

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
October 9, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the October 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:20 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 Guttschow and Clerk Romine.

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

IV. Mayoral Report –

Mayor Gartner announced that there will be a lunch next Tuesday with Congressmen Schneider.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None.

V. Regular Business

1. Approval of the September 25, 2024 meeting minutes as presented - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve the September 25, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO:

ABSENT:

THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion regarding a Veteran's Commission – Mayor Gartner discussed the large veteran population in Antioch, and the pending veteran's memorial project. Administrator Guttschow provided an overview of the proposed ordinance including the structure of the commission, and asked the Board for feedback on any revisions they may seek. The commission would be an advisory committee to the Village Board, to promote programs and raise awareness, maintaining a veterans memorial, representing the Village at events throughout Lake County, assisting with fundraising efforts for veterans and their organizations. He reviewed the membership requirements and terms, meeting frequency, and asked for feedback from the Board.

Trustee Bluthardt is in favor of this proposed commission, and thinks the term limits should be staggered and longer than one year. He said he wouldn't be against compensation similar to what is paid to other boards.

Mr. Jay Jozwiak, Village resident, thinks this is long past due. He sees confusion between the Township and Village, and asked why Township veterans aren't considered as members of the

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commission. He recommended appointing the Commander of the VFW to the commission and get the Township involved. He added that he is happy to help where needed.

Trustee Pierce appreciates Mr. Jozwiak's words, and thinks we need to figure out ways to help and honor our Veterans. He said we just went through a revision of our Park Board ordinance with a residency requirement, and that standard should be held to this Commission.

Administrator Guttschow said this is very similar to the Lindenhurst model, but also includes language from other communities that fit with the goals Antioch has for the commission.

Trustee Macek thinks the commission should include a service requirement among the membership. Trustee Pierce mentioned that a gold star mother should be allowed to serve on the commission as well. Those present discussed preference given to Veterans, but also allow non-Veterans. Mr. Jozwiak said there are over 200 people in the legion, but only about 10 show up for meetings, and agrees that limiting service on the commission to veterans only may restrict membership. Trustee Bluthardt said he has no issues giving preference to Veterans, but we shouldn't limit to only veterans. He added that he does not see a reason to change the residency requirement for this particular commission.

Revisions will be made and this will be placed on the next meeting for consideration.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VII. Department reports

Community Development – Community Development Director Garrigan provided an update on the last Planning and Zoning Board meeting where two matters were considered. A proposed lighting ordinance was considered and the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of a new lighting ordinance that will be coming before the Board at a future meeting. The second matter was a proposed concept plan for a seasonal outdoor market at the northwest corner of Main Street and North Avenue. Director Garrigan provided an update on Brown Road, and anticipate the road will be completed with asphalt and temporary access point by the end of November. He announced that Starbucks on Route 59 has applied for a building permit. Phase 4 of the Clublands subdivision is well under construction, and Lennar homes will be building 347 new homes starting next year. He also provided an update on the clubhouse.

Finance – Finance Director Torres had no report.

Police – Commander Smith said the new comfort dog Flo came home to the Police Department last night and they did training today. He discussed upcoming community events in which officers will attend.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation and property acquisition

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 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk