. He suggested that the Village ask Springfield for help to address the traffic problem.

Charlotte Ruski, 3651 Bunker Hill, noted safety concerns for the residents on Bunker Hill. Residents were encouraged to call the police department with license numbers of speeders. Sgt. Merritt stated that he would look into communication problems with emergency dispatch to ensure action is taken when the residents call.

Resident, 3641 Bunker Hill, asked at what speed violators are given tickets, to which Sgt. Merritt stated that tickets currently are written for any vehicle traveling five miles and over. Comments also included the poor design of the driveways located directly off the main corridor.

Ed Havemann, 3791 Bunker Hill, asked what it would take to get speed bumps installed 300 to 500 feet.

MJ Roppolo, 3810 Bunker Hill, stated that the situation has changed since the original speed bumps were installed and now they are warranted to help control the situation. She suggested turn restrictions.

B. Consider Rejection of Bids for Membrane Diffusers – Phase 6 Expansions to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Ganek recommended that the Committee of the Whole reject the one bid received for the membrane diffusers in order to provide the Village with the opportunity to receive additional bids for comparison. The only bid received was \$30,000 over the engineers estimate.

Trustee Glogowski asked if it is possible that the re-bids could come back higher due to increasing cost of materials. Mr. Ganek stated it is always possible that a re-bid could come back higher but that the construction manager is ready to send notice out immediately following action by the Board. A more competitive list of bidders could help in making sure it is the best price possible.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that consideration to Reject the Bid for Membrane Diffusers – Phase 6 Expansions to Wastewater Treatment Plant be forwarded to the Village Board.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session
None necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

Mr. Bill Buniak, 1487 Millbrook Drive, asked if there could be more police presence west of Randall on County Line to help control speeders in that location.

Chairperson Smith noted that the Police Chief was present and the situation will be duly noted.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Witte".

Susan Witte, Recording Secretary