

APPROVED MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 @ 7:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the February 15, 2017 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

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 and Pierce. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Secretary Mateja. Absent Trustees: Dominiak and Johnson.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

No Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

V. APPROVAL

Approval of the January 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented. Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak, to approve the January 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

<u>YES:</u>	<u>4:</u>	Macek, Poulos, Jozwiak, and Pierce.
<u>NO:</u>	<u>0:</u>	
<u>ABSTAIN:</u>	<u>0:</u>	
<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>2:</u>	Dominiak and Johnson.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Placement of clock on the northeast corner of Main and Orchard Streets

Director Garrigan reviewed a new gateway plaza concept for the northeast corner of Main Street and Orchard. Director Garrigan asked the board if they wanted him to move forward with that location for a small hardscape plaza constructed with either pavers or stamped concrete and the existing sixteen (16) foot clock the Village had purchased years ago. He added that if the board approves the suggested location, he will then move forward with cost and final drawings, as well as work with the Antioch Garden Club that will incorporate a design to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Village.

Upon further discussion, all trustees present agreed on the location, as well as staff to move forward and place this item on a future Committee of the Whole Meeting for consideration.

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2. Update on Park Dedication Policy

Director Roby explained that back in 2014 the board approved the dedication policy which provides an avenue for residents to request memorials for family and friends, while providing the community a new amenity like a tree or a bench in the parks. When the policy was approved, restrictive language regarding what could be placed on the memorial inscription was included. Recently, a family requested wording that was not included in the policy be added to their inscription message. The family is interested in placing the words “Your life was love and labour” on the inscription instead of the only current option of “In the Memory of” as current policy states. Director Roby is recommending he be allowed to work with Attorney Long on revising the wording for the dedication policy as well as allowing the approval to be at the administrative level versus the board level.

Trustee Pierce agreed approval at the administrative level would make this process easier for the individuals already grieving. Trustee Jozwiak also feels approval at the administration level would be best.

Upon further discussion, all trustees present agreed to have staff revise the dedication policy and place this item on a future Village Board Meeting for consideration.

3. Update on School Resource Officer

Mayor Hanson read aloud a letter from Chief Huffman regarding the School Resource Officer (SRO) and his conversations with District 117 Superintendent Jim McKay. Mayor Hanson informed the board that the Village of Antioch, as well as the Antioch Police Department, do not have jurisdiction over the approval of this program. Mayor Hanson explained that, not only would the school district need to approve this program, but they would be responsible for a portion of the SRO salary. Mayor Hanson also mentioned that District 117 oversees both Antioch Community High School and Lakes High School, and currently Lakes High School residents (Lake Villa & Lindenhurst) are against having a SRO.

Deputy Chief Laskowski explained that even though the SRO program is no longer in the schools, the Police Department continues to have a very good relationship with them. He added that they meet with the schools on a regular basis. Last year the school had an incident in which our detective logged a few hundred hours investigating while keeping parents involved. Officers walk through the schools getting familiar with the layout as well as spending time with the children. Deputy Chief Laskowski added that once a year they have a rapid deployment training as well as lockdown drills throughout the year at the schools. All police vehicles are equipped with breaching gear as well as tactical equipment if they should ever be needed. Deputy Chief Laskowski informed the board that they will continue working and moving forward with the schools.

Trustee Pierce thanked Deputy Chief Laskowski and appreciates how pro-active the police department is with our schools.

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4. CIP and Budget Review

Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak, to table this item until all trustees were present. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 3: Macek, Jozwiak, and Pierce.
NO: 1: Poulos
ABSTAIN: 0:
ABSENT: 2: Dominiak and Johnson.

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

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 Polous, to adjourn the Village Board Committee of the Whole at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary