

APPROVED MINUTES
**Joint Public Safety Committee of the Village Board
And First Fire Protection District Meeting
Antioch Fire Station #1: 835 Holbek, Antioch, IL
March 26, 2009 – 6:00 PM**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Public Safety Committee Chairman Caulfield at 6:05 pm in the Antioch Fire Station #1.

Roll Call

Those present were Trustee Caulfield and Trustee McCarty. First Fire District Members present were Carolyn VanPatten, Dean Pedersen and Paul Green. Also present were Administrator Velan and Deputy Clerk Folbrick. Additional persons present were Antioch Rescue Squad members John Edgell and Brian DeKind. Absent: Trustee Crosby.

Regular Business

Continued Discussion of Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) Report Governance and Oversight recommendation #8 – Chairman Caulfield explained that since the last meeting, himself, Dean Pedersen, Dennis Volling and Wayne Sobczak have had discussions regarding the issue at hand, and drafted a memo dated March 26, 2009. Chairman Caulfield read aloud the memo which stated:

Regarding the discussion of recommendation GAO#8 of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, we the undersigned would like to state our mutual intent with regards to future discussions of this subject at the Committee level. (Combined Village Board Public Safety Committee and the Antioch First Fire District Board and in attendance the Antioch Rescue Squad.)

1. *Start the process to work towards the combining of the Village of Antioch Fire Department and the Antioch First Fire District. The combining of these two entities will result in a single agency to address the future management and financial issues related to providing Fire Fighting service to the Antioch Community as a whole.*

2. *The Village of Antioch Fire Department, the Antioch First Fire District, and the Antioch Rescue Squad agree in principle to further study and implement, where appropriate, structural and/or operational enhancements in which the now three, but future two entities, can better utilize the many resources available in our community in their combined efforts to serve the public.*

Signed: Robert J. Caulfield, Jr. Trustee, Village of Antioch; Dennis Volling, Chief, Fire Department, Village of Antioch; Dean Pedersen, Chairman, Antioch First Fire District; Dennis Volling, Chief, Fire Department, Antioch First Fire District; Wayne Sobczak, Chief, Antioch Rescue Squad.

Chairman Caulfield then asked for a consensus to move forward with the signing of this document. Dean Pedersen agreed that this is a move in the right direction. Trustee McCarty agreed that the direction should be focused on by all in order to have a combined effort, and would like all members to sign the memo. Administrator Velan suggested that attorneys for both entities review the document before it is signed, and to include the Mayor or Village Administrator as a signer. Member Green suggested striking Fighting in item #1 where it states "Fire Fighting service". This document will be forwarded to both boards to request an authorization for execution and signature, once reviewed by the respective attorneys.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Caulfield to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Folbrick
Deputy Clerk