

APPROVED MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
May 15, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the May 15, 2013 Village Board Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 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, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson. Trustee Pierce will be late. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long and Secretary Mateja.

IV. APPROVAL

Approval of the April 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.

Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby, to approve the April 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Sakas, Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1: Pierce

THE MOTION CARRIED.

V. REGUALR BUSINESS

1. Antioch Rescue Squad Contract.

Fire District Board Member, Matt Tabar, presented a status report on the progress of the Antioch Rescue Squad since the three boards, Rescue, Fire and Village Board combined efforts back in December 2012. Matt indicated after numerous meetings they have two models the board needs to consider for the future of the Antioch Rescue Squad. Model A, recommends The Village continues to extend Antioch Rescue Squads contract with options of a 90 day, 6 month or even a year extension while Antioch Rescue Squad continues to work with the board. Model B, is a complete merge with the Antioch Fire Department. The main focus when reviewing both models is what will be best for the residents of Antioch as far as service and cost.

Bryan DeKind spoke on behave of Antioch Rescue Squad. Bryan noted over the last 90 days they have seated a new board, implemented a field supervisor which oversees all EMS calls and streamlined billing data for both their accounts payable and accounts receivable. Streamlining the billing will allow them to generate reports not only for their use but for both the Fire District Board and the Village Board. Many new programs have also been implemented such as training programs, vehicle inspections, daily shift debriefs, and communication meetings with the fire department on a regular basis. Station three will now be manned during peak hours and peak seasons.

Matt Tabar stated the Fire District Board gave them a one year extension while they continue to look at issues still needing to be reviewed. They do not feel they can review and analyze everything within 90 days but are very hopeful they can meet the year extension.

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Trustee Dominiak feels an extension is needed in order to continue working with the Rescue Squad and the Fire District to get financial sustainability and to determine the best way to achieve the level of service needed for our residents. Although Trustee Dominiak feels they have come a long way in their meetings with the Antioch Rescue Squad and The Fire District, they still have a lot of unanswered questions which need to be addressed before a decision can be made on what is best for the residents.

Trustee Johnson asked if a time line has been established with set goals to ensure we are moving forward in a timely manner. He does not feel giving an extension without benchmarks would benefit the residents.

Administrator Keim would like to recommend the Board of Trustee's consider extending the Antioch Rescue Squad's contract. He will provide options such as a 30 day, 60 day, 90 day or one year along with timelines and goals for them to vote on at the next Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Crosby agreed more time is needed but, if the lack of cooperation and communication is any indicator of the future, how much time will it take to get answers. Trustee Crosby is concerned that we are not moving forward as we should, an outside consultant might be something to consider. He also thinks a shorter contract extension would be better and maybe having the Fire Department start taking the necessary steps to handle rescue calls might be in our best interest.

Trustee Poulos is in agreement that a timeline with benchmarks is needed as well as an open line of communication. An outside party such as a consultant might be able to get much needed answers and allow us to move forward in a positive way.

Trustee Sakas is concerned that Model A seems to be the only scenario being reviewed and discussed. He feels we have put too much time and resources into trying to work with the Antioch Rescue Squad with little to no cooperation or results. Trustee Sakas feels Model B would be the best scenario for the residents of Antioch.

All Trustees agreed to add this topic to the next Village Board of Trustees meeting agenda. However, they would like to add contract extension options with timelines and goals needed for each option.

Trustee Pierce arrived 8:10pm

2. Refunding of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A.

Assistant Administrator McCarthy reviewed the proposal of the Baird and Company and was able to negotiate a savings of \$55,000. Mayor Hanson thanked McCarthy for her work.

All Trustees agreed to add this topic to the next Village Board of Trustees meeting agenda.

3. Economic Development Consultant Selection Recommendation.

Director Nielson reviewed the information the consultants will be working on and the areas of concern.

Trustee Sakas disclosed the Village he works for uses the same consultants. He highly recommends them, they do not hold back their findings positive or negative their only concern is what is best for the community.

Trustee Dominiak asked if we will see updates on a regular basis. Director Nielson confirmed they will be kept up to date on a regular basis.

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All Trustees agreed to add this topic to the next Village Board of Trustees meeting agenda.

4. Brownfield Consultant Selection Recommendation.

Director Nielson reviewed the Brownfield EPA Grant and the areas they would be targeting. Jim Halverson spoke on behalf of Brownfield to inform the Village Trustees of the overall grant guidelines and what areas they would like to target. Trustee Pierce asked if Brownfield would be using local companies if at all possible. Brownfield representative, Jim Halverson, confirmed their company will use local companies whenever possible.

5. Hot Dog vendor request.

Tom's Red Hots owner, Tom Pingle addressed the board for permission to vend at village properties during sporting events that no other vendors would be there. Administrator Keim reminded the board the he currently has approval to conduct business within the Village right of ways.

All Trustees agreed to add this topic to the next Village Board of Trustees meeting agenda with added guidelines. The Village Board also gives Tom's Red Hot's permission to sell at the parks this weekend only until the final decision is made at Monday, May 21, 2013 Village Board Meeting.

6. Wings Etc. Outside Liquor License request.

Trustee Crosby is concerned with residents walking in street and being too close to vehicles driving by. Attorney Long noted we can discuss asking them to put items up to block off area.

Trustee Dominiak asked the distance of the seats verses the door. Trustee Pierce wanted to know if the state allowed individuals to smoke outside the restaurant while seated near the entrance. Wings owner, Dan Cappello informed the board that the seats were located 15 feet away from the entrance. Attorney Long indicated that the state does allow consumers to smoke in the outdoor seated area.

All Trustees agreed to add this topic to the next Village Board of Trustees meeting agenda. Until then the Board informed all involved that they are not allowed to serve liquor to consumers in the outside seating area.

7. Anastasia's Outside Liquor License request.

Trustee Crosby is still concerned about the parking and people crossing Lake Street. Anastasia's owner, Bill Giannakakis informed the board that they offer free valet parking and plan to continue encouraging guests to take advantage of the service.

All Trustees agreed to add this topic to the next Village Board of Trustees meeting agenda. Until then the Board informed all involved that they are not allowed to serve liquor to consumers in the outside seating area.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Pierce apologized for his late arrival. He indicated he was at his child's concert and that the teacher, Linda Johnson, was retiring after 33 years of service here in Antioch. He asked if we could present something to her at her final concert. Mayor Hanson suggested we have a proclamation presented to her by him or a Village Trustee at her final concert.

All Trustees agreed to add this topic to the next Village Board of Trustees meeting agenda.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board Committee Of The Whole adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mateja
Village Secretary