

APPROVED MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL  
January 23, 2007

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Larson called the January 23, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

**ROLL CALL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Pierce, Porch and Turner. Also present were Mayor Larson, Administrator Haley, Director of Physical Services/Assistant Administrator Keim, Attorney Magna and Clerk Rowe.

**LEGISLATIVE AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

No report.

**PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING, SENIOR SERVICES**

No report.

**ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES**

**Other Business – Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Administrator Haley said that the facility plan review has been completed and we're told by telephone that we can expect official confirmation by mail. He said that we are also waiting for receipt of the letter approving the preliminary environmental impact determination (PEID). He also reported that the EPA has requested clarification regarding five or six issues pertaining to the design concepts and calculations used by the design engineers. He said this additional information will be sent to the EPA by close of business Friday, January 26, 2007. Administrator Haley said that Harold Warren of Warren Associates will be submitting final financial forecast to the EPA by Friday, January 26, 2007 for their review and approval. He said the EPA must review and approve the forecast before it can be brought to the Village Board for approval. Administrator Haley also discussed the public hearing process and if all goes well, he expects to advertise for bids by the beginning of March.

**FINANCE, ECONOMIC AND REDEVELOPMENT**

**Façade Improvement Applications** – Administrator Haley reviewed the façade applications from the Antioch VFW, Rugan's Ltd. and Bella Hair Studio.

**Antioch VFW** would include new signs, faces and photocells, door letter with the village portion of this project would be \$1,077.50 from the Antioch Business District fund. Administrator Haley said the Planning and Zoning department has reviewed the signs and they comply with our ordinances and the staff committee recommends approval of the application.

**Comment – Trustee Caulfield**

Trustee Caulfield asked if there was a definition of the program in terms of using the business district fund and he asked if it included this type of business. He thought that the original intent of the program was to make sure the big boxes help support the downtown so it didn't die. He said that it seemed to have expanded. Administrator Haley said that he didn't believe the ordinance addresses the particular businesses involved or a fraternal organization. He said this particular organization is also host to a lot of community events and would improve the looks of the location. He said that while this particular issue was not addressed by the staff committee, they would still consider recommending approval.

**Comment – Trustee Hanson**

Trustee Hanson said that we're getting close to using most of the budgeted money and he asked that once depleted, the program be reviewed again in committee. He said that we should review the whole issue and see if it worked and if the intention is worth the money that we put aside for this purpose and did we meet our goals and

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objectives. Administrator Haley said that he would have the Director present a report at a future committee meeting.

### **Comment – Trustee Pierce**

Trustee Pierce asked if the Board could have fresh copies of the ordinance before the presentation. Administrator Haley said that Clerk Rowe will put copies of the ordinance in their mail slots.

### **Comment – Trustee Porch**

Trustee Porch asked that this item be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

***Bella Hair Studio*** would include the installation of new letters and sign for the new business located on Route 173 with the village's portion being \$1,150.00 from the Antioch Business District fund. Administrator Haley said this was reviewed by the committee and they recommend approval.

### **Comment – Trustee Hanson**

Trustee Hanson asked that the application list the applicant instead of the building owner.

### **Comment – Trustee Porch**

Trustee Porch asked that this item be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

***Rugan's Ltd.*** includes awnings, change the front of the building by cutting concrete and ADA work on the inside of the establishment. Administrator Haley said that the applicant is aware that permits would be required for the work to be done and the building and zoning departments reviewed the application and it complies with our ordinances. He said the staff committee recommends approval of this application in the amount of \$10,000 from the TIF District fund.

### **Comment – Trustee Porch**

Trustee Porch asked if the railing that is along the length of the building would be removed. Administrator Haley said that we are working on that with the owner because ADA is involved in that he discussed wheelchair access. Trustee Porch asked that staff keep in mind to make sure there is enough room with the placement of flower boxes. Administrator Haley said the flower boxes would have to be in such a place that does not affect wheel chair access.

Trustee Porch asked that this item be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration. She said that she's delighted to see the number of businesses getting involved in our façade improvement ordinance which is a great use of our Antioch Business District fund and she's looking forward to seeing the Director's report.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS AND LICENSE**

**Parks Department requisition regarding fibertech coating and pool surface repairs** – Administrator Haley said this is a quote that he would like to have on the next Village Board agenda. He said this is to repair our existing pool once again and keep it in operation. He explained this vendor is very familiar with our pool because they're the ones who have been keeping our pool together and is the closest dealer. The \$12,800 expenditure will be in the 2007 budget and without this we would not be able to open the pool, so he recommend that the Village Board authorize him to enter into a contract with this firm so that we can get the pool ready to open on time.

### **Comment – Trustee Pierce**

Trustee Pierce said that he has no questions with this because he knows that we need to get the pool open on time and we have been through this drill so many times because of our old decrepit swimming pool. He asked if the Village Administrator could start looking at the finance avenues since we don't know yet what type of pool that we're going to replace it with, whether it would be an indoor or outdoor pool, or work with Lindenhurst or not.

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Administrator Haley said that if the Board directs him to do that, he would spend the time on it, but until we get the wastewater treatment plant underway, there's no way that we could even address this. He said that he met with a couple of bonding people today, because when things get in the paper about our potential pool, wherever it may be located or whatever style it may be, the financial people flock to his door. Administrator Haley said the issues are a funding stream and the fact is that we have bonding authority and we can sell bonds, but the Village Board has to make decisions on how we would pay these bonds. He said that if the Board would like to talk about those things, he would be happy to do that, but we don't have a revenue stream to fund a \$3 million dollar pool, or a \$6 million dollar outdoor pool or \$20 million dollar pool complex.

Trustee Pierce said that he realizes that we have the treatment plant issue in place, but he believed we could start identifying what type of revenue streams that we're going to start shooting for. Trustee Pierce said that we have bonding potential, sales and property tax revenue and there are all sorts of ways and we need to start planning for how we are going to do it. Administrator Haley asked if Trustee Pierce was suggesting looking for referendum and Trustee Pierce replied no that is not what he meant.

### **Comment – Trustee McCarty**

Trustee McCarty said that what has been discussed at the Park Board is that this project is still a few years away. He said that we have to finish the treatment plant and our revenue stream may change due to the possible east side projects where we could possibly afford something in the future. He said that we can't predict what is coming through the door until it's built and in place and we have a year under our belt to know what revenue would be generated. Trustee McCarty said the treatment plant should be complete in 2008 and at that time we could address the pool issue.

### **Mayor Larson**

Mayor Larson said that she attended the Lindenhurst Park District's meeting last week regarding a pool facility and everyone had wonderful ideas and proposal for their particular site that Lindenhurst already has. She said that the Village of Lake Villa was interested in participating and she said that we would be interested in hearing what our options would be. Mayor Larson discussed the working relationship we have with Antioch Township regarding the Tim Osmond Sports Park. She said every single entity in attendance at the Lindenhurst Park District meeting said they didn't have the funds to do this right now.

### **Comment – Trustee Turner**

Trustee Turner said that we have to think about our water issue and the old water tower that has to come down with the possible construction of a new water tower north of town. She said with all of these things in addition to the treatment plant, she believed that we need to get treatment plant completed.

### **Administrator Haley**

Administrator Haley discussed the \$400,000 commitment for the combined Village/Township Park and the reimbursable grant. He said that it's a matter of priority, but he has been saying since he's been here, there is no funding mechanism for the pool. He said that doesn't mean we can't plan for it, but it's the Village Board who needs to decide what type of facility and he's saying that at this time, we don't have money for any of it.

### **Comment – Trustee Pierce**

Trustee Pierce said that he understood, but at the same time we need to be in discussions and prioritizing our upcoming projects over the next few years.

### **Comment – Trustee McCarty**

Trustee McCarty said that he believed that we have our priorities in place since we are in the midst of a new treatment plant and we have a \$400,000 commitment to the Tim Osmond Sports Park. He said that we have a couple of years before we can act on or know what our new tax revenue would be.

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### **Comment – Trustee Hanson**

Trustee Hanson said that one bright spot is that once repaired, we may have a few years left with our existing pool.

### **Comment – Trustee McCarty**

Trustee McCarty said that even if we had to repair the pool once a year or every couple of years, it's still cheaper than \$6 million dollars and until we have a good plan put together we can continue to use it and keep things going.

### **Mayor Larson**

Mayor Larson said the need is there for an aquatic center. We have one and we will do what we can to keep it open and that we realize that it's not state of the art, but at least it does serve a number of our residents.

### **Comment – Trustee McCarty**

Trustee McCarty asked that this item be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

### **Comment – Trustee Hanson**

Trustee Hanson said that he was also at the Lindenhurst Park Districts meeting and he said that other communities are in the same boat and we shouldn't feel that we're losing out on anything. He said that we're all striving to do what's right for the community and everyone is trying to reach out and see what can work for all the communities.

### **DELINQUENT ESCROW ACCOUNTS**

No report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Trustee Pierce moved seconded by Trustee McCarty to adjourn the committee of the whole meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Candi L. Rowe RMC/CMC  
Village Clerk