

RESOLUTION 16-80

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE
AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO WORK WITH THE
ANTIOCH FIRST FIRE DISTRICT TO WIND DOWN THE
AFFAIRS OF THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, a referendum question was duly placed upon the November 8, 2016 ballot by order of the honorable Diane Winter, Judge of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, and

WHEREAS, the referendum asked the voters of the Village of Antioch whether or not to merge the Village Fire Department into the First Fire District, and

WHEREAS, the unofficial results of that referendum indicate that the question was answered affirmatively, giving direction to the officials of the Village to complete the merger, and

WHEREAS, the Village Fire Department has operated for a number of years in conjunction with the District pursuant to a series of intergovernmental agreements, and the Department and the District have various assets that are owned either by the Village or are jointly held, and

WHEREAS, the Village currently holds the communications and medical licenses and is a member of the CENCOM E-911 dispatch network, and

WHEREAS, it will take an indeterminate amount of time to make appropriate transfers of equipment, vehicles, buildings and licenses from the Village to the District, and

WHEREAS, the formal change of responsibility for fire protection and ambulance services within the Village will be effectuated pursuant to statute on the approval of the final canvass of votes and the certification of the ballot question thereafter both by the Lake County Clerk as the local election authority and by the Circuit Court, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds and declares that the will of the collective voters must be implemented with due and deliberate speed, taking into consideration all necessary and prudent measures which will ensure that the public safety is never jeopardized in any way, shape or form, and

WHEREAS, the Administrator and Fire Chief are in the best position to effectuate the transfers of property and licensing, as well as to coordinate the assignment of vendor contracts and the addition of the District as a member of CENCOM, and

WHEREAS, there are multiple legal issues presented within the merger process which will require oversight by the Village Attorney working in conjunction with the attorney for the District, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has advised that the Village's fire and EMS tax will not be extended to the property within the Village, but the District's fire and EMS tax will be extended in their place, pursuant to statute,

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

SECTION ONE: The Administrator, Fire Chief and Attorney are directed to work up an appropriate and orderly plan of transition to effectuate the decision of the voters on a timely, safe and expeditious basis.

SECTION TWO: The Administrator is given authority and directed to execute contracts, licenses, titles and all other documents of any nature whatsoever which are necessary or helpful in the transition.

SECTION THREE: Notwithstanding the foregoing broad grant of authority, prior to the conveyance of any land or other capital asset worth more than \$10,000.00 to the District, the Administrator shall report to the Village Board with a schedule of assets intended to be conveyed and the Village Board shall, by simple motion approve the same as it deems fit and appropriate in completion of the voters' will.

SECTION FOUR: The Administrator is further directed to periodically update the Village Board on the progress being made during the transition period, and eventually advise at such time as the ordinances creating the fire department, establishing the offices of the Fire Chief and all other fire and EMS personnel, and establishing the taxing authority for the fire and EMS taxes, can be repealed without endangering public safety.

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

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS,
ON THIS 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

ATTEST:


LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR


LORI K. ROMINE, VILLAGE CLERK

