

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 27, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the July 27, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:56 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: Pierce, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Burman.

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

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

IV. Approval of the July 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented

Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve the July 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSTAIN: 1: Pierce.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

V. Mayoral Report

None.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None.

VI. Regular Business

1. Request related to the operation of non-highway vehicles on Village Streets – Mr. Dan Black and Brittany Church presented their request to allow golf carts to operate on Village roadways. They discussed regulations adopted by other communities such as Johnsburg, and the benefits they believe golf carts will bring to the Village.

Trustee Pierce said he is excited about this, but had concerns regarding parking spaces and would like reserved areas for golf carts. Mr. Black said there is no impact to the Village insurance. Trustee Pierce asked if it would be possible to place a provision in the ordinance that it be revisited in a year. Those present discussed the proposed regulations.

Trustee Macek expressed concern with the safety of golf carts, as well as noise from speakers and drinking and nighttime driving.

Trustee Pedersen thinks seatbelts are a good idea and thinks as long as our ordinance is in line with the proposed, she has no issue.

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Trustee Bluthardt likes the idea and thinks it's worth trying, but had questions regarding HOAs, and if they decide they do not want to allow golf carts. Attorney Vasselli said the HOA would be responsible for enforcing their own rules if they choose to prohibit the carts. He further discussed fines for abuse and juvenile use. He would also like to ensure up front costs are covered by any fees.

Trustee Dominiak likes the idea conceptually, but thinks there is more work to be done before implementation. She commented on state crossings and working with IDOT, and thinks this may work as a phased process.

Staff will work with the presenters and the attorney to look into preparing an ordinance for consideration.

2. Discussion regarding curbside pickup on Main and Lake Streets – Director Garrigan discussed curbside pickup allowed during Covid in order to help local businesses. At the direction of the Village Board, staff sent letters to businesses continuing the curbside services explaining that the program was being eliminated, and dedicated parking spaces would need to be returned to the public for parking. In response to that letter, the owner of Vegas Restaurant has requested relief from this direction and has asked to be allowed to continue with her curbside services on Main Street.

Helen Chiapetta, owner of Vegas Café, presented her request for curbside pickup on Main Street, stating that curbside pickup still comprises 17% of their total sales per month. She addressed the suggestion that pickup be done in the back lot of their business, stating that visibility makes it difficult to see guests arrive. She added that the spots are only available from 7-3 each day, and most stores don't open until 10am and are closed Monday-Wednesday.

Trustee Macek asked if just one parking space could be used. She said people have trouble parallel parking. He commented on other businesses that would benefit from dedicated parking spaces, and business and building owners taking parking spaces.

Trustee Pedersen discussed the need for spots on Main Street and issues with parking. She is in favor of lifting the curbside pickup and hopes an alternate solution can be found.

Trustee Bluthardt suggested making specific parking spots for customer pickup open to all businesses on Main Street, which would give all businesses the same opportunity.

Trustee Dominiak thinks there needs to be a meeting with all businesses, and curbside pickup be taken away until a solution is found. She also recommended placing customer only parking on Main Street.

Trustee Pierce agrees that there is a fairness concern, and thinks curbside should be removed until a solution is found. He also commented on handicapped parking on Main Street.

Mayor Gartner asked director Garrigan to continue discussions with The Vegas Café, and setup a meeting with all other business owners.

3. Hometown Bistro Concept Plan located at 982 Route 59 – Director Garrigan presented the request for input on a concept for a new restaurant to be located at 982 Route 59.

Sonny Judge, owner of Antioch BP, presented the request for their vacant property next door to the BP gas station on Route 59 and 173. He introduced the restaurant owner, Kim Doran, who discussed her connection to the community. They are an established food truck business, and are interested in opening the restaurant.

David Winarski, patron of the business, discussed his experience with the business owner and said he would support their new business.

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Trustee Pierce expressed concern with parking, but thinks this plan fits more of what the board has been asking for from new businesses. David Cornes, architect for the project, said they have not yet done a site plan, but is confident there will be plenty of room for parking with the acre of property to the rear.

A majority of trustees present support the concept. The site plan will be brought back for Village Board consideration.

4. Park Board Recommendation – Adopt-A-Park Program – Park Board Chairman Jim Weber presented the proposed program recommended by the Park Board. A majority of the board present supported the idea.

5. Park Board Recommendation – Christmas Parade Route - Park Board Chairman Jim Weber presented the proposed revised parade route recommended by the Park Board. The new route puts Santa on stage at the Bandshell for kids to see and large trees to light. Trustee Pierce discussed parking and Trustee Macek discussed safety. A majority of those present agreed with the new route.

6. Naming of the Michael J Haley Meeting Center – Mayor Gartner discussed the desire to name something after former Mayor Michael J. Haley, whether it be a meeting center, street or feature at a park. Trustee Pierce would like to see something more immediate that can be named sooner. Trustee Bluthardt recommended naming an ‘honorary’ street. Trustee Dominiak recommended naming the bandshell the Micheal J Haley Bandshell, but those present advised it is already named after William Brook. Jim Weber recommended renaming old depot between Cunningham and Hillside due to former Mayor Haley’s involvement with the Sawmill. Mayor Gartner asked each of the Trustees to email their suggestions to Administrator Keim and director Garrigan for discussion at the next meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel and Pending Litigation, Lease of Village Property, Collective Bargaining – Property Disposition/Acquisition and Personnel and Consultants

–Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to enter executive session at 9:35pm for personnel. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to exit executive session at 10:12pm with no action taken. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk