

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
August 15, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the August 15, Special 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 Clerk Folbrick.

IV. Consideration of an Ordinance Licensing OR Prohibiting Video Gaming

Mayor Hanson stated that the attorney drafted two ordinances regarding video gaming; one prohibiting and one licensing for the Board to consider at this meeting. He invited residents to express their comments and concerns.

Ms. Dee Reeves, Antioch Township resident, provided her research regarding the current ordinance. She stated that doing nothing leaves the option for video gaming in the community. She believes that voting out gaming would be a travesty for Antioch, and expressed her opinion in favor of allowing video gaming.

Ms. Joan Church, Vandermeer Drive resident, asked to have Antioch continue to have a family oriented culture that is present in most establishments.

Mr. Al Anderson, business owner, presented over 300 signatures obtained at his establishment in a week in favor of video gaming. He added that Antioch has historically been a resort town and thinks this would keep with that theme.

Mr. Rick Brankin, Inverness Court resident, expressed his opposition to video gaming and does not believe the financial revenues outweigh the feeling of the community. He asked the board to consider the issue after some time has passed.

Mr. Wally Jasczkowski, Wisconsin resident, does not see the harm in video gaming from what he has witnessed in Wisconsin businesses. He is not familiar with any hardships experienced as a result of video gaming.

Ms. Ann Hitchel, Kimberly Drive resident, said she posted the topic of video gaming on her neighborhood website, and there was only one ambivalent response. She personally does not oppose gaming, but perceives video gaming as a distraction not an attraction. She related her perception of her neighbor's responses regarding video gaming.

Mr. Bill Oerly, VFW representative, spoke about VFW Halls across the state, and said they are hoping for extra income from the machines. He asked the Board to consider allowing video gaming to help the businesses and Village gain from the machines.

Mr. Phil Webb, ASAP Gaming, spoke of the need to support local business. He further addressed the restrictions placed on businesses, and how certain regulations should not be placed on business.

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Mr. Peter Grant, Crawford Avenue resident, spoke in favor of video gaming, and the need to support local business owners.

Ms. Rheannon Reese, Fox's Lounge, said that the Best Western would be interested in obtaining a license, should the ordinance approve video gaming. She believes it would be an attraction for their tourist establishment.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby, to approve the first reading of an ordinance licensing video gaming.

Trustee Pierce discussed funding for assistance with those who have gambling problems. He asked Attorney Long if the board needed to take action by a certain time. Attorney Long said there is no specific provision according to State Statute. Trustee Pierce commented that he understands the morality issue regarding video gaming, and feels that the revenues will not be as high as projected, but believes that it is not the place of the board to regulate video gaming. He further believes the fines for disobeying the ordinance should be higher.

Trustee Jozwiak stated the need to support businesses, and said he is in favor of video gaming.

Trustee Poulos does not believe we can control people's morality. He added that the revenues will not be great, and will mostly be recreational from the people already going to those establishments. He expressed concerns if there are problems such as fighting, and asked what the establishments will do to address those problems. He indicated there is an option to allow video gaming, and revisit the issue if problems arise. He asked that it be closely monitored if approved and that the necessary precautions are taken.

Attorney Long addressed the fine structure for violation of the ordinance, and explained the options to issue a violation at a higher level, or use adjudication for lesser violations at the officers discretion. Additionally, repeat offenses would initiate a prohibitory injunction which would remove the machines.

Trustee Crosby asked if there could be an acknowledgement in the application that the village has complete discretion and can pass an ordinance prohibiting gaming at any time in the future. Attorney Long said that there is no permanent right given to those issued a license, and there is no room for a lawsuit in those circumstances. Trustee Crosby indicated his dislike for the State of Illinois and the way it was handled by those legislators, and noted that most businesses interested in having machines are not family establishments in the first place. He agrees that it is not the role of the Village Board to regulate local establishments.

Trustee Dominiak discussed her involvement researching video gaming, and her need to investigate public opinion. She spoke with 187 residents of the Village of Antioch and 62% of the people responded that they didn't want this in their town. The general opinion she heard is that it is not good for the community. She does not believe revenues will be as high as presented and does not believe it is a revenue opportunity. She discussed the estimated economic impact, and interests of business owners on video gaming. She indicated that the revenues the Village will receive from video gaming will result from the losses on the machine by the users. She said that the 6 businesses that will benefit from video gaming will affect the other businesses in town. She believes that the money spent on gaming from residents will take away from purchases that will not be made at other local businesses because of lost income on the machine.

Trustee Sakas discussed the state involvement and regulation of video gaming. He believes that trustees do regulate morality, and provided examples such as drinking age, tag day solicitation, and cell phone use. He discussed both sides of the issue and the characterizations that accompany each side.

Mayor Hanson stated his respect for board members having to make this decision. He said the state failed to do what they should have done, which is bring the issue to the people first. He said none of the

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statistics placed before those making decisions are definitive at this time. He indicated his support with whichever decision the board makes.

Trustee Pierce amended his motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance licensing video gaming, amending the fine structure and including a waiver.

Trustee Dominiak asked to include signage around the machines a square foot in size with information on where to call if you have a problem with gambling. She further asked that staff training is included in the ordinance requirements.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Pierce, Poulos, Crosby and Jozwiak.

NO: 2: Sakas and Dominiak.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Special meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
August 15, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the August 15, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:26 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: Sakas, Poulos, Crosby, Dominiak and Jozwiak. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Administrator Keim, Attorney Long and Clerk Folbrick. Absent: Trustee Pierce.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak to approve July 11, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Sakas, Poulos, Crosby, Dominiak and Jozwiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Lake County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (ANHMP) – Emergency Management Director Shannon presented the resolution and reviewed the history of the plan. He stated that this will be the third time approving the plan, but has now been revised and is ready for adoption. This plan addresses what natural hazards could affect the Village, and provides power to the County with municipal involvement in mitigating those incidents. This item will be placed on the consent agenda for the August 20 meeting.

2. Discussion regarding the Antioch Aqua Center and dedication to Winnie Sorenson – Mayor Hanson provided a history of the previous aquatic center, and its dedication to Winnie Sorenson. He explained that Winnie's daughter Judith contacted him and asked if the newly proposed pool would bear her mother's name.

Director Roby said that Winnie was a long time resident of Antioch who taught swimming lessons at the pool through the late 1990s. He discussed the previous proposal for an aquatic center and recreational facility, and its reduction and relocation due to a decrease in funding. He reviewed the feasibility study done regarding the size and location of the pool, and grants awarded to help fund the pool. He explained that the PARC grant was not granted to the Village, and funding was lost. The Village then applied for other funding, and the ERZ bond counsel advised that the pool be named the Antioch Aquatic Center. He asked the board for their opinion in the naming of the aqua center.

Trustee Crosby suggested that a memorial be done without naming the pool after an individual, but recognizing her involvement, and explaining the reason for the memorial.

Trustee Jozwiak related the request from the Lions Club to have a plaque as well. Director Roby proposed the plaque would read "Dedicated to Winnie Sorenson for her years of service".

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Trustee Dominiak agrees to the dedication, and asked to include pictures from Winnie's experience at the Village. Trustee Poulos asked that a website be included as well.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Jozwiak said he will not be at the meeting on Monday and asked to attend the meeting remotely.

Trustee Dominiak asked for a strategic plan update and discussed Lake County's website information on Lake Michigan Water.

VII. Executive Session – Personnel and Pending Litigation, Lease of Village Property

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Folbrick, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk