

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
July 12, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the July 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:00 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: Burman, Bluthardt, McNeill, Pierce*, Macek and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine.

**indicates attendance via Zoom*

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no objections to Trustee Pierce attending remotely.

IV. Mayoral Report

None.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Ms. Katie Angell addressed the Board regarding Metra parking, particularly during events. Mayor Gartner said there are different ownerships in the lot, and this could be discussed internally with staff to ensure access to businesses during business hours.

V. Approval of the June 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented

Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve the June 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Burman, Bluthardt, McNeill, Pierce, Macek and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. Regular Business

1. Liquor License discussion regarding Expanded Sampling at gas stations – Mr. Sam Dharni discussed his request for expanded sampling at a gas station in order to have gaming and improve lost revenues due to increased gas taxes.

Mayor Gartner discussed liquor licenses, and said if we go this path, the Board should start considering looking at the ordinance to put caps on some of the licenses. He cannot think of any other form of financial relief for these businesses.

Trustee Bluthardt thinks we are at a point where a decision needs to be made, and he is in favor of granting the license.

Trustee McNeill is leaning toward allowing this due to the similarity of video gaming to the lottery. She said she is for it, but possibly with limitations.

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Trustee Pierce discussed the development across the street, and said the board needs to think long and hard about how this is being opened up. He objects to the idea.

Trustee Macek discussed the closure of gas stations.

Mayor Gartner asked staff to look into further restriction of flag signs.

Trustee Pedersen appreciates the difficult position the gas stations are in, and doesn't want 3 empty gas stations in town, but doesn't want to open a door with people requesting pouring and gaming licenses. She said if we could find a way to limit the licenses and shut the door she would be in favor of helping them out.

Mr. Dharni recommended that each license would need Village Board approval.

The Village Attorney will do further research.

2. Discussion regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police related to Sergeant – Voluntary Employee Benefits Association Plan Contributions – Chief Guttschow discussed the request from sergeants to add VEBA benefits to the contract for their position. They will cease contributing benefit time, but will contribute 2% of their salary to the plan. There is no impact to the Village, and the program is entirely employee funded. This item will be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

3. Oliverii North Façade Grant Request – Director Garrigan presented the request from Oliverii North for a façade grant, which has been reduced to a lower amount. He presented the request and items included in the application. Staff has proposed that the full grant amount be split over a 2-year period, approximately \$45,000 each year.

Trustee Bluthardt was happy to see the price going down, and appreciates the offer to split it over 2 fiscal years.

Trustee Pierce recommended paying all at once.

Trustee Pedersen asked if previous façade grants have been split over various years. Director Garrigan responded they did not. She recommended adding more to the façade grant program in future budgets.

This item will be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk