

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
September 27, 2011

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Chairperson – Trustee John Spella; Trustees Debby Sosine, Jim Steigert, Brian Dianis, Jerrold Glogowski, Robert Smith and President John Schmitt

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Russ Farnum, Community Development Director; Ben Mason, Senior Planner; Russ Laine, Chief of Police; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk

Chairperson Steigert called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and established a quorum with all Committee members present.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

- A. Grand Reserve PUD - (2011-09)/West End of Harnish Drive Extending South to County Line Road
 - (1) Approval of an Amendment to the Annexation Agreement
 - (2) Approve Revisions to the Preliminary and Final Planned Development

Mr. Farnum reported this item was discussed at a public hearing last week. The current developer of the age-restricted subdivision wishes to relax some of the current restrictions by allowing tenancy of one 55 years-of-age-or-older person to reside on the property. This would allow for those with younger spouses to live in this subdivision. This unique situation would be similar to that at Sun City. Another change would be to allow for age-restricted renters of homes. One concern was the length of permitted leases. The developer agreed to only lease homes or townhomes for a minimum of one year. With this amendment, the Village will acquire the right of way on County Line Road west of Boyer Road. A question was asked about how the age restriction will be enforced when renting homes. Mr. Phillip Darrow, representing the developer, stated the property owner will have to submit papers to the Homeowners' Association that verify the ages of the renters

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this forward to the Board for approval. Staff will amend the draft documents to reflect the changes and prepare them for Board approval.

- B. Consider Resolution to Accept Community Planning Program Grant Funds from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for the Algonquin Downtown Planning Study

Mr. Mason reported the Village received a \$90,000 grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for livable downtown planning in Algonquin. This is a no-match grant that seeks to fund planning for integrating transportation and land use initiatives. This planning will be very useful in future planning of the downtown area after the western bypass is completed. Livable communities are those that include walkable, mixed-use development, environmental conservation, and improved access to jobs and housing. The last comprehensive plan was done in 1998. Staff recommends adopting a resolution to accept the funds.

The consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to forward this to the Board for formal action.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Consider Resolution Determining the Amount of Funds to be Levied for 2011 Real Estate Taxes (1.1% reduction from the previous year)

Mr. Ganek stated the Village is committed to doing its best to keep the Village portion of real estate taxes as low as possible. The Village has asked for zero dollar increases the past few years, but staff is recommending a 1.1 percent reduction this year. Sales tax revenue and other revenue enhancements, i.e., agreements with other communities for Algonquin to perform services for them, such as information technology, building review and inspection, and vehicle maintenance, allow for this modest reduction in property taxes.

The Committee of the Whole gave consensus to move this on for approval.

B. Consider Amendment to Chapter 33, Liquor Control, Adding and Deleting Certain License Classifications and Revising the BASSET Training Language

Mr. Ganek explained the changes to the liquor ordinance. The Village wishes to keep a tight rein on classifications by decreasing the number of Class A liquor licenses from 7 to 3 and increasing the number of Class F liquor licenses from 4 to 5. The Class F license would also be limited to consumption on premises and not allow carryout package sales. The other aspect of the amendment would be to allow better control of the alcohol server training by the Police Department. This would be accomplished by including expiration dates for the program that are in line with the rules of the Illinois State Liquor Commission. Chief Laine said there will be personal contact from his department with the license holders reminding them that renewal training is forthcoming.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to move this forward to the Board for approval.

C. Review and Accept the Public Art Display Selections for 2011/2012

Mr. Mason gave an overview of the above public art selections for the coming year. Most of these selections can be viewed at the upcoming Public Art Open House at Village Hall on October 27. There are eleven indoor and four outdoor display locations in this upcoming

program. All members of the Committee of the Whole complimented the selections, and consensus was to move forward for approval.

D. Consider Resolution for Supporting School District 300 Discussions in the Sears Economic Development Area Extensions

Mr. Ganek explained that the current Sears Economic Development Area (EDA) is coming to expiration in 2013 with a discussion of extension in the State Legislature. An extension would have a major financial impact on School District 300. This resolution does not take sides in the discussions involving Sears and Hoffman Estates, but the incentives of the EDA are funded by property taxes that fall into School District 300 boundaries. The Village wants to make sure the District is included and involved in these discussions. Also, the resolution underlines Algonquin's support of job retention and education in the community consistent with our mission statement.

The consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to move this forward to the Board for adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

1. Mr. Chris Kempf from the audience asked if the Village was going to make High Point Ridge a right-in/right-out intersection at Algonquin Road. He states the developer said this would happen when Compton is connected to Route 62. Mr. Ganek replied the developer of the subdivision has gone out of business, and Police Chief Laine said there have been no incidents at that intersection since it was built. Staff would look into this matter and the requirements of the approvals.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Spella adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk