

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 11, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the September 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:49 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 and Macek. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Guttschow and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Pedersen.

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

IV. Mayoral Report

None.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None.

V. Regular Business

1. Approval of the August 28, 2024 meeting minutes as presented - Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Burman to approve the August 28, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Burman, Bluthardt, McNeill, Pierce and Macek.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pedersen.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Chamber Carnival Request and Date – Chamber Director Barbara Porch presented their request to host the annual Taste of Summer, and asked that the carnival be allowed to return next year. The new proposed dates are May 29 through June 1, 2025, and the selected vendor is Fantasy Amusements who has the highest safety rating they could find in the State of Illinois willing to come this far north.

Mayor Gartner discussed a meeting with the Chamber Board regarding the carnival, who relayed they are comfortable with what is being presented. They discussed the timing, and bringing in inspectors.

Trustee Burman likes that the Wisconsin State Fair uses this vendor, and that there are multiple certifications, and the use of an outside inspector. Mrs. Porch said she would reach out to the state amusement authority and ask to see if they would conduct inspection, adding that the fire department always walks through and looks at the carnival.

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Trustees Bluthardt and McNeill were contacted by many people that missed the carnival. They agreed that safety must come first, and look forward to bringing back the carnival with safety in mind.

Trustee Pierce understands the financial need for a carnival, but doesn't understand the overriding concern of child safety after two incidents. He said he would vote no, and thinks there are ways to have a taste event that could be reimagined.

Trustee Macek discussed costs to the taxpayers and the potential for increased insurance costs. He further discussed the potential of a claim that could put the Village's insurance policy at risk.

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

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VII. Department reports

Finance – Director Torres discussed the estimated EAV for the tax levy, stating that the CPI is 3.4%, but the tax levy is capped at 5%. With new construction costs, an estimated increase of 14% is expected in the EAV. She advised that the next Board meeting will include the police pension presentation by Lauterbach and Amen. She will send the presentation in advance, and asked the Board to send her questions in advance to forward them to the auditor. Director Torres also said final interviews are being held for the accountant position, and staff is working on finalizing the audit.

Police – Commander Smith announced the newest member of the team, Flo the black lab to the department. He thanked the Antioch Lions Club for donating so that she can join the team. He discussed Sgt. Jacob Marsh, and his recent battle with cancer over the past 3 months. He is back at work after completing the treatments. He thanked the Board for their support of the police department.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to enter into executive session at 7:04 pm to discuss Personnel. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Burman, Bluthardt, McNeill, Pierce and Macek.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pedersen.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to return from executive session at 8:08 with **no action taken**. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Burman, Bluthardt, McNeill, Pierce and Macek.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pedersen.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Other business

Trustees discussed their rights to post on Facebook and the concern over the appearance of representing the Board on social media.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk