



**Village of Algonquin
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting
Held On January 12, 2021
Held Remotely due to COVID 19**

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Trustee Brehmer, Chairperson, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

Present: Trustees Laura Brehmer, Jerry Glogowski, Janis Jasper, John Spella, Jim Steigert, and Acting President Debby Sosine. A quorum was established

Staff Members Present: Village Manager, Tim Schloneger; Assistant Village Manager, Michael Kumbera; Public Works Director, Bob Mitchard; Community Development Director, Russ Farnum; Police Chief, John Bucci; Chief Innovation Officer, Kevin Crook; Matt Bajor, Management Analyst; Village Clerk, Maggie Auger and Village Attorney, Kelly Cahill.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Administer Oath of Office to Police Officers Brian Landreville and Steven Trefilek
Chief Bucci introduced two new Police Officers. Village Clerk, Maggie Auger administered their Oath of Office.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comment- Audience Participation
Chairperson Brehmer read a public comment from Crystal Mercado Beyer regarding her concerns of the Gaslight neighborhood.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Community Development - Mr. Farnum

A. Consider a Special Use Permit for Main Floor Dwelling Unit, 207 S. Harrison Street

Russ Farnum indicated that Carole Linden, represented by Tony Bellino, has petitioned for a Special Use Permit to allow the main floor of the structure at 207 S. Harrison Street to be converted into a dwelling unit. The building currently has an apartment upstairs and an office on the main level, however, the owner has not been able to find another commercial tenant for that space, nor has she had any interest in a commercial buyer for the property. The property is zoned "B1" Business and is located in the Old Town Historic District. That zoning allows dwelling units above the main floor, but requires a Special Use Permit for a dwelling to occupy the main level. The property has similar residential uses surrounding it, and in fact a similar petition was approved a couple of years ago for 213/215 S. Harrison, immediately south of the subject property. This Special Use permit will allow the Owner to sell as a residential dwelling. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on this request at their December 14 meeting, and recommended approval (with conditions) by a vote of 7-0 with certain conditions.

Trustee Jasper asked if the owner was going to live there. Tony Bellino indicated the owner was trying to sell the property with residential upstairs and residential downstairs.

Trustee Brehmer, Chairperson of the meeting asked for a consensus.

Roll Call Vote: voting aye: Brehmer, Glogowski, Jasper, Spella, Steigert & Acting President Sosine

Consensus: 6 -ayes, 0 -nays

AGENDA ITEM 5: General Administration – Tim Schloneger/Michael Kumbera/Matt Bajor

A. Community Survey Presentation

Michael Kumbera and Matt Bajor presented the results of the 2020 Community Survey. The 130 page report is available on the Village of Algonquin Website. The focus was on the positive items including:

Quality of Life, Police & Public Safety, Public Works & Infrastructure, Parks & Recreation, Community Development.

2020 was a challenging year with COVID, but the Village was able to get out of the box and adapt by leveraging technology, able to confirm the value of recreation to the community and the survey allows residential input that drives the Village budget.

B. Consider Eminent Domain Proceedings for 7 S. Main Street

Tim Schloneger indicated that the owner of Creekside Tap at 7 S. Main St. has been approached by the Village to acquire .111 acre portion of his land to develop as a public parking lot consistent with the TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project. Village obtained an appraisal for that portion of the property, fair market value being \$50,000.00. The Village made a good faith offering on September 14, 2020 to the landowner. The landowner has not responded or countered with a new appraisal. A follow up letter is to be sent, however, if there is no response, the Village needs to consider eminent domain process. Authority to file a complaint from the board is needed to do so.

Trustee Glogowski questioned the value of the appraisal, Tim Schloneger responded that it was prepared by a licensed appraiser.

Trustee Brehmer, Chairperson of the meeting asked for a consensus.

Roll Call Vote: voting aye: Brehmer, Glogowski, Jasper, Spella, Steigert & Acting President Sosine

Consensus: 6 -ayes, 0 -nays

C. Consider an Agreement with Tryon Governmental Consulting for Legislative Representation

Tim Schloneger explained that Tryon Governmental Consulting has assisted the Village with capital development project funding, with more work yet to be done. The new Legislative Representation Agreement covers services from January 1, 2021 through last day of the 102nd Illinois General Assembly, anticipated to be the second Wednesday of January 2022. In the past the Village has gotten a substantial return on its investment. The \$3,000 monthly lobbyist fee provides for government relations and public affairs consulting services to the Village including all activities normally associated with state legislative lobbying, as authorized. Services in the Agreement include but are not limited to working with State of Illinois Officials to review the Capitol Plan of the Village and its financial impact on Village constituencies: briefing the Governor's office; representation at legislative hearings; advocacy to certain legislators, regulators and their staffs on the Village Capitol Plan; giving timely reports to the Village on the progress of a statewide capitol bill and its impact on the Village.

Trustee Jasper asked to get copies of the reports.

Acting President Sosine indicated that we have received a lot of good information over the years.

Trustee Brehmer, Chairperson of the meeting asked for a consensus.

Roll Call Vote: voting aye: Brehmer, Glogowski, Jasper, Spella, Steigert & Acting President Sosine

Consensus: 6 -ayes, 0 -nays

AGENDA ITEM 6: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider an Agreement with Omega III, LLC for the Demolition of 20 Washington Street

Bob Mitchard

The Village purchased the Doctor's office at 20 Washington to expand on property in the Downtown area. The building has been vacant for many years and all hazardous materials have been removed. The plan is to demolish the building and construct a 26-space parking lot on the property to expand parking opportunities for businesses. Village staff requested quotes from three Demolition companies (Omega III, LLC, McHenry Excavating Inc. and Kennett Excavating) for the demolition of the existing structure and restoration of the project site located at 20 Washington. Two of the companies Omega III, LLC and McHenry Excavating provided quotes and Kennett Excavating sent an email stating they would not be submitting a quote. Below are the quotes received:

Omega III, LLC \$22,500.00
McHenry Excavating Inc \$28,465.00
Kennett Excavating No Bid

The two quotes were reviewed and Village staff recommends Omega III, LLC, for the demolition of 20 Washington. The quote from Omega III, LLC contains all the elements for the demolition and restoration of the project site and they have done other demolitions in the Village previously.

Trustee Glogowski asked about the tree line abutting the next property. Mr. Mitchard indicated he would preserve any quality trees.

Trustee Brehmer, Chairperson of the meeting asked for a consensus.

Roll Call Vote: voting aye: Brehmer, Glogowski, Jasper, Spella, Steigert & Acting President Sosine

Consensus: 6 -ayes, 0 -nays

B. Consider Eminent Domain Proceedings for Lot 120 in Dawson Mill Subdivision

Mr. Mitchard showed a video of the area including the newly paved walk way to Randall Rd., the detention pond on the Hyundai property, and the wetlands area in the Dawson Mill Subdivision. The Village is looking to take over the wetlands area and create storm water sewer runoff area. Public Works has requested that the Village acquire Lot 120 in the Dawson Mill Subdivision so that it can be used for storm water run off coming from publicly used roads. The Village obtained an appraisal, the fair marked value being \$26,000.00. The appraisal with a good faith letter was sent to various potential interested parties. After several months, it was determined that the Dawson Mill Homeowners Association was the lawful owner of the property. The Association Attorney believes it would be impractical to call a vote of the entire Association and believes that the most feasible way for the Village to acquire the lot is through eminent domain. At this time the Village has exhausted all good faith negotiations. So the Village is considering eminent domain process, and needs the authority from the board to file the Complaint.

Trustee Glogowski indicated he thought it was a well thought out plan.

Trustee Jasper confirmed that the HOA was the owner of the property.

Trustee Brehmer asked if the homeowners have been notified. Attorney Cahill explained that it has been very difficult process as the HOA has a management company that finally led them to an Attorney for the Association and she is not sure of the in-house communications.

Trustee Brehmer, Chairperson of the meeting asked for a consensus.

Roll Call Vote: voting aye: Brehmer, Glogowski, Jasper, Spella, Steigert & Acting President Sosine

Consensus: 6 -ayes, 0 -nays

C. Consider Amending Chapter 41, Traffic Increasing the Speed Limit on Longmeadow Parkway from 30 mph to 35 mph

Chief Bucci explained the municipal code lists Longmeadow Parkway under the 30 MPH and needs to be updated to the actual speed limit of 35 MPH. Speed limit signs in the Village of Algonquin's jurisdiction (Longmeadow Parkway between Randall Road and two hundred feet east of White Chapel Lane) state 35 MPH. Speed limit signs on Longmeadow Parkway west of Randall is at 45 MPH.

Trustee Jasper asked where Algonquin speed limit ends. She was informed that the Village limits are just east of White Chapel.

Trustee Brehmer, Chairperson of the meeting asked for a consensus.

Roll Call Vote: voting aye: Brehmer, Glogowski, Jasper, Spella, Steigert & Acting President Sosine

Consensus: 6 -ayes, 0 -nays

AGENDA ITEM 7: Executive Session – Personnel Matters

Acting Village President, Debby Sosine called for a Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.. Trustee Glogowski made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matter. Acting Village President Sosine seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: voting aye: Brehmer, Glogowski, Jasper, Spella, Steigert & Acting President Sosine

Motion carried: 6 -ayes, 0 -nays

(Exit Zoom Meeting and go to new Executive Session Zoom meeting and return)

Acting Village President, Debby Sosine called for a Motion to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: voting aye: Brehmer, Glogowski, Jasper, Spella, Steigert & Acting President Sosine

Motion carried: 6 -ayes, 0 -nays

AGENDA ITEM 8: Other Business

Trustee Glogowski indicated that the process to register for the COVID vaccine in McHenry County was a three step process and complex. Kane County has a two step process.

Acting Village President Sosine mentioned that the State legislature has changed HB163 (Police Reform Bill) to HB 3653 and the Senate Bill is SB1968. Chief Bucci indicated that there are some positive aspects to the bill, but pushing it through the lame duck session is not the way to do police reform. As it stands, the bill will negatively affect the Village of Algonquin's budget.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Brehmer adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Submitted: Maggie Auger, Village Clerk