

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
October 10, 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: William Ganek, Village Manager; Jeffrey Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager; Katherine Thornton, Senior Planner; Robert Michard, Public Works Director; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; and Susan Witte, Recording Secretary

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development.
None

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Consider Resolution Determining the Amount of Funds to be Levied for the 2006 Tax Year Through Real Estate Taxes.

Mr. Ganek presented the draft resolution. He explained the process used to determine the tax levy and the timetable in which it needs to be approved. A public hearing to approve the tax levy is scheduled for November 7, 2006.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended moving the resolution determining the Amount of Funds to be Levied for the 2006 Tax Year through Real Estate Taxes to the Village Board for final consideration.

B. Consider Ordinance Amending Section 2.04, Meetings, and Chapter 3 Regarding Rules for Meeting Attendance.

Mr. Ganek reported that amendments have been added to State legislation relative to the Open Meetings Act. Our Village attorney has recommended updating Village ordinances to reflect these changes.

Trustee Glogowski asked for minor language changes to include a designee of the Village Clerk be allowed to record the minutes of the Committee of the Whole. Mrs. Cahill noted that the language was already covered in the draft ordinance.

President Schmitt asked for clarification regarding the language that noted “a quorum consists of members physically present” in two different portions of the ordinance where this language was stated.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended moving the petition to consider an Ordinance Amending Section 2.04, Meetings, and Chapter 3 Regarding Rules for Meeting Attendance to the Village Board for final approval.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider Bids for

1) Electrical Package – Phase 6 Expansion to the Wastewater Treatment Plant
Mr. Ganek presented the bid for the electrical contract. He explained that the increase of electrical products and labor caused the bid to be over the estimate. Negotiations for potential cost savings can continue after the bid is awarded. Staff and the Village's Construction Manager IHC recommend awarding the bid to Morse Electric of Freeport Illinois in the amount of \$1,033,000.

The Committee of the Whole concurred with staff and unanimously recommended that the Village Board award the bid as presented.

2) Towne Park Pedestrian Bridge
Mr. Ganek gave a brief background for the proposal to redo one of the footbridges in Towne Park. Mr. Mitchard gave an overview of the bids that were submitted and the recommended bid from Manusos General Contracting, Incorporated in the amount of \$126,618.40 with the opportunity for additional cost savings if Public Works staff performed the demolition and other site work.

President Schmitt asked if products for the second bridge can be replicated in the future. The response was that it can be replicated.

After a discussion regarding aesthetics and durability of an aluminum bridge option, the Committee recommended the installation of a steel bridge in-lieu of any aluminum alternatives.

The Committee of the Whole concurred with staff and unanimously recommended that the Village Board award the bid as presented with cost savings by using Public Works forces.

A. Consider Construction and Maintenance Easement Agreement with DiFiore Development Group for a Seawall Repair Along Crystal Creek.

Mr. Ganek explained the circumstances involving the seawall repair and the necessity of obtaining a maintenance easement agreement.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended forwarding the agreement to the Village Board for final action once the attorney confirms that there no liens over the proposed easement.

B. Declaring Certain Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus

Mr. Ganek presented the vehicles and equipment that have surpassed their useable life with the Village.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended that the Village Board approve the list of surplus equipment.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Executive Section

None necessary

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

1. Mr. Mihelich presented a revised plan from Galleria Brunswick offering cost effective architectural alternatives to some of the recommendations given at the September 26, 2006 Committee of the whole meeting.

A majority of the Committee members agreed with the alternative architectural treatments as presented.

The Committee members also offered mixed opinions regarding the installation of a fence along the rear of the property and Trustee Read stated that she did not accept postponing construction of the fence. The ordinance will be forwarded to the Village Board for consideration.

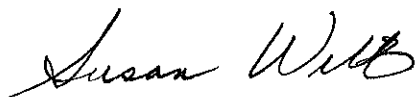
Trustee Glogowski noted that he still was not in favor of the project.

2. Trustee Smith suggested offering residents a fall clean up. President Schmitt noted that a contract has been signed with a five-year commitment for sticker prices, but Mr. Ganek will investigate the possibility with Waste Management.
3. Trustee Steigert noted the distinctive vegetation in some areas of Algonquin and suggested that staff encourage the use of similar creative landscaping treatments.
4. Trustee Glogowski noted concerns with standing water at the intersection of County Line and Randall Road. Mr. Mitchard noted that the issue relates to the multiple contractors involved with the different stages of construction as the intersection but he will review the situation and report back to the Committee.
5. Trustee Read again noted her concerns with safety and property values by delaying the installation of the fence behind the Galleria Brunswick.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Witte, Recording Secretary