

# APPROVED MINUTES

## VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois

Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002

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February 23, 2022

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the February 23, 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 February 9, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve the February 9, 2022 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:**

**Commendation – Officer Ray Galiato** – Chief Guttschow read aloud a letter of commendation for Police Officer Ray Galiato for service he rendered a victim at an injury accident.

**Oath of Office – Officer Peter Lesny** – Chief Guttschow provided a brief overview of Peter's previous service in law enforcement, and his lateral hire to the Antioch Police Department. Clerk Romine administered the Oath of Office to Officer Lesny and wife Michelle placed his pin.

**Police Department promotion of Officer William West to Sergeant** – Chief Guttschow announced the recommendation of the Police & Fire Commission to promote officer William West to Sergeant. Clerk Romine administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant West, and wife Brenda placed his pin.

Mayor Gartner personally thanked all of the police officers involved in a department and community in the search and recovery of Tommy Howe.

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## **Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

Ms. Sabrina Perrin, founder of B.R.I.D.G.E., shared the groups message in promoting racial recognition. She discussed conversations around race as well as their goal to help educate and bring awareness and diversity in the community. They plan to do a celebration on March 17 & 18 in Lindenhurst and invited all to attend. She commented that Antioch was a pivotal place for the underground railroad and wants to continue conversations that need to be had. Ms. Perrin also said they are looking for volunteers in grant writing, or donation of resources.

Ms. Mechelle Casey, Lindenhurst resident, began a non-profit called Drink Water Family Services. It's in response to the need for a safe environment for children and families to do court-mandated visitation and promotes family reunification.

Ms. Amanda Colletti, Antioch resident, has fostered and adopted children. She has had the opportunity to connect with Bridge and Drink Water and commented on the positive impact it has had on her children.

## **VII. Regular Business**

**1. Discussion of a Liquor Request from Antioch Fine Wine regarding a code amendment to Section 4-2B-10(c)(4) related to expanded sampling** – Mr. Adam Kosh presented his request again in light of the additional information provided to the Village Board. He highlighted his request to strike the language from the code rendering him ineligible for video gaming, which only applies to Antioch Fine Wine. Mr. Kosh stated he is unaware of any others eligible for this type of license.

Trustee Macek is okay with the request. Trustee Pedersen commented that the only thing they sell is liquor, which puts them in a different category. She supports their request to have the language stricken from the code. Trustee Bluthardt agrees with Trustee Pedersen that this is an opportunity to help a local business. He agrees with the proposed code amendment. Trustee Burman agrees with moving forward with his request. Trustee Dominiak does not support this for the reason of public safety and mental health, the precedent it sets, and an ordinance previously approved stating that the board did not want a proliferation of video gaming. She discussed the vision for the community, which suggests more people will come to Antioch, but not for reasons of a liquor store or video gaming.

Trustee Macek commented that we don't regulate people's entertainment and recommended that opposing trustees recuse themselves from every liquor license vote. He also commented on the age required for entry into the establishment.

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

**2. Discussion of a Liquor License Request from Dharni Gas & Food regarding a code amendment to Section 4-2C-14(C) related to package sales limitation** – Mr. Sam Dharni presented his request again to lower the selling age of packaged alcohol to 18 from 21. The board was provided with information about regulations in nearby communities. Mr. Dharni commented on the difficulty hiring employees.

Trustee Pierce commented on the survey from other communities which shows a majority of the selling age requirements at 21 years old. Trustee Macek understands the request of the gas stations wanting this, and commented on increased technology with scans and cameras. He said the biggest problem is that everyone is driving to Wisconsin, and they don't have the money to hire someone over 21 years old. Trustee Pedersen commented on the survey, which overwhelmingly comes in at an age of 21 years old. Trustee Bluthardt does not have a strong opinion one way or another. He commented

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on the service an 18 years old can provide to our country. Trustee Burman agrees that at the age of 18 a person can serve their country, and is considered an adult.

Trustee Pierce commented on the service to the country and restrictions in place for 18-year-olds a long time ago and today. He said there are still rules to follow and a maturity level to consider. Trustee Macek commented on service at a restaurant and the fine for selling to someone underage. He suggested putting this into place on a trial basis. Trustee Pedersen said based on the comments made by fellow Trustees, she has changed her mind to support their request. Trustee Bluthardt commented that there are a lot of 18-year-olds that are very trustworthy, and fines are in place for anyone violating laws. An individual would be subject to penalties if caught selling to someone underage. Trustees discussed maturity and supervision of sales by an adult.

This item will be placed on the next meeting 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 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC  
Village Clerk