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VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 @ 7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Mateja called the October 14, 2015 Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The 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 Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Secretary Mateja. Absent: Trustee Poulos & Mayor Hanson.

IV. Motion to Appoint Trustee Pierce as Mayor Pro Tem

Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to appoint Trustee Pierce as Mayor Pro Tem. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Macek, Jozwiak, Dominiak, Pierce and Johnson.

NO: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 1: Poulos.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

V. APPROVAL

Approval of the September 14, 2015 Meeting Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented. Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to approve the September 14, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, Jozwiak, Dominiak, Pierce and Johnson.

NO: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 1: Poulos.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Senior Center discussion regarding Resolution 14-80

Director Roby read the Senior Center's request to modify Resolution 14-80. The letter stated that current expenses such as salaries, benefits, and building utilities are paid from the Dolly Spiering Memorial Fund (DSMF). He added at the current rate of expenses, the DSMF will be depleted in 5-7 years. He also indicated the Senior Advisory Council understand that the Village has had to put a lot of infrastructure projects on hold while funding Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Director Roby asked that the resolution be modified so the only expense taken from the DSMF is half of the Senior Center Director's salary and benefits.

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Senior Center Director Paul Howard explained that not just seniors use the facility on week nights and weekends. He also added that many individuals using the facility shop, dine out and visit many of the local businesses.

Trustee Jozwiak asked the status on becoming a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Senior Center Director Paul Howard indicated paperwork has been submitted and they are awaiting approval.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed to consider funding of the Senior Center during budget discussions.

2. Johnny's Chophouse Liquor License Request

Administrator Keim informed the board that the new owners of Johnny's Chophouse would like to request the same license as current owners. Mr. Pete Phillips explained that he will be purchasing Johnny's Chophouse. He also indicated he has been working closely with the current owner and has no plans on changing the restaurant, staff or establishment name.

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

3. Discussion regarding an Ordinance adding a new Chapter 14 to Title 4 of the Antioch Municipal Code regulating and licensing tobacco dealers

Attorney Long reviewed the information he brought to the board months ago as well as all the revisions requested by the board regarding the licensing of tobacco licenses. He discussed fees as well as joint licenses for establishments that carry alcohol and tobacco. Chief Huffman suggested we consider adding items the State of Illinois is currently working on, which would get us ahead of the game. Attorney Long stated that he and Chief Huffman will work on adding that information to the Ordinance.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed to have Attorney Long and Chief Huffman work on Ordinance to present at a future Committee of the Whole Agenda for consideration.

4. Squad Car purchase request

Administrator Keim informed the board the only vehicle available for the new Chief of Police is a Dodge, formerly used for drug enforcement, with over 120 thousand miles. He is asking the board to consider the purchase of a vehicle that can accommodate the needs of the Police Chief.

Trustee Johnson asked if anything in our current fleet could be considered. Administrator Keim indicated they initially planned on a vehicle rotation depending upon the vehicles years of service. However, that was put on hold a few years ago and the last vehicle purchase was done in 2008. He added the requested vehicle would cost around \$22,000. Trustee Dominiak added her concerns about the current vehicle assigned to Chief Huffman and agrees a new vehicle should be considered. Trustee Jozwiak was concerned about making the purchase because this item was not budgeted. Trustee Macek also indicated he had a problem spending Village funds. Finance Director McCarty explained that the Village does have a budget for unexpected expenses and this item would fall into that category. Administrator Keim wanted to assure the board every purchase is taken into consideration no matter what the cost.

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

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5. Discussion regarding an Ordinance amending 4-10-2 Eliminating Raffle License Fees

Administrator Keim explained that non-profit organizations are currently required to come in front of the board to request that fees be waived for raffle licenses. He also added the board has never denied their requests and asks that staff be able to accommodate this request without board approval.

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

6. Reinstatement of Merit Increases

Administrator Keim explained the merit breakdown to the board at which time Trustee Dominiak ask that this item be tabled so Trustee Poulos and Mayor Hanson can be involved in the discussion.

All Trustees agreed to table this item to present at a future Committee of the Whole Agenda for consideration.

7. Update on on-line payment options

Finance Director McCarthy reviewed her findings for a more efficient on-line payment option. She mentioned the current provider does not allow Visa payments but the new provider will allow them. She also mentioned they will allow our residents more options such as pay by phone, by credit card or bank check. Also, bank checks can be converted to electronic checks. The cost of this service is a one-time charge of \$149 and an additional \$39.95 a month if we choose to have bills sent to our residents electronically, which would be less than the cost of mailing. She added that we can continue to mail to residents that do not have access to the internet their bills.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees thanked Director McCarthy for her hard work and look forward to future updates.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator Keim informed the board of the broken windows at the Metra station. He added that they have been ordered and will be replaced as soon as they are received. He mentioned IDI indicated they have a second tenant. He added that he currently is reviewing resumes for the Community Development position and will keep the board updated.

Administrator Keim reminded the board of the upcoming Planning and Zoning meeting and that they will be discussing annexation and SSA refinancing. He recommended a special COW meeting on October 28, 2015 at 6pm to discuss this item since we will not be having a November, 2015 COW meeting.

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 Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to adjourn the Village Board Committee of the Whole at 8:40 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary