

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
January 10, 2012

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

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

Absent: Trustees John Spella and Robert Smith

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Craig Arps, Building Commissioner; Russ Laine, Chief of Police; Ruth Schlossberg, Village Attorney; Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk

Chairperson Dianis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and established a quorum with all Committee members present except for Messrs. Spella and Smith.

(Note: Trustee Spella was seated at 7:32 p.m. and Trustee Smith was seated at 7:34 p.m.)

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development
No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

A. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Huntley for Chief Building Official and Plan Review Services

Mr. Ganek reported this agreement is with the Village of Huntley for sharing the services of our chief building official (building commissioner) and plan review services. This is similar to the agreement the Village has with Carpentersville for building inspector services. In addition, the Huntley Police Department uses the services of our IS personnel for their information technology maintenance. It is beneficial to both Villages as with similar agreements signed with surrounding municipalities.

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

B. Consider Amendment to Automated Red Light Enforcement Service Agreement with ACS State and Local Solutions, Inc.

Mr. Ganek reported this is a proposed amendment to the service agreement with ACS State and Local Solutions. The amendment modifies the current agreement in favor of the Village. As the Village prepares for the changing of jurisdiction on Main Street as part of the Western Bypass in

the future, this agreement allows for the flexibility to terminate the red light camera at Routes 62 and 31 with a 30-day notice. In addition, since that location is being phased out, staff has negotiated a reduction in the monthly cost for that intersection from \$4,950 to \$1,000 per month. Other changes include the removal of language mandating a minimum number of locations and allows for a year-to-year automatic renewal of the agreement with a 60-day notification period to eliminate any or all of the other three red light camera locations. This gives the Village more flexibility to reduce the number of locations or completely terminate the agreement. Mr. Schmitt stated that the intersection in question had a 35% reduction in accidents since the cameras were installed.

The consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to pass on to the Board for approval.

C. Consider Ordinance Amending Chapter 33, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing

Mr. Ganek recommended the following changes to Chapter 33:

1. Revising Section 33.02, License Required, to include language that an establishment wishing to sell alcohol in the Village must hold a valid State of Illinois liquor license as well as a local license. Currently, the requirement to hold a valid State license is implied but not referenced.
2. Changing the length of time required for a background check from 90 to 45 days. This change is due to the fact that these checks are now done electronically and can be processed in a shorter period of time.
3. A request has been received for a new type of establishment whose liquor operation is not currently covered by any class of liquor license. To accommodate this use, the definition of the current A-4 license needs to be modified. The proposed use is for a restaurant with a full liquor license, in addition to brewing beer and making wine in-house. Based on this definition, the license fee is recommended to be \$2,000 annually.
4. Staff recommends an increase of one additional license in both Class A-1 (restaurant - full liquor) and F (restaurant - wine and beer) classes to cover a possible new restaurant opening in the former Jimmy D's location and a new restaurant coming to the Commons.

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

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety

A. Consider Ordinance Amending Section 41.19, Speed Limits

Police Chief Laine requests amending Ordinance 10-O-41 which the Algonquin Village Board passed on December 21, 2010. It was an amendment to Municipal Code Section 41.19 – Speed Limits, which provided for a 25-mph speed limit on all Village of Algonquin streets unless otherwise posted. This ordinance provided exemptions to the 25-mph limit, making certain

streets 30 mph, 35 mph, and 40 mph. Through an analysis of our currently posted speed signs and with the assistance of Public Works, it was discovered that there were numerous discrepancies with the posted speed limits on our streets and the exceptions provided in the ordinance. The proposed amendment, which is forwarded on this date, is meant to rectify the discrepancies as observed in the existing ordinance with what is posted on streets throughout the Village and does not change any speed limits on any streets.

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

B. Consider Ordinance Amending Section 1.06, Penalties, Regarding Bond Fees

Chief Laine reported the State of Illinois passed a law allowing municipalities to charge a fee of up to twenty dollars for processing bailable offenses of municipal ordinances or a state or federal law. It would not apply to simple traffic offenses where a person only needs to post cash or a driver's license. If a person requires processing at county or other jurisdiction, the fee would not be charged. Chief Laine added that, last year, 700 to 800 people taken into custody would have been eligible to pay the fee. During discussion, it was suggested to change wording in the proposed ordinance from "may impose a fee up to \$20" to read "may impose a fee of \$20."

It was then the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to pass along to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session
No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business
No items to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Dianis adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk