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VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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January 12, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the January 12, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL and via Zoom.

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: Pierce, Macek*, Pedersen, Bluthardt*, Burman and Dominiak*. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vranjes*, Administrator Keim* and Clerk Romine.

**indicates attendance via Zoom*

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

No approval is needed for remote participation pursuant to the Governor's order.

V. Approval of the December 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented

Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Burman, to approve the December 8, 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.

VI. Mayoral Report

Acknowledgements:

1. **Police Chief announcement of new Officers Peter Lesny and Amanda Macko** – Chief Guttschow provided a brief history on the new police officers. He said they have already been sworn in, but will take their oath at a future board meeting when family and friends may be present.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens wishing to address the board at this time.

VII. Regular Business

1. **10-41 Officer Wellness and screening program** – Chief Guttschow introduced the program from 10-41 Incorporated, and outlined the services and support they provide to members of the Antioch Police Department, including chaplains, counselors, resilience workshops and other special programs.

Mr. Tim Perry from 10-41 Inc provided an overview of the services they provide to help support the police department. He discussed the issues facing police officers today and the additional stresses they endure. They want to ensure the men and women of the police department get the care they need.

Trustee Macek commented that this is such an important program and is pleased to see it implemented.

Trustee Burman commented on the stigma attached with those seeking help, and is glad to see this program in place.

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2. Discussion regarding an Ordinance amending Section 4-2C-4 of the Municipal Code regarding hours of business for establishments which sell alcohol – Chief Guttschow reviewed the previous direction from the board to amend the liquor hours to mirror those of Lake County. The proposed ordinance would shorten the time for liquor licensees to one hour earlier than current practice of 3am to 2am on weekends and 2am to 1am during the week.

Those present discussed the closing hours, and the potential impact on existing bar owners, as well as hours for sale of packaged liquor for consumption off-premise.

Chief Guttschow asked the board to consider the original language which rolls back the hours on Sunday night in order to assist with staffing.

Mr. Al Anderson, owner of the Limerick, agrees with the police chief recommendation and said they have always closed on Sunday night (Monday morning) at 2am.

Mr. Sonny Judge, Antioch BP, thanked the board for considering changing the hours of sales for off-premises establishments. As a 24-hour location, he would like the option to sell past midnight.

Chief Guttschow confirmed that the current ordinance allows sales until 3am on Monday from Sunday night, and that is what he proposes be changed.

A majority of the board agreed to update the on-premises hours changing Sunday at 3am to 2am, and changing the off-premise sales hours to mirror the on-premise closing hours. This item will be placed on the next committee of the whole meeting for discussion.

3. Discussion regarding an Ordinance amending Title 5 of the Municipal Code of Antioch regarding public health and safety – Director Garrigan presented an overview of the proposed ordinance previously discussed, and provided information regarding fees, staffing, and the potential number of rental units in the Village. He reviewed other communities that have similar ordinances, which was shared in his staff report to the board. This ordinance, as drafted, would require each owner to obtain a certificate of compliance in order to rent their property. In order to assess staffing needs, he identified the number of rental units in the Village, not including single-family home or townhouse rentals. Director Garrigan stated that inspections will be performance-based, or when a building becomes vacant. He believes staffing will be sufficient at this time, aside from the initial rollout. As units become compliant, fewer inspections would be required.

Mayor Gartner commented on the inspection fees and thinks the flat \$50 inspection fee would be the easiest to implement.

Trustee Pierce thinks this is a good idea and helps ensure the safety of residents, and agrees with the \$50 fee per inspection as a flat fee, but would need to evaluate the program as time goes on. He asked how it would be initially implemented. Director Garrigan responded that the units will be scheduled, and staff believes that can be completed. He hopes to schedule meetings with current landlords to outline the program and protocols.

Trustee Macek wants to make sure that we don't end up in litigation being a non-home rule community. He agrees with the safety aspect, but expressed concern with the potential for litigation. Attorney Vranjes said they have looked over the ordinance, and is satisfied the requirements of the fourth amendment. He has not had the chance to look at home rule vs. non-home rule, but can look into that and report back. Ms. Cynthia Grandfield from DelGaldo Law Group, addressed the concerns of Trustee Macek, and said it is permitted since it addresses the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Trustee Pedersen asked if a review of parking was included for any of the apartment complexes or single family home rentals. Director Garrigan responded that there is a current parking ordinance, and

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focusing on the condition of the apartment complexes would give a better idea of parking nuisances. Director Garrigan will work with the attorney on adding language related to parking.

Trustee Burman asked if apartment building units are sprinkled and if that is required in the current code. Director Garrigan replied that buildings which were constructed when sprinkling was not required are likely not sprinkled, and would be considered legal, non-conforming. He added that the fire department does inspections as well. Trustee Burman asked if the Village currently has a plumbing inspector. Director Garrigan said a contractor is currently in use, and he had an interview today with a plumbing inspector and hopes to have a part-time inspector consultant soon. They further discussed the need for part-time vs. full-time plumbing inspectors.

This item will be placed on the next village board agenda with a \$50 flat fee for inspections.

4. Discussion regarding park board recommendation regarding pool and preschool fee increases

– Park Board Chairman Jim Weber discussed the park board recommendation regarding an increase in fees to help keep up with minimum wage increases.

Trustees commented on rising prices due to inflation, and the need to make these increases at this time. They also discussed the preschool program, and the service it provides to the community. Those present agreed to raise the fees.

This item will be placed on the next village board agenda for consideration.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk