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# Carpentersville

## C'ville drops Cargill appeal

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The Village of Carpentersville is going to continue its expansion dispute with Cargill Inc., but it won't be doing it in court.

As the result of the village board's decision Monday night, Carpentersville has abandoned its appeal of a court decision several months ago which struck down a village zoning ordinance. It was that ordinance on which village officials were basing their fight to keep the Cottage Ave. chemical plant from expanding.

The action came Monday night after

Village Trustee Jerry Canaday suggested that the village is spending too much money on the court case. Canaday said the village has already lost once in court and that an appeal would be useless. He added that he believed the village could work out an agreement with Cargill out of court.

The board then voted 5 to 1 to withdraw the appeal. Village Trustee Mary Srajer cast the lone dissenting vote.

Following the vote, Village President Herbert Radtke appointed a committee to undertake discussions with Cargill on how

the plant might be able to make improvements it says it needs while maintaining the safety at the plant the village considers essential.

Canaday and Srajer will serve on the committee along with Village Trustee Paul Folster.

Speaking in support of the move, Folster said the village had given the same concessions to another industrial firm, Valspar, that Cargill is seeking. He said the village would open itself up to further court action if it allowed one firm to

expand but not another.

However, Srajer, who strongly opposed dropping the appeal, said the village is, in effect, giving the plant free reign to expand.

"I think it's time to think of the health, safety and welfare of the 5,000 residents around those plants. If they blow, there's going to be a lot of explaining to do," Srajer said.

Though the village has named the committee to discuss the situation with

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Cargill, Village Attorney Richard Husted said he was unsure of how willing the company is to talk.

Husted said that in previous negotiations with the village, Cargill has been "arrogant and independent."

Husted went on to say that in all of its motions and briefs, Cargill has expressed a strong need to expand to meet modern competition. "Cargill doesn't have to talk to the village if it doesn't want to," he said.

John Wiff, assistant general manager of Cargill expressed support Tuesday for the idea.

"We think it's a great way to go. We've always wanted to work together and not be opponents," Wiff said. He added that the discussions with the village were to have begun as early as Wednesday morning.

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