

APPROVED MINUTES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the May 14, 2014 Village Board Committee 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 Mayor and Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Dominiak and Johnson. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Secretary Mateja. Absent: Trustee Crosby.

IV. APPROVAL

Approval of the March 12, 2014 Meeting Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented. Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the March 12, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes with corrections. Upon roll call, the vote was:

<u>YES:</u>	<u>5:</u>	Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Dominiak & Johnson.
<u>NO:</u>	<u>0:</u>	
<u>ABSTAIN:</u>	<u>0:</u>	
<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>1:</u>	Crosby

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Hanson asked for a moment of silence in memory of Trustee Dennis Crosby's mother-in-law.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Foreclosure Mediation Presentation

Mr. Jorge Ortiz of the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program explained how the program works and asked if we could help communicate the program to our residents. He stressed the impact on the community when someone loses a home. Mr. Ortiz explained that the program requires the homeowner to complete a housing seminar, free of charge, to qualify for mediation assistance. Mr. Ortiz added the program has staff that will negotiate with banks or financial institutes to help keep the homeowner in their home.

Trustee Dominiak asked if the program is open to all individuals in different stages of foreclosure. Mr. Ortiz confirmed they will work with anyone in foreclosure that has completed the housing seminar.

All Trustees agreed this program could only benefit our residents and asked that we provide this information on our Website and in our Newsletter.

2. Aggregation Proposal from Reynolds Power

Reynolds Power withdrew their proposal. Intergys representatives were available to discuss Aggregation.

Administrator Keim reported that since the last meeting he has been exploring options for electric aggregation. He informed the Board that ComEd just released their pricing, which should allow other companies to submit competitive bids. Intergys representatives, Dean Nical explained that if the Village stayed with them they could not offer a fixed rate or price match. He added that a price increase is expected late summer or early fall. He also stated that the Village of Antioch's load factor is less than 40% which is why we would not qualify for the same rate as a community like Gurnee who have a much high load factor.

Trustee Poulos voiced his concern that if we stayed with Intergys residents could end up paying more than customers that moved to ComEd.

Mayor Hanson asked that Administrator Keim look into working with other communities to increase the load factor which could lower our costs. He also indicated he would like to communicate this information to our residents. Administrator Keim indicated he could put together a press release.

All Trustees agreed to have staff review options and discuss at a future agenda for consideration.

3. Antioch Garden Club Presentation

Melonnie Hartl and Cheryl Hoke from the Antioch Garden Club thanked the Board for their ongoing support then presented a slide show presentation showing the success they have had throughout the community.

Administrator Keim indicated he would like to continue working with the Antioch Garden Club and possibly include them into a future budget. Mayor Hanson congratulated them on their work. He also added that he would like to see them more involved with the Beautification Committee and how it could benefit the community.

4. Chapel Hill Properties, LLC Requests

Director Dustin Nilsen explained that Dr. Wennstrom, owner of Chapel on the Hill is request consideration of a special event liquor licenses for a minimal number of events during 2014 and 2015. This would provide the Village with an opportunity to determine if a reception site at the church would be beneficial to the Village and to ensure the venue is a problem-free asset to the community.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed they would like Dr. Wennstrom to attend the next Village Board Meeting for further discussion.

5. Budget Update

Administrator Keim presented the latest revised budget updates. Administrator Keim indicated a 50/50 split with Fire for EMS would help balance our budget. Trustee Pierce questioned the reductions of new officers as indicated in the update provided. Administrator Keim clarified we will replace officers that retire or resign, but will not be authorizing additional officers at this time.

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Trustee Dominiak proposed the reconsideration of hiring someone for Economic Development. Trustee Poulos offered to volunteer his time before hiring even a part time person for Economic Development. Mayor Hanson indicated Trustee Poulos could use his office. Trustee Johnson added a full time person would be a good idea but would need to have results. Trustee Poulos added if we were to hire someone half their salary could be based on commission. Trustee Jozwiak agreed that we need to keep close track of their productivity.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed they would like more information before this item can be placed on a future Village Board Agenda for consideration.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Resident Ann Hitschel would like the Village to consider adding signs indicating Neuhaven as part of the Village of Antioch. Ms. Hitschel is concerned due to some vehicles within her subdivision being broken into. Attorney Long indicated a sign was located on Route 173 near the Antioch Corporate Center. Trustee Johnson mentioned the possibility of getting an additional Neighborhood Watch sign.

VII. EXEXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to go into executive session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining. Upon roll call, no vote was taken.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board Committee Of The Whole adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary