

Request for Board Action

REFERRED TO BOARD: October 5, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NO: 9

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Administration

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Revising the Structure of the Joint Public Safety Committee and Renaming it the Joint Fire Committee

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

The Joint Public Safety Committee includes members of the Village Board of Trustees, Fire Protection District Trustees and Antioch Township Trustees, along with representatives from the Fire Department management and administration. After a unified vision was adopted stating that the fire department will operate under a unified command, the committee was formed to help revise and review existing policy that conform to that vision.

The committee has often met and provided guidance to their respective boards to help ensure the public's safety; mainly fire and EMS topics. A renaming of the committee is proposed to more accurately represent the true scope of work done by its members. The proposed resolution renames the committee and establishes composition, purpose, responsibilities and reporting requirements of the committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Resolution

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to approve a Resolution Revising the Structure of the Joint Public Safety Committee and Renaming it the Joint Fire Committee

RESOLUTION 15 - _____

**A RESOLUTION REVISING THE STRUCTURE OF THE
JOINT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND RENAMING
IT THE JOINT FIRE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Joint Public Safety Committee was created through an informal initiative of the Village Board and the Board of Trustees of the First Fire Protection District, and

WHEREAS, the Committee is presently composed of Village Trustees, Fire Protection District Trustees and Antioch Township Trustees, along with representatives of the fire department management and administration, and

WHEREAS, the Committee is fundamentally chartered with the express direction to review and revise existing policy, implementing the overall “Vision”, by which one operationally unified Fire Department which is adequately funded, equipped and staffed and therefore capable of providing fire, ambulance and rescue services throughout the entirety of the Village of Antioch and Antioch Township, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has provided guidance to the Village Board and the Trustees of the First Fire District during some difficult transitional periods, which has proved to be of critical importance in ensuring that the public’s safety has been duly protected throughout the last several years, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds continuing the existence of the Committee is an excellent initiative toward the further implementation of the “Vision”, and will materially assist the Village in performing its role in ensuring fire safety and the availability of paramedic services, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board further finds that modifying the name of the Committee to more accurately reflect the true scope of its mission is necessary and desirable,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Joint Safety Committee is hereby renamed the Joint Fire Committee.

SECTION TWO: The Joint Fire Committee shall hereafter have the following composition, purpose, responsibilities and reporting requirements:

Composition- Two representatives from Antioch Village Board and two from District Fire Board shall be the voting members. Each respective Board may designate alternates to serve in case of absence of a one or more voting members. Representatives from the Village and District administration, fire department management and one Township representative will be included on the Committee in an advisory capacity. Members of this Committee will be appointed by their respective boards.

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Purpose- The Committee is designated as the organization that serves as the connection between the Village and First Fire District with regard to Fire Department direction, operations, finances, etc. The Committee is strictly advisory and only has the power to make recommendations to the respective boards. It will serve as the base of discussion on matters of mutual interest regarding the Fire Department which may result in recommendations to the boards.

The Committee should:

- Annually review the current Intergovernmental Agreement for changes or additions
- Support and develop resources for the potential annexation referendum
- Have initial discussion, when practical, on matters regarding budget, operations, equipment, public support, public awareness, and events regarding the Fire Department
- Annually review the Fire Department Long Range Plan and recommend allocation of resources and funds necessary to implement
- Review AFD capital plan and make recommendations to respective boards
- Review any operational or facility changes and recommend to respective boards
- Make recommendations and reports to the respective boards on any other matters or policy that require adoption
- Present an annual state of the Fire Department report to each board either separately or as a joint meeting

SECTION THREE: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS,
ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

ATTEST:

LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR

LORI K. FOLBRICK, VILLAGE CLERK