

APPROVED MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
October 12, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the October 12, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:02 pm in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL call

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Pierce, Sakas, Poulos, Crosby, Dominiak and Jozwiak. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Administrator Keim, Attorney Long and Deputy Clerk Folbrick.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Presentation regarding Electric Aggregation in the Village – Administrator Keim said that he has researched aggregation and spoke with companies regarding the program. He introduced Mr. Dean Nicol from Integrys who provided an overview of electric aggregation and what they can offer. He discussed market and regulatory developments, the positive Illinois response to aggregation, and the benefits of the program. Mr. Nicol provided examples of a ComEd bill before the switch, and the savings afterwards. He further discussed the meeting requirements and referendum steps that must be taken to participate in the program.

Trustee Jozwiak asked how many municipalities have been with them for a long term. Mr. Nicol replied that aggregation is fairly new to Illinois, but they have worked in Ohio for approximately 10 years.

Trustee Dominiak asked how long the term of the agreement is. Mr. Nicol said that it is typically two years and ends in May before ComEd rates change in June. Trustee Dominiak asked what the impact would be on the current proposed legislation for ComEd to increase their rates in order to improve the grid. Mr. Nicol replied that there would be no impact. ComEd will continue to press that legislation, but it would not impact this process.

Trustee Crosby asked how difficult the opt-out procedure will be for residents. Mr. Nicol replied that there will be communication for residents to opt-out. Trustee Crosby asked what allows them to offer lower rates. Mr. Nicol responded that it is due to the way ComEd purchases energy on behalf of consumers. Trustee Crosby asked why aggregation would be cheaper than a resident going out on their own and buying power. Mr. Nicol replied that aggregation allows them to buy wholesale blocks based on population data. The referendum allows residents to have the Village negotiate lower rates on their behalf.

Trustee Sakas asked about the process, and who would enter into an agreement with whom. Mr. Nicol replied that the Village initiates program, and has agreement with Integrys to setup program. Administrator Keim said that it is similar to the current Waste Management agreement. If the referendum passes, then the Village develops a plan, negotiates rates and the contract will be signed.

Trustee Pierce said that there is no obligation at this time, and Integrys was just invited to inform the board on how the process works. A formal bid or request for qualifications will have to be done.

Trustees discussed the bid/qualification process, staff involvement and details of the program. Attorney Long said that the process is too complicated to place on the March ballot for referendum without the help of a

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qualified company like Integrys. Trustees discussed the costs to residents to stay in the program or opt-out of the program.

Administrator Keim advised that the Village will need to deliver ordinance by Jan 3, 2012 in order to have a referendum. He said that there are many steps involved in aggregation and staff would need to work with someone at this point.

Trustees discussed the bid process, and what qualifications will be considered. Administrator Keim stated that he will prepare a request for qualifications, and send it out to the various vendors.

Trustees discussed the timelines and deadlines, and the option to place the referendum on the primary election in March or the General Election in November. The sooner the referendum passes, the quicker the cost savings will be passed to residents. If the process takes longer to select someone, then the general election would be a better choice.

Administrator Keim said that he will do research, and publish an RFQ. The aggregator does not need to be chosen by January 3, 2012. Attorney Long outlined the steps involved, including placing the referendum on the ballot, and an education period required to hold hearings to educate the public. Then, if a favorable vote is given, the Board would select from the vendors.

Administrator Keim will come back with company research and ask authorization to work with somebody.

2. Discussion regarding Parkside Palace – Director Nilsen explained that staff has gone through a concept planning process for the proposed development. The applicant will be forming a petition that will go before Planning and Zoning, and he expects to have a neighborhood meeting prior to the public hearing. Director Nilsen wanted to provide information to board members before the process begins.

Mr. Richard Sova with Landover Corporation introduced their project, and their plans to go before the Planning and Zoning Board to present an elderly facility east of the Centegra building. He stated that the project will probably need to be a planned unit development, and they intend to have at least one community meeting before the public hearing with the Planning and Zoning Board to make them aware of the project and proposed petition.

3. Discussion regarding the creation of a catering liquor license for special events within the Village - Attorney Long provided a brief summary of how the State of Illinois issues catering licenses. He explained that the Village does not currently have a catering license at this time, and is looking for board input before any code provisions are considered.

Trustee Pierce does not think it's needed at this time. Trustee Poulos asked if there would be any limitation if a catering license is granted. Attorney Long explained that there could be continued events.

Those present agreed not to consider a catering liquor license at this time.

4. Memorandum regarding telephone conference meeting procedures – Attorney Long provided an overview of a proposed policy and asked for input in order to prepare an ordinance. He explained that there is no language in the statute that prohibits participation by phone while on vacation, but Trustees should not vote in those instances. It was the consensus of those present to direct Attorney Long to draft an ordinance that follows state statute.

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5. Memorandum regarding Illinois Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ILWARN)-

Director Shannon provided an overview of the mutual aid agreement, stating that this is the only remaining mutual aid agreement that has not been executed. The agreement provides for assistance of trained licensed personnel to help take care of the Wastewater Treatment Facility in the instance that our staff would be unavailable. This agreement will be placed on the next village board consent agenda for consideration.

6. Discussion of Antioch Aqua Center –

Administrator Keim stated that the Village was not selected for the PARC grant for the pool, and asked for input on how the board would like to move forward with the Antioch Aqua Center. He suggested involving the Park Commission, and to see if they would be interested in utilizing ERZ bond money that must be spent by 2013.

Trustee Crosby asked if the project needed to begin before the spending deadline, or if all monies would need to be spent by the deadline. He suggested to keep the pool running as is, and see if there is any need in 2013 to use those funds.

Mayor Hanson discussed the possibility of future grants and waiting to see what other grants may become available while there is still time.

Trustee Jozwiak thinks that they owe the community what they said they were going to do, and would like to use the funds while they are available.

Trustee Dominiak stated that the Park Commission has been actively discussing this topic, and will have it on their agenda for next week. She suggested waiting to hear their discussion and recommendation first.

Trustee Poulos suggested that they see what the Village can do with what is available. Administrator Keim said it would be a renovated facility, without a lot of amenities, but will have some improvements and a slightly larger version of the current pool.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Pierce asked about the leaf vacuuming schedule. Staff advised that the information is posted on the Village website.

Trustee Pierce stated that the Lions Club had a successful tag day event.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Clerk