

# 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  
September 14, 2022**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gartner called the September 14, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:46 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, 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 absent trustees wishing to attend remotely.

## **IV. Approval of the August 24, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented**

Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve the August 24, 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.**

## **V. Mayoral Report**

None.

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

There were no citizens wishing to address the board.

## **VI. Regular Business**

**1. Antioch Theater** – Director Garrigan introduced Mr. Tim Downey to provide an update on the sale of the theater.

Mr. Tim Downey stated that he would like to sell the theater for personal reasons, but would like to do so in a responsible way. He discussed the original proposal and buyer for the theater, and stated that there were concerns moving forward with the original buyer. He said essential and critical steps were not being taken by the buyer which raised concerns for him to step in as the lender to allow this borrower to operate the business. He introduced a new buyer, Michael Sheedy, who he would like to have as the new buyer for the theater.

Mr. Michael Sheedy, potential purchaser for the theater, discussed his interest in operating the theater. He intends to learn the business to operate as a theater initially, and eventually add special events.

Trustee Pedersen asked Mr. Sheedy if he has ever been in the theater business. Mr. Sheedy responded that he has not, and it's a family venture.

Attorney Vasselli commented on the tax which was previously approved, but stated the reimbursement agreement would need to be amended.

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Trustee Dominiak asked Mr. Downey if he would still be involved. Mr. Downey said he will be supportive as long as it takes to run a successful theater.

Ms. Linda Monty, previous purchaser, discussed the previous deal, and her promise to run as a movie theater and more dynamic events. She said she was ready, willing and able to close on the business then and now.

Director Garrigan said a reimbursement agreement could be presented at the next board meeting for consideration. A draft will be circulated in advance of the meeting. Trustee Bluthardt asked if the agreement should be considered once the exchange has closed. Mr. Downey said he needs to know there will be a reimbursement agreement in place.

Trustees Bluthardt and Dominiak agreed to move forward with the consideration of the tax rebate agreement.

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

**2. Request regarding license plate reading cameras** – Mr. Mark Tarkowski of Neuhaven subdivision presented his request for the village to assist in the installation of license plate reading cameras. He discussed vehicle break-ins and pending legislation regarding public safety. He discussed some neighborhoods that already have flock camera systems, and reviewed the program and its features. He commented that this is a tool to help the police, and discussed the proximity of his neighborhood to the interstate, and the high traffic rates in their subdivision.

Trustee Pierce asked Administrator Keim how many subdivision are in Antioch, to which Administrator Keim responded approximately 27, but some with connected entrances. Trustee Pierce commented that the examples provided are self-financed by the neighborhood, and expressed concern on the increased expense to install these for other subdivisions in town. He suggested placing them at the entryways into the Village and looking into that further, but expressed concern with additional expenses following alerts.

Trustee Macek asked the attorney if there were a way to self-fund this by ordinance. Attorney Vassellii would have to research the possibility.

Trustee Pedersen asked who pays for Redwing View cameras. Mr. Tarkowski responded that the HOA pays for the cameras.

Trustee Bluthardt asked if there was anything in the police budget for cameras. Administrator Keim replied there is not. He said they have had internal discussions, and are aware of Flock and their presence in Redwing View Subdivision. At that time, staff wasn't compelled to move forward with a project. He asked the board to consider if they want a plate reading system here in the Village, and if they want to pay for it. Redwing has had it for over a year, which resulted in one arrest. If the board is interested, Administrator Keim suggested staff run a process.

Chief Guttschow discussed Lake County's use of license plate readers, stating they are beneficial to law enforcement, but often times there is a lag in information, and no seamless integration into the police system.

Trustee Bluthardt said he is personally in favor, but struggles in finding the resources. He asked if the HOA would be interested in cost sharing with the Village in order to install the cameras. Mr. Tarkowski can approach his board to gauge their interest in cost sharing.

Trustee Burman asked if everyone in his subdivision were on board with this idea. Mr. Tarkowski replied not everyone. Trustee Burman asked if his subdivision knew he was coming to the meeting to present

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this request, to which Mr. Tarkowski replied no. Trustee Burman believes the neighbors should be given the opportunity to say whether or not they want the cameras.

Trustee Dominiak commented that the HOA decided they did not want to pay for this because of funds and they didn't want people to think there was a crime problem in the neighborhood. She would like more feedback from residents. Trustee Dominiak expressed concern with the cost of \$100,000/year for 1.5 entrances to each of the 27 subdivisions in town, and she doesn't feel they should be in one subdivision over another. She added that if cars haven't been reported as stolen, how would they determine they were responsible for the break-in. Trustee Dominiak recommended the Village spend money educating people on locking their doors rather than installing cameras. Chief Guttschow confirmed that an overwhelmingly majority of break-ins are crimes of opportunity and not forcible entry. Trustee Dominiak would like to know what kind of return on investment we would get for \$100,000/year. Chief Guttschow said there are public safety advantages, but there are also concerns over privacy and access. Trustee Dominiak would like more data and information if the board decides to move forward with this.

Mayor Gartner asked the board to consider if they do want cameras, and if they want to spend money for each subdivision. He recommended this be discussed at the quarterly meeting in November.

### **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel and Pending Litigation, Lease of Village Property, Collective**

**Bargaining** – Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to enter executive session at 8:45pm for potential litigation. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak to exit executive session at 8:51pm with no action taken. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC  
Village Clerk