

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 @ 7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the December 10, 2014 Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:01 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, Crosby and Johnson. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Secretary Mateja.

IV. APPROVAL

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

<u>YES:</u>	<u>6:</u>	Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby & Johnson.
<u>NO:</u>	<u>0:</u>	
<u>ABSTAIN:</u>	<u>0:</u>	
<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>0:</u>	

THE MOTION CARRIED.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Community Vision Update

Community Vision Member and Antioch School District 117 Superintendent, Jim McKay, thanked everyone for giving him this opportunity. Mr. McKay explained how the committee has reached out through social media and other organizations to work with residents of all ages to gather information on what our community wanted. Mr. McKay introduced committee member Claire Bitto, who presented the survey results. Ms. Bitto explained how almost 700 individuals participated in the Antioch Community Visioning Survey. Ms. Bitto reviewed the results and rankings of the following categories: Environment, Economy, Public Facilities, Education Programs, Volunteer & Social Programs and Social Settings. Trustee Jozwiak and Trustee Crosby thanked the committee for their hard work. Administrator Keim asked the board for their feedback; then to establish a strategic process to improve and create a Village we all envision.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed to review and place this item on a future Village Board Agenda for consideration.

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2. Strategic Plan Update

Administrator Keim reviewed the strategic plan and the accomplishments made. Trustee Jozwiak stated he felt we were moving forward in the right direction. Trustee Poulos added that our strategic plans closely mirror what our community wants according to the survey. Trustee Dominiak thanked everyone involved and suggested we hold a workshop to revise and prioritize items for April budget discussions.

3. Discussion regarding Budget & Service Reductions

Administrator Keim indicated staff had worked on cutback plan options due to the referendum failing. The proposed Plan "A" would impact the current budget year and Plan "B" would impact upcoming budget years. Administrator Keim reviewed both plans in depth showing what may be adjusted or eliminated.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed adjustments must be made and asked Administrator Keim to review both plans with additional saving options per plan, and place this item on the next Village Board Agenda for consideration.

4. Park Rental Fees

Parks Director Roby reviewed his recommendation for the park rental fees. Trustee Crosby thanked Director Roby and asked if alcohol fees would be increased. Director Roby indicated they would not be increased. Trustee Dominiak asked if the person who rented the park would be held responsible if damage occurs. Director Roby replied yes and said the facility is checked before and after each rental.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed to place this item on the next Village Board Agenda for consideration.

5. Ambulance Rate Increase

Chief Nixon reviewed EMS fee increases for both residents and non-residents. Trustee Dominiak and Trustee Crosby indicated concerns with costs for lift assist and individuals that refuse transportation. Trustee Crosby feels families may not call for a lift assist due to cost, which would impact the well-being of the individual needing help. Chief Nixon explained how it still cost the Village every time we are dispatched to the scene for a lift assist and refused transport.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed to review and place this item on a future Village Board Agenda for consideration.

6. Discussion regarding sales tax referendum questions.

Mayor Hanson explained he wanted to look into revenue that can help increase sales tax to help fund road improvements before they become an issue. Trustee Pierce is concerned for the fixed income residents not being able to afford to shop in town. Trustee Johnson would like us to continue with the property tax instead of sales tax.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed not to place this item on the next Village Board Agenda for consideration.

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VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Tabar discussed the need to continue to educate Village and Township residents on the facts regarding the upcoming referendum.

VII. EXEXECUTIVE SESSION

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

VIII. DJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to adjourn the Village Board Committee Of The Whole at 10:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary