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VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 @ 7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the February 11, 2015 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: Jozwiak, Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Secretary Mateja. Trustees Absent: Pierce

IV. APPROVAL

Approval of the January 14, 2015 Meeting Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.

Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the January 14, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

THE MOTION CARRIED.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. PM&L Liquor License Request.

PM&L representative, Adam Armstrong, requesting a Class F liquor license. Mr. Armstrong informed the board PM&L is looking to purchase the building just south of them to renovate into a concession area. Mr. Armstrong added that the concession area would only be open during theater events. Trustee Dominiak asked if they intend to sell food as well. Mr. Armstrong indicated they will continue to have snacks such as cookies but the renovations do not include a kitchen area. Attorney Long asked when they intended to open the new area. Mr. Armstrong replied that they had anticipated opening in September but if everything came together and they had an opportunity to open in April they would. Mayor Hanson added that Village staff would be available to work with Mr. Armstrong and PM&L representatives. Attorney Long added PM&L needed to take into consideration if they received a license to open in April, annual license renewals are scheduled for June 1, 2015.

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

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Trustee Pierce Arrived 7:11 PM

2. Northbridge Church Request for Water Service Access/Easement Agreement.

Administrator Keim informed the board back on January 21, 2015 he had met with Northbridge Church regarding their request for an Easement Agreement between the Village and the church. Administrator Keim has worked with staff and Attorney Long to draft an Annexation and Easement Agreement. Northbridge Church representative, Jim Rogers, indicated the church has concerns with this agreement and would like to continue discussions. Mr. Rogers added the reason they originally decided not to annex into the Village at this time, was due to the lengthy process. He indicated they plan to break ground in May 2015. Attorney Long explained that an annexation could take as little as 45 days after an agreement was met leaving them plenty of time to break ground in May.

After further discussion, Administrator Keim, Attorney Long and the Northbridge Church representative have decided to set up a meeting to negotiate an agreement to be placed on a future Village Board Agenda for consideration.

3. Presentation by AM Audit

Administrator Keim introduced Mr. Greg Karr from AM Audit and explained how he had requested the opportunity to present a business proposal to consider. Mr. Karr informed the board his company would like the opportunity to collect unpaid utility taxes on the Village's behalf. Mr. Karr added while larger companies such as Nicor or ComEd have paid, smaller companies have not contributed since 1997. Trustee Poulos questioned why companies like Nicor would be required to pay yet smaller companies would not. Mr. Karr said Nicor owns the piping while the smaller companies do not. Director of Finance, Joy McCarthy, said she had already contacted companies who are in violation. Attorney Long indicated he would like to review an actual proposal from Mr. Karr before any further discussion.

All Trustees agreed to have Attorney Long and Director McCarthy review before placing on any future Village Board Agenda.

4. Discussion regarding a lease agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for use of a portion of the East Water Tower for the purpose of hosting Radio Communications and Antennae Equipment.

Chief John Nixon indicated Motorola would like to use our east water tower for their newest antennae equipment. Chief Nixon added the new equipment is for Starcom21 which is the official statewide public safety radio network of Illinois. He said we have the opportunity to decline, but feels the Village of Antioch will benefit from strong radio signal coverage. Chief Nixon indicated we currently have 8 radios that are set up for Starcom21 and Motorola will provide us with an additional 4 radios. Trustee Pierce wanted to know if converting to the new communication system would cost us in the long run. Chief Nixon said yes but there is no urgency to convert at this time, and allowing them to connect to our tower would give us twelve radios and a clearer connection.

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

5. Discussion regarding an Ordinance Adding a new Chapter 14 to Title 4 of the Antioch Municipal Code Regulating and Licensing Tobacco Dealers.

Attorney Long explained regulating and licensing tobacco dealers would help stop the sale of

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items known to be used for drug paraphernalia. Trustee Dominiak asked if “E” cigarettes could be included. Trustee Crosby indicated concern with the locations of future tobacco dealers. Attorney Long said he would look into their concerns.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed to place this item on the next Committee of The Whole Agenda for consideration.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator Keim informed the board that we have been receiving a large volume of calls about residents and business not clearing their sidewalks. He added that we are doing our best to resolve this issue with the resources we have.

District 34 Strategic Plan meeting will be held on February 25, 2015. They welcome and encourage the community to attend.

Ambulance billing was not available but Administrator Keim would try and have a report for Monday.

Administered Keim added that his evaluation form has been forwarded to the Mayor and Trustees, he would like to set up an evaluation date.

Trustee Pierce reminded everyone about the community outreach and public education effort; Coffee at the Firehouse held every Saturday from 10am – 12pm.

Trustee Crosby would like to clear up a miscommunication from an article recently published. His actual statement was he felt better going with the sales tax but supports the overall board decision to move forward with the referendum. Trustee Crosby also asked if he could address concerns mentioned at a past meeting regarding trustees attending meetings remotely. Trustee Crosby explained his work has taken him out of state on occasion and appreciates the board giving him the opportunity to attend remotely.

Trustee Dominiak mentioned the forum for Heroin and Opioid Awareness will be held at Lakes Community High School on February 24, 2015 from 7-9pm.

Township Trustee Tom Shaughnessy mentioned the fundraiser to help Support Antioch Ambulance Service will be held at the Limerick on Sunday, February 22, 2015 from 1-6pm.

VII. EXEXUTIVE SESSION

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

VIII. DJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak, to adjourn the Village Board Committee Of The Whole at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary

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