

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
September 12, 2006

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Staff Members Present: Jeff Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager; Ben Mason, Planner; Robert Mitchard, Public Works Director; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; and Susan Witte, Recording Secretary

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

A. Consider 2006 Public Art Program Display Plan

Mr. Mason gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the 29 recommended artworks for the 2006 Public Art Display. Plan highlights included recommended locations, artist outreach efforts, and selection criteria.

Trustees noted concern with the lack of outdoor work.

Mr. Mihelich explained some of the Village's contributing artist's recognition efforts and he explained a potential program initiative to create future interest in the Village's art program.

Trustee Dianis recommended surveying previous participants to see why they did not sign up again. Trustee Smith suggested asking them if participation in the art program had been financially beneficial.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the Art Program Display Plan be forwarded to the Village Board.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

No Items to be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works

A. Consider Bids for Phase 6 Expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant

1. Process Mechanical Piping – Interior

Mr. Mihelich presented the bid recommendations for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. Staff and the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Manager – IHC recommends awarding the bid to Mechanical Incorporated of Fox Lake, Illinois in the amount of \$1,978,888.

Trustees noted that the project bid is significantly higher than the engineer's estimate. They were concerned that the quality of the project could be affected while attempting to cut costs. They acknowledged the importance of this project to the Village's infrastructure, but were concerned that continuing rising costs could deplete the overall budgeted amount for the plant expansion.

Trustee Dianis suggested revisiting the original budget or looking into completing the project in less time to reduce labor costs.

After considerable discussion, the Committee of the Whole recommended that the Bid for the Installation of Interior Mechanical Piping be forwarded to the Village Board as recommended by staff and IHC.

2. Process Mechanical Piping – Exterior

Mr. Mihelich stated that the Village had not received any bids. IHC has proposed an agreement with Dahme Mechanical Incorporated of Arlington Heights, Illinois and Everest Excavating of Algonquin, Illinois to complete the work on a time & material basis with a not to exceed contract amount of \$1,500,000.

Trustee Dianis asked if the proposed contractor was qualified to do the project, to which Bob Sanguinetti, Project Manager, assured the Trustees that the contractors are qualified.

President Schmitt asked if backup measures were in place for any rare or unforeseen incident on the site. Mr. Sanguinetti assured the Committee that procedures are in place.

Trustees requested that staff and the project manager continue to provide the Committee with updates on a regular basis to ensure that the project stays within budget.

The Committee of the Whole recommended not to re-bid for the exterior piping and recommended approval of a time and material contract with a cap of \$1.5 million dollars as recommended by staff and IHC. The Committee also expects that the contractor will consider an \$82,000 deductive change order or contract adjustment after the bid is awarded.

3. Fine Bubble Diffuser

Mr. Mihelich reported that Village Staff and IHC were requesting additional time to consider bids that were received for the fine bubble diffuser.

The Committee agreed to table the consideration of the bid.

4. Slide Gate

Bids for the Slide Gate were opened September 12 and after review of the bids received, Village Staff and IHC recommends that the bid be awarded to Ley Associates who placed a \$40,000 bid amount which is \$62,000 lower than the engineer's estimate.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the request to recommend the bid for the Slide Gate be forwarded to the Village Board as presented.

B. Discuss Old Towne District Park Regulations

Mr. Mihelich gave a brief overview of the proposed park regulations, which included restrictions on fishing, basketball, skate boarding and rollerblading, parking and park area reservations. He suggested that these regulations will lessen maintenance, enhance safety, and protect the intended uses of these parks.

After a general discussion the Committee determined that public parking shall be restricted to six hours during daylight hours and four hours after sunset with no overnight parking allowed.

Trustee Glogowski noted safety concerns with fishing along wing walls and retaining walls and requested that these areas be marked non-fishing.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the proposed Old Towne District Park Regulations with the revisions to parking restrictions be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

None necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

None.

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 that reads "Susan Witte". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Susan Witte, Recording Secretary