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VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL March 28, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the March 28, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:08 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 Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, 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.

Trustee Pierce was contacted via telephone.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. AAHAA Presentation – Ms. Colleen Lennon provided an overview of the Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance (AAHAA) which was created after a needs assessment was completed to identify accessibility to health care in the Antioch area. They are a non-profit organization who partner with over 33 agencies, and have had phenomenal growth during 2017. All of their services are free.

Ms. Maureen Cull, Network Nurse, discussed the services provided to the community. The tri-township pace bus does not have income or age restrictions, transportation needs are assessed and the most appropriate program will be determined. AAHAA provides administration, tracking, coordination and promotion of their transportation services. Partners and resources include area townships, volunteers, eldercare, and catholic charities to name a few. Other services provided are the network nurse program, who work directly with residents to address their overall health. She discussed free community seminars and upcoming seminars they will be offering at the Antioch Public Library. They also partner with the school districts to improve healthcare for Antioch area families and improve access to healthcare through referrals. What makes them unique is that they meet with individuals one-on-one to help make sure they get the services that they need.

Trustee Dominiak commented that the board made a commitment to provide office space for AAHAA which has helped them to provide the services that positively affect our residents.

2. Liquor License Request – Julie's Gaming Cafe – Mr. Lyle DeGraff, petitioner, presented his request for a video gaming café in Antioch. He said there is a certain segment of the Antioch community that wants to game. He discussed revenues for the gaming cafes vs. a restaurant or bar and that the cafes have double the gaming revenue of other gaming locations. He believes there are locations throughout town that would benefit from video gaming. He plans on having food, but will utilize hot plates, a convection oven and

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steamer. He said he is trying to create a great atmosphere for gamers and asked for the opportunity to provide that service to the community.

Trustee Jozwiak said Betty's sold their store as a 'family restaurant', and that is the reason they were granted a license. He added that the more the revenue is shared with other businesses, the less the businesses will generate for themselves. He is not ready to support this request.

Trustee Pierce asked how far from the high school the café would be. Mr. Degraff replied that they would be located next to Szechuan Palace which also has gaming. Trustees agreed with Trustee Jozwiak and could not support the request at this time. Trustee Johnson stated that due to a conflict of interest, he will not participate in this conversation. Mayor Hanson does not support the request, and feels that video gaming was originally allowed to support existing businesses. He added that the state did a disservice to municipalities by providing little or no control over video gaming licenses. It was the consensus of those present not to proceed with the request.

Trustee Dominiak asked to look into other gaming cafes to see that they meet the requirements of their liquor license.

3. Vape Shop Tobacco License Request – Lifted Vape – Mr. Nicholas Warrender, petitioner, presented their request to expand their retail business to a brick and mortar retail location.

Trustee Jozwiak asked where their current manufacturing was done. Mr. Warrender replied that they are currently in Bristol, WI and may be looking for an additional location. Mr. Warrender said this is strictly vape and no tobacco products. Trustee Pierce said he has family member who vapes and thinks evidence will begin to show the dangers of vaping, and is not interested in bringing another vape shop to town. Trustee Poulos agreed with Trustee Pierce and doesn't think there is a need for additional vape shops in town. Mr. Warrender replied that he is able to provide research showing there are minimal dangers, which he will forward to the board. Trustee Dominiak agrees that there is no need to add to the current number of vape shops in town. Trustee Johnson asked for an explanation on vaping. Mr. Warrender provided an overview of the contents of the inhalant. Trustee Johnson said to let the market play out and he would support the request. Trustees would like to see the data to support the safety of the product and the affect on kids. Trustee Macek agreed with Trustee Johnson stating it is free enterprise. Trustee Pierce commented that the Surgeon General does have opinions on their website. Mr. Warrender said the contents of his products are food grade and he would be willing to share that information with the board. He will send all of the information and this item will be placed on a future agenda for discussion. Trustee Dominiak asked to have the health department present at that meeting as well to share any relevant information they may have.

4. VEBA Resolution – Finance Director McCarthy presented the resolutions to the Village Board that were on the last agenda for consideration. She explained that Voluntary Employee Benefits (VEBA) was part of the FOP negotiations. It requires the village to establish another 457 plan in order to get the benefits for the VEBA, as well as the VEBA plan. This is separate from the pension plan, and will require the enrolled employees to donate sick and vacation time towards the program. She stated that the board has already approved this plan in the FOP contract, and this just goes through the motions of setting up the program. She discussed the benefit of cashing in the vacation time at the employees current rate, and not at a future rate of earnings when they retire. Attorney Long asked if the union is comfortable with the plan. Director McCarthy said this is the plan that the union chose. This item will be placed on the next consent agenda for consideration.

5. Budget Presentation – Administrator Keim provided an overview of the budget process, and stated the budget is similar to last year. He discussed the state budget impact to Village revenue including a 10% reduction if LGDF, property tax freeze, unfunded mandates and online retailers.

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Administrator Keim stated that the budget is balanced, there is a healthy and growing fund balance, and increased reserves and investments. He discussed projected revenues up 2.6% and expenditures budgeted at an increase of 6.6% due to increased police pension contributions, bargaining unit wage increases and increased health insurance costs. He discussed employee increases, new positions proposed, and security cameras.

Director Heimbrod presented the public works budget including water, sewer, streets, parks facilities and vehicle maintenance. The largest project will be the road program. He is requesting \$1 million with \$700,000 out of the general fund and \$300,000 from Motor Fuel Tax funds. He discussed the rating program, and which roads will be included in the program for 2018. Director Heimbrod also presented the Holbek sanitary sewer hydraulic study for Crest Lane and Holbek drive in order to identify bottlenecks, areas of infiltration, & target future infrastructure improvements, which is included in the strategic plan. He summarized the request to improve the Tiffany/Hillside bike path and the ongoing parkway tree planting which is 42% complete.

Director Garrigan presented the community development budget including the façade program, building inspector van and Toft parking lot beautification. Those present discussed the needs for a plan to improve the parking and look of the downtown area. Director Garrigan replied that there is a chapter in the proposed comp plan related to parking. Administrator Keim said he may increase this section of the budget if there are requests for an expanded concept. Director Garrigan discussed two beautification projects proposed in partnership with the Antioch Rotary for the intersection at Orchard and Toft Street and the clock tower plaza. Trustee Dominiak asked staff to consider painting the village logo on the north side of the community building as previously requested by Cheryl Henning. Administrator Keim said he will look into it. Director Garrigan finally discussed proposed wayfinding and gateway signage. Trustee Poulos suggested having businesses help fund some of the signage that may point towards their business.

Director Spencer discussed the parks & rec budget and some initiatives he is working towards. He discussed facility upkeep, and consolidation with outside sports organizations including AYLL, and flag football. This will help the organizations with enrollment and funding. Trustee Dominiak asked Director Spencer to consider a rec center in the future. Director Spencer said he has that in mind for a future project. Director Spencer continued to present his request including a baseball and softball field rehabs at Tim Osmond Sports Complex to be shared with Antioch Township, Centennial Park and Williams Park. Trustees discussed the need for a park on North Avenue and suggested the site of the former Bitner Farm, but leaving the silo protected. Trustee Dominiak asked if the senior center was budgeted at half of the expenses to be shared with the Dolly Spiering Fund. Director Spencer replied that it was.

Chief Huffman discussed the police department budget including an additional staff in evidence tech/code enforcement, estimated lease of vehicles as well as repurposing some vehicles. Trustee Dominiak asked for an explanation of overtime costs. Chief Huffman said that the biggest problem in budgeting for overtime is officer injuries or vacancies which cannot be controlled.

Administrator Keim discussed other funds such as depot parking, public safety, employee funded benefits, and restricted funds such as drug seizure, Dolly Spiering, MFT and TIF. Administrator Keim discussed the water and sewer fund, and use of the reserves. Trustee Dominiak asked if we were at a point where the annual 3% increase in water and sewer bills could be reconsidered. Administrator Keim doesn't think that will be advisable, but another report and analysis will be done this year in order to evaluate the need for the increase.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator Keim discussed the Lincoln Funeral Train coming to Antioch over Labor Day weekend.

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Trustee Dominiak recognized Clerk Romine for her work on the health care presentation at the last meeting and asked about the sexual harassment training. Clerk Romine said she is currently working with the HR consultant to assign that training to all employees and elected officials.

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

– Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to go into executive session at 9:21 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to return from executive session to the open meeting at 9:46 pm with **no action taken**. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk