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VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL
Wednesday, October 12, 2016 @ 7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the October 12, 2016 Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor and Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Macek, Jozwiak, Dominiak, Pierce and Johnson. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Secretary Mateja. Absent Trustee Poulos.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

No Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

V. APPROVAL

Approval of the September 14, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented. Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to approve the September 14, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

<u>YES:</u>	<u>5:</u>	Macek, Jozwiak, Dominiak, Pierce and Johnson.
<u>NO:</u>	<u>0:</u>	
<u>ABSTAIN:</u>	<u>0:</u>	
<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>1:</u>	Poulos.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Park Bench Dedication

Directory Roby explained that the family of Mary J. Bodin has requested a dedication bench be added to the Gages Brother Park and Hiram Buttrick Sawmill. He added that we have a non-dedicated bench that needs to be replaced and Mary J. Bodin's daughter, Mary Hanahan, is requesting that the bench for her mother replace it.

Those present agreed this is a great way for Mary J. Bodin's family to honor her.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees present agreed to place this item on the next Village Board Meeting for consideration.

2. Ice Rink Discussion

Director Roby explained prior to purchasing the new liner for the ice rink, which will cost approximately \$1,500, he would like to ensure that the board is still interested in moving forward this winter. Director Roby explained that he had been asked to provide information on the cost to setup, maintain and tear down the ice rink. The estimated cost would be \$22,422.50 which includes personnel (\$10,739.26), materials (\$315.56), equipment (\$10,028.75 equipment cost is based on FEMA schedule

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of equipment rates) and liner (\$1,338.93). Director Roby explained we did not set up a separate budget for this project since we already have the equipment and the personnel. Public Works would be handling this project like any other project within the Village. Obviously, the weather is extremely important to the success of this rink. In 2013 (year 1) we had an exceptionally cold winter which provided access to the ice rink from January till mid-March for the residents. In 2014 access for the rink was 1.5 months of the winter time. Due to warmer weather in the 2015-16 season, we only had access to the rink for 10 days. We currently own the equipment but would still have costs associated with the ice rink.

Trustee Macek informed the board he is not in favor of spending the money, but would be in favor of moving the ice rink to Pederson Park, where there is a natural water base. He also added he would be in favor of moving the ice rink to Sandlots of Salem which is an establishment just over the state line in Wisconsin. Trustee Macek indicated he had spoken to Sandlots of Salem and they would be willing to hold Antioch sponsored events free of charge. Director Roby does not recommend moving the ice rink to Pederson Park due to the risk of deep and possible unfrozen sections in the lake. Trustee Dominiak agrees with Director Roby and does not recommend Pederson Park as the new location of the ice rink. Trustee Johnson also disagrees with moving the ice rink to Pederson Park and suggested the lot on the northeast corner of Main & Depot. Trustee Johnson added that we could work with Antioch Chamber of Commerce on Christmas events. Trustee Jozwiak added that every time he has gone by the ice rink, he hasn't seen it being used. He would like that money put to something that could be used more often. Director Roby informed the board he can't give an exact number on usage but assured the board the rink is in constant use in the evenings and on the weekends. Trustee Dominiak mentioned Trustee Poulos should be here to discuss this topic and asked Director Roby when he would need an answer. Administrator Keim informed the board he had spoken to Trustee Poulos earlier in the day. He added that Trustee Poulos has some of the same concerns with the cost and mentioned offsetting the cost by getting sponsors. Director Roby said he has had sponsors to cover the cost of the liners the last few years.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees present agreed to place this item on the next Village Board Meeting for consideration.

3. Retail Strategies Report

Director Garrigan explained in detail the market analysis findings from Retail Strategies per the Board's request. He reviewed the current trends in retail and an overview of the specific market which includes a three, five and ten-mile market analysis. Director Garrigan also explained the opportunity gap which is the difference between the identified trade area along with existing market demands. Currently, there is a leakage of millions that is leaving the Antioch trade area to other markets. Director Garrigan then highlighted the specific categories where Retail Strategies would like to focus their recruitment efforts.

Trustee Jozwiak questioned the meaning when the packet says "prospect" does that mean they have indicated interest in Antioch or is there an opportunity we could get them to come to Antioch. Director Garrigan explained there is an opportunity to get them to come to Antioch.

Mayor Hanson thanked Director Garrigan for his hard work and detailed explanation of the market analysis report from Retail Strategies.

4. Village of Antioch Economic Development Plan

Director Garrigan explained the fundamental goal of this plan is to make the Village "business friendly" while at the same time maintaining the Village's standards and sense of place. He added that this plan attempts to address the Village Board's previous direction of coming up with a comprehensive policy that can be used when specific developers come in with a proposal and are seeking "economic incentives". Director Garrigan added that for the first time, a specific "economic incentive policy" is

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being proposed which provides a specific criteria to be used when considering request for economic incentives. Director Garrigan also explained a series of economic incentives have developed ranging from property tax abatements to tax increment finance districts.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees present agreed that due to the large amount of information, breaking the plan down into smaller sections by priority, then placing the item on a future Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda for consideration.

5. Traffic Calming Policy

Administrator Keim explained that after numerous discussions relating to traffic at the intersection of Hillside & Harden, staff worked with the Village Engineer on a policy to review and assess traffic concerns in the community. Administrator Keim reminded the board that at the June 15, 2016, Village Board Committee of the Whole meeting, he reviewed the policy which establishes a committee and procedure to hear requests made by residents bringing traffic concerns to the Village. At that time, the board was asked to provide comments relating to the policy so that a final draft may be presented to the board for approval. To date, no comments have been provided. Administrator Keim asked the board to send him final comments.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees present agreed to provided comments and place this item on the next Village Board Agenda for consideration.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Pierce is concerned with the number of fatal accidents within our town. He read aloud a resolution he had drafted addressing concerns and possible suggestions that could help prevent future accidents.

Trustee Dominiak informed the board that AAHAA received a letter from Fire Chief Cokefair that they have had a 60% decrease in non-emergency EMS calls from a particular location since the Fire Department and AAHAA nurses started working together. She also added that AAHAA is growing and they are looking for laptop donations.

Trustee Macek commented on his dislike of the statement "Vote Yes for Fire Protection" on the numerous signs throughout Antioch. He feels no one knows what that means and that it should be explained better.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel and Pending Litigation, Lease of Village Property, Collective Bargaining.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees did not go into executive session.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak, to adjourn the Village Board Committee of the Whole at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary