

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Meeting Minutes  
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room  
August 22, 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; Jeff Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager; Jack Walde, Director of Finance; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; and Susan Witte, Recording Secretary

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Community Development

**A. Riverside Square – Case Number 2006**

Mr. Mihelich gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposal to demolish two existing structures and redevelop the entire block. The project will renovate a significant Village property, which has been a maintenance issue, into a vibrant mixed-use development. Highlights included architectural elements, engineering issues, and traffic management plans. The Historic Commission supported the removal of the existing buildings and agreed with the architecture, but had reservations about the new building's mass and size. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the project at their August 14, 2006 meeting.

Trustee Glogowski made inquiries about firefighting equipment, garage ventilation, and regulation of public parking. Mr. Mihelich answered that there would be a complete review prior to final approval to ensure that all Village Codes are met.

Trustee Dianis inquired about the number of handicap spaces. He noted concern with sufficient turn-around space in the parking garage.

Trustee Read suggested setting a percentage limit of parking spaces. She inquired about access for garbage collection and handicap accessibility to the plaza.

President Schmitt stated that all the concerns noted are valid and minor changes can be accommodated at final approval, but this vibrant addition will bring customers to our downtown area while making a major change on an ugly corner.

Trustee Steigert suggested making the turret higher to take on more prominence, to which the architect stated he would review the possibility.

Trustee Spella asked what would happen if the developer encounters an additional underground tank, to which Mr. Mihelich answered that it would be the developer's sole responsibility to remove any and all hazardous materials.

Trustee Smith asked how traffic would be affected during the construction period. Mr. Pinderski stated that a traffic control plan will be submitted and the petitioners will do everything possible so there is as little impact to the traffic situation as possible.

Public Comment: none

The trustees unanimously agreed that a significant amount of time and effort has been given to this superb plan.

Trustee Smith called individual role. The role call noted all ayes. The Committee of the Whole recommended that the proposed Riverside Square be forwarded to the Village Board.

#### **B. Internet Café – Case Number 2006-17**

Mr. Mihelich gave a brief overview of the petition for an Internet gaming center in the Algonquin Town Center. All gaming facilities require a Special Use Permit. The Police Department has reviewed this petition and they do not have any concerns at this time and the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval. Staff feels that this is a nice addition to a vacant space and will provide entertainment for young people.

President Schmitt asked if there was filtering software in place to prevent gambling. He suggested that a condition be added to the final approval clearly stating gambling is prohibited.

Trustee Dianis asked how age requirements would be adhered to. Checking student IDs for those in middle school or higher was suggested.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the petition for Internet Café – Case Number 2006-17 be forwarded to the Village Board.

Public Comment: none

#### **C. Vander Weit Chiropractic – Case Number 2006-16**

Mr. Mason gave a brief overview of the request for a Special Use Permit for a chiropractic office in the River Pointe Shopping Center noting findings of fact and staff

recommendations. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered the petition and unanimously recommended approval.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the petition for Case Number 2006-16 – Vander Weit Chiropractic – Special Use Permit be forwarded to the Village Board.

Public Comment: none

**D. 227 Edgewood Drive – Case Number 2006-18**

Mr. Mihelich presented the request from the property owners at 277 Edgewood Drive to annex their lot into the Village of Algonquin.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the petition for Case Number 2006-18 – 227 Edgewood Drive be forwarded to the Village Board.

Public Comment: none

**AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration**

**A. Consider Agreement with Municipal Energy Collaborative**

Mr. Ganek gave an explanation of a proposal to execute an agreement for the services of a consultant to procure economical choices for non-franchise electricity. There will be an auction of electrical energy in September. Prompt acceptance is important if the pricing offered by a third party energy provider is at least 2 percent less than the Com Ed price.

The Committee of the Whole recommended approving the Village President to sign the Municipal Energy Collaborative as well as have the authority to execute the agreement.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety - Consider Bids:**

**A. Consider Bids for Process Equipment – Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Phase 6.**

Mr. Ganek presented the petition to accept the bids for three items of equipment to continue the wastewater treatment plant expansion. The bids submitted are below estimate. Both the architect engineer and construction manager have looked at the equipment to ensure that it meets specifications.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the Bid for Process Equipment in the amount of \$145,660 be presented to the Village Board.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session**

None necessary

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business**

There was a brief discussion initiated by Trustee Glogowski on the success of the restaurants in Algonquin due to the number of restaurants now open.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Susan Witte, Recording Secretary