

APPROVED MINUTES

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VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 @ 7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the January 11, 2017 Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:00 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: Macek, Poulos, Jozwiak, Dominiak, Pierce and Johnson. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Secretary Mateja.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

No Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

V. APPROVAL

Approval of the December 14, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented. Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to approve the December 14, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Macek, Poulos, Jozwiak, Dominiak, Pierce and Johnson.

NO: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to amend agenda due to severe weather conditions. The following agenda items have been moved to next Village Board Meeting: Discussion regarding proposed sign code updates, Upcoming Bids & RFP (Request for Proposal), Discussion regarding an amendment to the noise ordinance, Update on 125 year committee. Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to amend agenda due to severe weather conditions. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Macek, Poulos, Jozwiak, Dominiak, Pierce and Johnson.

NO: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

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VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Presentation from Business Districts, Inc. related to downtown economic development

Director Garrigan explained that, as identified in the proposed “Economic Development Plan”, Staff has been working with a number of downtown business owners over the past year on creating a new Downtown Main Street organization. As part of the long-term goals in creating a Main Street organization, the Main Street Committee has identified the need for new economic initiatives in the downtown. Based on this fact, Staff has asked Business Districts, Inc. to provide the Village Board with an outline of this new Economic Development Initiative.

Business Districts, Inc. is based out of Evanston, Illinois and continues to be one of the leading economic development consultants for Downtown revitalizations in the Midwest. Since its founding, it has worked with communities as varied as Lake Forest, Grayslake, Lake Bluff, Sugar Grove, Libertyville and Lockport on Downtown revitalization programs.

Business Districts, Inc. representative, Diane Williams, reviewed the proposal which included the tasks required to develop a plan that will work for Antioch’s Downtown over the long-term. Ms. Williams also indicated which tasks can be readily accomplished in an estimated 4 months.

Director Garrigan added that the long-term goal is to create a diverse, resilient, and vibrant Downtown with a mixture of retail, restaurants, professional services, and residential units. To achieve this goal, the Village will need to invest funds into long term planning, façade improvements, wayfinding signage and infrastructure improvements, along with new hardscape and landscape. The proposed consulting services of Business Districts, Inc. will help build on the Village’s previous adopted plans, including our Form Based Code and Lifestyle Plan, and provide the foundation for a new vibrant and dynamic Downtown.

Trustee Jozwiak stated his concerns on getting the end results accomplished. Ms. Williams informed the board that Business Districts, Inc. will provide recommendations and work with us, but it is the Village’s decision on how plans are implemented. Director Garrigan thanked Ms. Williams for all her work as well as presenting Business Districts, Inc. proposal to the board. Director Garrigan added that he is looking forward to working with Business Districts, Inc.

2. Piggly Wiggly Request

Piggly Wiggly owner, Dave Karczewski, explained to the board his plans to add an in-store dining, craft beer, premium coffee and baked goods area where his current floral department is located. Mr. Karczewski is requesting to modify his current liquor license to allow both on-premise and off-premise consumption.

Trustee Poulos likes the idea but is hesitant about granting the modified liquor license. Trustee Poulos is concerned that if we allow the modification of this license to allow on-premise consumption, other stores will follow, allowing video gaming.

Trustee Dominiak also voiced her concerns regarding video gaming asking Mr. Karczewski if he plans on adding video gaming. Mr. Karczewski informed the board he doesn’t plan on video gaming, but that is always an option. Trustee Pierce stated he likes the idea, and since Mr. Karczewski’s primary business is not focused on the addition, he is okay with moving forward.

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

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business due to amended agenda.

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 Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to adjourn the Village Board Committee of the Whole at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary