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**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
September 27, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the September 27, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees 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, Poulos, Dominiak, Johnson and Macek. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Pierce.

IV. ABSENT TRUSTEES WISHING TO ATTEND REMOTELY

Trustee Poulos moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak, to allow remote attendance by Trustee Pierce. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Pierce was contacted via telephone.

V. Approval of the August 23, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented

Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the August 23, 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.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Participation in the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group – Chief Huffman discussed the initiative aimed toward drug enforcement and introduced Master Sergeant Chris Sullivan of the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG). Chief Huffman discussed the opioid epidemic and its impact in Antioch. He discussed Antioch's potential participation in MEG and what we should expect in return. Sgt. Sullivan said the IGA allows for multi-jurisdictional enforcement agencies. He discussed heroin use and what the agency can offer in assistance to help reduce overdose victims. He provided an overview of the asset sharing program and resources provided through Lake County MEG.

Trustee Jozwiak discussed past participation of the Village in MEG and asked how they would ensure we would have access to the resources provided. Sgt. Sullivan discussed the drug and gang elements to the group and Antioch's participation. He said member agencies are the most important police departments in the community and he needs to ensure the member agencies are pleased with

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the service in order to continue membership. Each month agents are required to provide reports showing what has been done. Lake County MEG also provides training and an educational element to the community. He further discussed indemnification of the officer assigned to the group.

Trustee Poulos asked why we wouldn't qualify for an undercover presence. Sgt. Sullivan said if there is a case that requires undercover work it will be done. He clarified that our assigned officer would not be placed in undercover duties.

Trustee Dominiak asked why the part time membership is temporary. Sgt. Sullivan said assigning a part time officer is a unique scenario, and typically his board is not a proponent of accepting part time officers. He would like to see it turn into a legitimate full time relationship. Chief Huffman added that the part time participation is also due to staffing issues the police department currently faces.

Those present discussed communication, participation in the group, and all those present agreed to place this item on the next village board agenda for consideration.

Attorney Long clarified that the insurance doesn't cover all circumstances under every scenario and although it's worth it, it's not completely risk free. Sgt. Sullivan added that they do what they can to mitigate the risks. Mayor Hanson commented that Antioch is not the only community in the area with a drug problem, to which Sgt. Sullivan agreed.

2. Trail Marker Tree Placement – Administrator Keim reviewed the proposal from Dennis Downes, including the proposed location of the sculpture. He discussed installation, maintenance and the unveiling ceremony. The proposed location was a part of the porcupine trail that existed during trail marker tree times. He estimates a total expense of approximately \$1,000 in public works in addition to the \$35,000 for the sculpture. He added that there is room in the budget for this item.

Trustee Jozwiak believes \$35,000 could be spent in other ways and would not support it at this time. Trustee Pierce supports the idea. Trustee Poulos would support this because of other functions the village supports to bring people to town. He believes this sculpture may bring a whole new group of people into town and suggested doing fundraising in the form of reimbursements. Trustee Dominiak likes the whole concept, however believes the funds could be used for other items. She suggested soliciting donations from the library, schools, and other agencies that may assist with funding and is not in favor of spending the money. Trustee Johnson agreed with Trustee Poulos and supports the idea which could bring additional people into the community and help make Antioch unique. Trustee Macek said he is definitely a no vote. He expressed concern that the location could show favoritism to nearby business and there was no appraisal on the value of the art work.

Mayor Hanson explained that we are in competition with three other communities who would pay a higher price for the artwork. Trustee Dominiak thinks this is a great opportunity for Antioch but doesn't think we should bear the full cost of the project. Trustee Pierce asked to look at the bigger picture, and said we need to develop the town to make it attractive and bring people into the community. This one time expenditure will provide an investment which will continue throughout the years. This item will be placed on the next village board meeting for consideration.

3. Request to vacate a portion of Highview Drive – Administrator Keim discussed the request from S&S Rentals & Investments to have the Village vacate a portion of Highview Drive. He estimated the repair of the road to be \$60,000 based on the road program this year. He recommended that the Village grant the request to Sandy Meyer of S&S Rentals and vacate a portion of the roadway. There is no water or sewer in the roadway. Trustee Jozwiak suggested paying \$60,000 to repair the

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road. Trustee Pierce said he cannot support this and would be concerned with additional R5 housing. Trustee Macek thinks repairs are a waste of money and agrees with staff to vacate the property. This item will be on the next agenda for consideration. Ms. Meyer said they would likely turn the roadway into grass and would not get any more buildings out of the property. Those present discussed zoning and potential future development on the property. Mayor Hanson asked to have Director Garrigan create a potential scenario based on the zoning of the area in question. Mr. Scott Morgan, S&S Rentals, said a 3,500 square foot building could be constructed which would accommodate approximately 9-11 units. Director Garrigan will prepare additional information regarding zoning.

4. Lovin' Oven Grant Amendment – Administrator Keim stated that the Village Board recently issued a building grant in the amount of \$250,000 to Lovin Oven Cakery in order to assist them with the necessary repairs for the building. He provided an overview of the project and said a labor union approached the village regarding prevailing wages and staff received a subsequent letter from the attorney for Lovin Oven essentially rejecting the grant. Staff sees a flaw in the way the grant was issued, and recommends that the grant be amended from labor to a business incentive grant in order to avoid any further issues. Attorney Long commented that there is nothing that prevents the village from offering a grant or incentive in order to attract the business, and equipment such as refrigerators, coolers, etc. could be incentivized. When dealing with mechanicals, there is no prevailing wage requirement. Although he doesn't see any potential litigation consequences, he does feel there is a moral obligation to continue with the intended incentive for the business. This item will be placed on the next village board agenda for approval.

5. Squaw Creek Wetland Credit Agreement – Administrator Keim discussed the preliminary jurisdictional determination on the wetlands that reside on Route 83 which was a part of the Boylan acquisition. He stated that .59 acres of wetlands exist on the property and one of the conditions of purchase by the buyer was to mitigate those wetlands in some form. He advised that the cheapest and fastest way to mitigate the wetlands is to buy a wetland credit. This is a cheaper and more effective approach to allow the sale to continue. Trustee Dominiak asked that staff look into other areas of the property to ensure we don't run into this issue for the remaining parcels.

6. Acknowledgement of donation made by RJL Landscaping for the Street Clock Tower Project – Administrator Keim announced that the landscaping has been completed at the Village Hall and the street clock has been installed. An additional \$3,500 of landscaping was donated by RJL after revisions were made once work began.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator Keim attended a meeting in the township related to Route 173 and police enforcement in unincorporated Antioch. The meeting focused on drug activity in Felter's subdivision. Suggestions were made to deter crime in the area and we will continue to work together with Lake County.

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, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk