

APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL
Wednesday, February 10, 2016 @ 7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the February 10, 2016 Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hanson and the Village Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

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

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

No absent Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

V. APPROVAL

Approval of the January 13, 2015 Meeting Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.

Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the January 13, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, Poulos, Dominiak, Pierce and Johnson.

NO: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 1: Jozwiak.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Funding Discussion

Director Roby explained to the board that the Senior Center is asking the Village Board to consider a resolution that would add Senior Center expenses back into their next budget planning session and allow the General Fund to, once again, cover expenses. Mayor Hanson mentioned that the Village is currently in the process of budget talks. Administrator Keim confirmed that they are in the first phase of the budget process and at this time it is too early to know where we are with the Senior Center. Trustee Polous ensured the Senior Center Board that they would keep the Senior Center on the front burner of the upcoming budget discussions.

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

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2. SSA Bond Refunding Update

Administrator Keim informed the board that we are now ready to move forward with the bond sale and would like to proceed with a February 23, 2016 closing. Mr. Peter Rapheal submitted to the board a "Special Service Area #1 and #2 Savings Based on Refunding Interest Rates" and "Current vs Proposed Special Tax Bills" handouts that showed the savings residents would receive. Trustee Pierce asked who would cover bond insurance. Mr. Rapheal explained the bonds have always been Revenue Bonds so the Village is not at risk for non-payment. In order to reduce interest rates there are insurance companies that will insure bonds so if there is a shortfall they will cover the cost. That insurance is very expensive and we have an individual willing to buy the bonds and take the risk without the insurance. Plus, the insurance was only on a portion of the bonds being the safest bonds with the lowest risk. Trustee Pierce questioned if the bonds do default will the Village resident be responsible to cover that loss. Mr. Raphael explained the residents would not be responsible. This is secured solely by the Village levy on that properties to the extent that if taxes aren't paid it goes to tax sale, and if it doesn't work at tax sale the bond holder is at risk. Trustee Johnson thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Attorney Long explained that he has been working with Mr. Troy Mertz's attorney and they are requesting an Assignment Agreement be considered at the Monday, February 15, 2016 Board of Trustee Meeting. Mr. Long invited Troy Mertz to explain how the tax certificate process works. Mr. Mertz explained how he will be paying the back taxes to the County. The County will then deliver the tax certificates to the Village of Antioch at which time the Village of Antioch will surrender them back to the County to clear the titles so Mr. Mertz can start selling the properties.

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

3. Dan Venturi Discussion regarding referendum

Mayor Hanson explained that First Fire District's Attorney, Dan Venturi, was invited here tonight to explain the referendum process. Attorney Venturi explained that during one of the Joint Fire Safety Meetings there was discussion to unify the Village and First Fire District. Everyone agreed the best way to handle this was to annex in the Village portion of the Fire District to the Fire Protection District. Attorney Venturi explained the First Fire District would go from a three-person board to a five-person board and instead of being appointed they would now be elected. He also explained the process of placing this on the upcoming ballot by a citizens group. Trustee Macek asked if the First Fire District Board was okay with their positions going from appointed to elected. Attorney Venturi informed the Board that everyone is in agreement. He added that they would continue to serve their term, but would be required to run for election. Trustee Macek then asked how the citizens group would fund the filing and attorney fees required for the referendum. Attorney Venturi mentioned most citizen groups hold fundraisers. Trustee Poulos mentioned educating the residents on this topic. Mr. Venturi indicated the citizen group would also be providing information to residents. Mayor Hanson asked each Trustee in attendance if they were in agreement to have Mr. Venturi move forward. All Trustees in attendance agreed to move forward. Attorney Venturi thanked the board and indicated he will inform the Township tomorrow during their meeting.

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4. Discussion regarding Park Department Policies relating to refunds, discounts and social media

Refunds:

Director Roby indicated the current ordinance states that no refunds are given unless we have a program change. He is requesting more leniency and proposing a case by case review for refunds. Trustee Macek stated if you sign up you should have to pay. Director Roby mentioned certain programs and events would still be non-refundable, but he would like the Board to allow Parks the authority to review refunds on a case by case basis. Trustee Dominiak asked if Director Roby could provide more detail in the policy to include specifics on refundable guidelines. Trustee Pierce expressed concerns for our cost to run the programs, and if people drop out at the last minute we are unable to recoup the cost. Mr. Roby asked the board if they would want family to provide documentation on why they needed to cancel or have it on an honor system. Director Roby added that he could require the more expensive non-refundable programs provide documentation only. Trustee Johnson voiced concerns but thinks Director Roby would be best to decide who qualifies for refunds.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed to have Director Roby and Attorney Long review the refund policy and place this item on a future Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda for consideration.

Discounts:

Director Roby requested the Board consider multi-child discounts for programs such as Camp Crayon & Summer Camp. The higher rate program will be at full price, but every additional child in the same program or less expensive program would get a 10% discount. Director Roby added the children must be in the same program, for example if they are signed up for Summer Camp they can be in different camps (due to age) but must be in the same session.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed that the multi-child discount be placed on a future Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

Social Media:

Director Roby would like the Board to allow certain events to be placed on social media with his approval. Trustee Poulos agreed to allow Director Roby to approve items posted on social media as long as the information is reviewed by a few department employees before Director Roby receives a final draft for approval.

Upon further discussion, all Trustees agreed to have Director Roby and Attorney Long review all three policies and place them on a future Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda for consideration.

5. Fireworks request for proposal

Director Roby informed the board that we received three bids for fireworks and none of them were from our previous vendor. Only two are being considered. Director Roby explained the two being considered met the requirements which included a three-year show, at twenty-two minutes long. The first bid came in at a cost of \$15,000 per year and 1,100 shots and the second came in at a cost of \$18,800 per year and 1,500 shots. Director Roby recommended we go with the second bid because even at the higher rate, they offer a better show with more shots within the twenty-two minute show. Trustee Pierce asked Director Roby what we paid the previous vendor. Director Roby replied \$16,000 for a three-year contract and 1,600 shots. Trustee Poulos mentioned his disappointment that our previous vendor did not bid but thanked Director Roby for all his hard work.

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

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7. Fireman's street dance relocation

Director Roby received a request from the Fireman's Dance Association to move the current location on Toft to the Antioch Band Shell. Director Roby informed the Board that normally we do not allow usage of the band shell unless it is a Village sponsored event. Mayor Hanson mentioned that the current location is normally fenced in but that would not be possible if moved to the band shell. Fireman Association representative, Mark Sural, mentioned they are trying to get away from the cage look. He also added that the fencing costs around \$3,000 which is the largest expense for the fundraiser. Mr. Sural said they could have a 21 and over area which they could enclose with a snow fence if the board would prefer. He also added the sound quality at the current location is not as good as the band shell. Trustee Macek mentioned the Fireman's Association would have to provide an insurance certificate. Mr. Sural said they were already informed and would provide whatever is required. Trustee Poulos mentioned this event is not much different than Taste of Antioch and if they are willing to have a beer garden it would be safer. Trustee Dominiak agreed with Trustee Poulos, however she has one concern and that is attendees crossing Route 83. Trustee Pierce added that this is no different than all other events held at the band shell that have people crossing Route 83.

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

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business to discuss.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel and Pending Litigation, Lease of Village Property, Collective Bargaining.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos, to adjourn the Village Board Committee of the Whole at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary