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VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch IL

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 @ 7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the August 23, 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: Jozwiak, Pierce, Poulos, Dominiak, Johnson and Macek. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Dorando, Administrator Keim and Secretary Mateja.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

No Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

V. APPROVAL

Approval of the July 26, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented. Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve the July 26, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding Lake County Tobacco 21 Program.

Trustee Dominiak introduced Danielle Ryan from the Lake County Health Department. Danielle Ryan discussed the Tobacco 21 program and explained how tobacco is the single most avoidable cause of disease, disability and death in the United States. Ms. Ryan explained that data shows adolescents and young adults are susceptible to nicotine effects because they are still going through critical periods of growth and development. She explained some of the benefits of passing an ordinance to raise the legal age to purchase tobacco to 21. She explained studies showed it would delay the age when people first use tobacco reducing the risk of becoming a regular smoker. Ms. Ryan also informed the board that 250 municipalities nationwide and 4 states have already increased the legal age to 21.

Trustee Jozwiak does not agree with increasing the legal age. He mentioned that if an 18-year-old is old enough to be in the military, they are old enough to purchase cigarettes. Trustee Pierce would like this item to be on a board agenda and

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invite local retailers to provide input on how this would affect their business. Trustee Dominiak thanked Ms. Ryan and fully supports this program and asked if Ms. Ryan could provide ordinances from any of the other municipalities. Trustee Macek strongly disagrees with this program and would only support it if the State of Illinois changed the legal age to 21.

Upon further discussion, all trustees agreed they would like Ms. Ryan to provide staff with a sample ordinance and place this item on a future Village Board Meeting for consideration.

2. Request to vacate a portion of Highview Drive.

Administrator Keim explained that his recommendation would be for the Village to vacate and sell Highview Drive property to S&S Rentals & Investments LLC. Administrator Keim showed the board a map of the area and explained that the cost to maintain that section of street is too expensive for a street rarely used. Administrator Keim added that the street program focuses on high traffic areas.

Trustee Pierce informed the board he would like to visit the property before making any decisions and suggested the board go as a group.

Upon further discussion, all trustees agreed to visit the property and place this item on a future Village Board Meeting for consideration.

3. TIF Eligibility Study on the Boylan Property.

Director Garrigan reviewed the findings of the TIF Eligibility Study done on the Boylan Property. He explained the property does qualify by meeting two of the six factors: Deterioration of structures or site improvements in neighboring areas adjacent to the vacant land and lack of growth in equalized assessed value (EAV).

Administrator Keim explained if the board decides to move forward with the TIF we can then move Grimm Road. We currently have two interested business that would move to that location. Administrator Keim also mentioned that the TIF funds can be used for a future public works building.

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

4. Anastasia's Request to make right-of-way improvements.

Mayor Hanson informed the board that Anastasia's owner, Bill Giannakakis, has withdrawn his request to make right-of-way improvements.

5. Video from Dennis Downes Art Project.

Mayor Hanson played Dennis Downes Trailmarker Tree documentary video.

6. Discussion regarding security cameras.

Trustee Macek suggested that since video surveillance cameras have come down in price, we consider placing them in areas such as parks and parking lots. Mayor Hanson added that cheap cameras might not be beneficial and that we need to research the best quality at an affordable cost. Chief Huffman agreed and added that camera systems help stop crimes but are not always a sure thing.

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Trustee Pierce suggested staff research camera costs and quality. Administrator Keim informed the board the cost to equip the Metra lot with security system and internet was \$6,000. He added that cost did not include regular maintenance. Mayor Hanson suggested Clerk Romine send out an RFQ asking other municipalities about their camera systems cost as well as vendor recommendations.

Upon further discussion, all trustees agreed to have staff gather additional information and place this item on a future Village Board Meeting for consideration.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Huffman informed the board that the police department is working on a more positive relationship with residents. He added that the goal is to receive more compliments than complaints. Chief Huffman added they do have an internal process for complaints which starts with the sergeant then up the chain to him if needed. He mentioned within the last two years he has only received about 4-5 complaints which did not require any disciplinary action.

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 Poulos, to adjourn the Village Board Committee of the Whole at 8:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary