

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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July 13, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the July 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:31 pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL and via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vranjes, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Pierce.

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

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

IV. Approval of the June 22, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented

Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Burman, to approve the June 22, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

V. Mayoral Report

None.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None.

VI. Regular Business

1. Employee Handbook Review – Clerk Romine reviewed the proposed changes in the handbook. This item will be placed on the next village board agenda for consideration.

2. Downtown Beautification Update – Director Garrigan discussed the ad-hoc committee formed to improve areas of downtown, and presented proposals the committee agreed upon. He presented options for crosswalks, improvements to Toft Street, and the creation of an event space on Toft Street for Village events. He spoke about improving the trash enclosures on Skidmore, and creating trash enclosures on Toft, and obtaining additional help for event staff. He discussed the need for low maintenance landscaping in order to alleviate additional workload for the Public Works Department. Director Garrigan discussed the proposed landscaping, provided with input from the Antioch Garden Club, which may cost approximately \$3,000, and what could be done in the next month or so if there is support from the Village Board.

Director Garrigan presented proposals for the crosswalks in town, particularly on Toft and Skidmore, which would likely be \$1,500. The largest expense would be to make improvements to the trash enclosures and existing gates on Skidmore, and additional trash enclosures off of Toft. He proposed new lighting in some of the alleyways and the mini park, and is working with the property owners to have those installed. Director Garrigan recommended Astro turf on Toft Street, which could be rolled out for the events to add some interest to the dining area, as well as a sun shade canopy on the grassy area near the well house. He also

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recommended hiring an arborist to assess the trees along Main Street. The total amount of \$14,000 could help get some of the projects completed in the next 30 days.

Trustee Macek asked who owned the trash enclosures. Director Garrigan said the property is owned by the Village. Trustee Macek recommended a sporting crosswalk on Toft in place of the leaves, and asked if there was any thought about cameras to help enhance security.

Trustee Pedersen liked all of the ideas and agreed to move forward.

Trustee Bluthardt discussed landscaping of the areas and asked that they all be uniform. Director Garrigan said the plan would be applied across all landscape areas and will be a uniform design. Trustee Bluthardt asked if there was a special paint to be utilized for the crosswalks. Director Garrigan said it is a specific paint, and is unsure of the lifetime of the paintings. Trustee Bluthardt liked the idea of the artificial turf, and said there was a need for additional seating and tables.

Trustee Burman expressed concern with the crosswalks and thinks we need to leave them as-is for people with visual impairments or low depth-perception. She believes it is a public safety issue.

Trustee Dominiak likes all of the ideas, and thinks the “A” could be inside the crosswalk on Lake Street to address Trustee Burman’s concerns. Trustee Burman said there were many towns that did this, and ask that it be looked into further.

Trustee Dominiak discussed part-time seasonal help, and the challenges staff has faced with getting volunteers for those events. Director Garrigan hopes to make orders for materials and work with volunteers on planting. He will work with Administrator Keim on the crosswalks, and with public works on trash enclosures. Administrator Keim said the cost estimates are within his spending limit and he can move forward without additional board approval. Those present agreed to move forward with the project.

3. Results of Village Board input on Village Green Options – Administrator Keim said there were still Trustees that have not provided input or feedback on the designs and asked the board to turn those in.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Dominiak asked that the front of Village Hall be more secure and to harden the area with the rope divider and consider a more non-penetrable glass to enhance security for front office staff.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel and Pending Litigation, Lease of Village Property, Collective Bargaining – Property Disposition/Acquisition and Personnel and Consultants – The Mayor and 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 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk