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VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL
Wednesday, October 16, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the October 16, 2013 Village Board Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:01 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, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Secretary Mateja. Absent: Trustee Dominiak and Sakas.

IV. APPROVAL

Approval of the September 11, 2013 Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby, to approve the September 11, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

<u>YES:</u>	<u>3:</u>	Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.
<u>NO:</u>	<u>0:</u>	
<u>ABSTAIN:</u>	<u>1:</u>	Pierce
<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>2:</u>	Sakas and Dominiak

THE MOTION CARRIED.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Environmental Commission presentation regarding solar energy.

Scott Frillman of the Environmental Commission presented their recommendation that the Village explore solar panels at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Solar panels can increase energy savings short term and long term while also helping the environment. Also, making us more attractive and competitive in terms of bringing business to Antioch. He explained how they researched many solar companies that had projects that resembled our potential project. They found three that have worked with municipalities and that closely matched our needs; Solar Renewable Energy, LLC, WCP Solar and Eagle Point Solar.

Trustee Crosby thinks this is an incredible idea and asked if they considered the vacant land off of North Avenue as well as the Treatment Plant. Trustee Pierce would like to take the next step on getting companies out here for estimates.

Mr. Frillman informed the Board they would have the companies provide free estimates if the Environmental Commission has the Board's approval.

All Trustees agreed they would like staff to gather more information before this item is placed on a future Village Board agenda.

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2. Lifestyle Corridor

Director Nilsen presented the Corridor Plan, along with summaries of the outreach efforts, routes, and recommendations for improvements across Phase 1 of the project. This phase focuses on the developed areas of the Village, whereas Phase 2 shall focus on regional routes and connections to the Lake County Forest Preserve and State Owned facilities to the East.

Trustee Crosby asked what type of time frame is expected for completion and what specific areas would be priority. Director Nilsen that this would be a great starting point for laying a foundation prior to major development. This could increase our capability of getting grants for other project within the Village. Trustee Polous asked if we would be able to get funding from the forest preserves or other organizations that we would be providing access to throughout the Village.

Trustee Johnson wanted to thank Director Nilsen for all his hard work and the great job he has done.

All Trustees agreed they would like staff to gather more information before this item is placed on a future Village Board agenda.

3. Ambulance Services

Chief Nixon reviewed how our EMS program has averaged about 65% of calls during the first four months. He also gave a recap of the Antioch Fire Dept. Fire and EMS overall service to the Village during this transition. He explained what to expect with EMS moving forward. He reviewed the details of the EMS contract costs along with the cost to combine Fire & EMS. The Village Board needs to consider the three options presented: Eliminate contract and create full time paramedic positions as Village employees, attempt to staff ambulances using part-time paramedics similar to FD model, or continue under the contractor model for full time coverage.

Trustee Pierce expressed his concerns for the hardship program. Trustee Poulos indicated we still need to discuss guidelines for hardship program.

Trustee Crosby thanked Chief Nixon for the excellent job and for all his hard work.

All Trustees agreed they would like staff to gather more information before this item is placed on a future Village Board agenda.

4. W&S Ordinance Amendments

Administrator Keim asked the board to consider not only updating but changing the ordinance. Mayor Hansen agreed this has been an issue for many years and needs to be address.

Director McCarthy reviewed many of the current issues such as property owners being billed instead of tenants and vehicle tax being billed separately. She would like to increase administrative charges, lien fees, activation fees and disconnection fees to cover our costs. She also recommends we extend the time to pay to 30 days.

All Trustees agreed they would like staff to gather more information before this item is placed on a future Village Board agenda.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business at this time.

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VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel and Pending Litigation, Lease of Village Property, Collective Bargaining

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to go into executive session at 9:35 P.M. to discuss personnel and pending litigation. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Pierce, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.
NO: 0:
ABSTAIN: 0:
ABSENT: 2: Sakas and Dominiak

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to return from executive session to the open meeting at 9:55 P.M. with **no action taken**. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Pierce, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.
NO: 0:
ABSTAIN: 0:
ABSENT: 2: Sakas and Dominiak

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

No action taken

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board Committee Of The Whole adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary