

APPROVED MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002
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July 28, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the July 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:35 pm in the Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL and via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Pierce (via Zoom), Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine.

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no objections to Trustee Pierce attending remotely.

IV. Approval of the July 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented

Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve the July 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens wishing to address the board.

V. Regular Business

1. Discussion regarding agreement for shared parking lot southwest of Depot Street and Cunningham Drive with the United Methodist Church of Antioch – Administrator Keim reviewed the current agreement with the United Methodist Church for the use of the western portion of their parking lot for police department use. The 20-year agreement expires in January, and the Village is requesting a one-year extension on the agreement until the police department parking lot can be constructed on Orchard Street just East of the police station. Mr. Skidmore, representing the church, preferred that the agreement go mid-year rather than in January during the winter. Trustee Macek discussed the security of police vehicles and assets and said it should be top priority. Administrator Keim will work with the church on amending the agreement with a July 1, 2023 expiration.

2. Discussion regarding an ordinance amending Title 7, Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code of Antioch regarding General Traffic Regulations – Displays of Power – Chief Guttschow presented updates to the ordinance regarding issues for loud noise and displays of power. The intent of the ordinance related to displays of power is to regulate modifications and addresses motorcycles unnecessarily revving their engines, blowing black smoke, or squealing tires in an effort to improve the quality of life in the downtown and residential areas.

Trustee Macek discussed speed limits through town and the public safety issues with speeding cars on state highways. Trustee Burman has heard from residents regarding the varying speed limits on Main Street. Mayor Gartner said we will work with the attorney on speeding, but this ordinance is only related to noise and displays of power. This ordinance will be on the next village board agenda for consideration.

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3. Discussion regarding an Ordinance Amending Section 6-2-8 of the Municipal Code of Antioch regarding Fireworks – Chief Guttschow discussed the comprehensive revision to the current fireworks ordinance, providing ultimate authority to the fire district. Chief Guttschow is currently coordinating with Fire Chief Cokefair on an efficient ordinance that doesn't duplicate efforts. He discussed previous citations that have had to be written for use of fireworks under an unlawful use of weapons ordinance, and this addresses citations issued under that classification. He asked the board if they were interested in requiring that a permit be issued from the Village in addition to the \$50 permit issued by the Fire District.

Trustee Pierce discussed the penalties for the fireworks. Attorney Vasselli provided an explanation for fines according to 1-3-1 of the village code, and said they can be amended to be a higher fine amount. A majority of those present agreed to increase the fines for violations of the fireworks prohibition.

Trustee Bluthardt asked if other large fireworks displays were permitted aside from the school and Village. He commented that the fire district should continue to permit the process.

Mayor Gartner said he is more interested in providing the police better enforcement tools, and not interested in increasing permits or paperwork. Staff will work with the attorney on changes and bring it back to the board at a future meeting.

4. Discussion regarding an Ordinance Amending Section 9-1-2 of the Municipal Code of Antioch regarding amendments to adopted codes – Attorney Vasselli asked to table this time and he will provide the changes at a future meeting.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk