

APPROVED MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
January 22, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the January 22, 2020 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: Macek, Yost, Dominiak, Poulos and Johnson. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Pierce.

IV. ABSENT TRUSTEES WISHING TO ATTEND REMOTELY

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

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Pierce was contacted via telephone.

V. Approval of the December 4, 2019 COW Meeting Minutes as presented - Trustee Poulos moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the December 4, 2019 COW Meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

ABSTAIN: 1: Yost.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. School Resource Officer Presentation – Police Chief Huffman discussed the reinstatement of a school resource officer at Antioch Community High School. He spoke of recent positive interactions and the ongoing relationship between the school and police department. Superintendent Jim McKay and Chief Huffman have recently agreed upon the need for a dedicated school resource officer. Chief Huffman reviewed the roles of the school resource officer and the implementation of a school resource officer program.

Superintendent McKay discussed the funding proposal approved by the school district. The approved 75% would equate to approximately \$95,000 paid by the school for the cost of the resource officer. He added that they are the only high school in Lake County without a school resource officer, and believes it is the right time to make the move to instate an officer in one of the schools. Chief Huffman added that there is grant funding available through the department of justice, and discussed the requirements included with the grant award. He asked for board input on whether or not the COPS grant is something staff should attempt to obtain considering the conditions associated with the grant.

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Trustee Pierce and those present applauded D117 and Chief Huffman for moving forward with this, and support an application for the grant. Mayor Hanson asked Chief what the department's 5-year strategic plan includes as far as personnel. Chief Huffman replied with annual projections, calls for service, and other criteria-based service levels, he expects the department will be meeting the need of the community in the future. Mayor Hanson asked how long the contract is expected. Superintendent McKay said they have drafted an intergovernmental agreements, and see this as a long-term solution.

2. Repair of Village Hall Building – Director Garrigan discussed the recent damage to the village hall building and potential future uses of the existing space. He asked for input from the Village Hall on future uses. Mr. David Cornes, architect, presented his concepts for the appearance of the building. Staff commented that insurance adjusters have estimated the repair at approximately \$37,000 after deductible, but do not have a cost estimate on any additional expenses beyond a basic repair. Trustee Dominiak would like to see something that fits more in line with the historical look of downtown. Those present agreed to get an idea of cost before making a final decision on the appearance of the building.

Director Garrigan discussed options for the future use of the building including expansion of village hall use, retail use, popup use/incubator for small retail, and keeping the chamber as a use. Mayor Hanson added that the finance department could also be relocated into the existing chamber area, and make their current space a retail space. Trustee Pierce said we should collaborate with the chamber on the future use to be respectful of our relationship with them. Trustee Yost asked for more information related to the return on investment, and how the village may recoup some of the money invested into improvements.

Chamber Director Barbara Porch said the incubator design is cutting edge, and expressed concern that there are many service businesses and not much retail in the downtown area now. She added that she believes the north facing wall needs more exposure and signage.

3. Board Conduct Policy – Mayor Hanson introduced the item and discussed conduct from previous boards which was not favorable, and thinks this is a good guideline to begin. Trustee Macek said there are some items that impinge on a trustee's right, particularly first amendment. He asked for a legal opinion on the document. Mayor Hanson commented on the need to maintain respect among board members, which is what this policy addresses.

A majority of those present agreed it is a good aspirational document, and common sense in how board and commission members should conduct themselves. Mayor Hanson commented on the document protecting staff and department directors from inappropriate interactions or demands of staff. Trustee Poulos suggested trustees approach department liaisons with issues rather than going to the department director directly.

Attorney Long commented on violation of the policy and consequences by way of reprimand. This item will be placed on the next village board agenda for consideration.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No business.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel and Pending Litigation, Lease of Village Property, Collective Bargaining – property -The Mayor and Village 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 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, Village Clerk, RMC/CMC