

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SPECIAL MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
July 25, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larson called the July 25, 2006 special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

ROLL CALL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Hanson, McCarty, Porch and Turner. Also present were Mayor Larson, Attorney DeMartini and Clerk Rowe. Absent: Trustee Caulfield, Trustee Pierce, Attorney Magna and Administrator Haley.

PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS AND LICENSE: CHAIRMAN: McCARTY; PIERCE, CAULFIELD

Raffle License: Issue Raffle License to PM&L Theater for Elizabeth Willding, drawings to be held July 21-30 and August 4-6, waiving all fees – Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Porch to issue a Raffle License to PM&L Theater for Elizabeth Willding, drawings to be held July 21-30 and August 4-6, waiving all fees. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Hanson, McCarty, Porch and Turner.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Caulfield and Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Larson

Mayor Larson said for those who were not at our last meeting that we are by law required to pass the appropriation ordinance before the end of July. She said that typically what happened was that a public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting and the appropriation ordinance was read and reviewed with any questions being answered and the public hearing portion of the meeting adjourned. She said when we got to the appropriate section of the regular board meeting agenda, the first and second readings have been waived and the ordinance approved. Mayor Larson said that at the last meeting, Trustee Caulfield, who is not present at tonight's meeting, voted against waiving the second reading and she explained that our village ordinance states that the vote to waive the reading must be unanimous. She said because of the timeliness of this ordinance, we had to call a special meeting in order to comply with state law. She said that after the meeting she was irritated that one trustee would hold the entire Board up from doing business. Mayor Larson said this year's appropriation ordinance was actually over \$10,000,000 less than last year. She said Trustee Caulfield had the document over two weeks prior to the meeting, never asked any questions of the Finance Director or Village Administrator and he would not vote to waive the second readings. Mayor Larson discussed the minutes from 2002 when Trustee Caulfield was Finance Chair and he moved to approve and publish the appropriation ordinance in pamphlet form with the only review of the ordinance being done at the public hearing prior to the regular meeting and the motion did not waive the first or second readings; July 21, 2003 where Trustee Caulfield moved to approve and publish in pamphlet form the appropriation ordinance, again being the only review of the ordinance and without a motion to waive the readings; July 19, 2004 Trustee Caulfield moved to waive the first and second readings and approve and publish in pamphlet form the appropriation ordinance. Mayor Larson said that he was absent from the meeting that was held in July 2005. She said that it appeared what was not political for him, turned out to be. She said at the last meeting Trustee Caulfield said "that he felt uneasy counting the public hearing as the first reading and waiving all the readings of a document which represents so much to taxpayer's money." Mayor Larson wanted to set the record set straight that we are trying to be fiscally responsible and if anyone was playing politics, it was Trustee Caulfield who is not present at tonight's meeting to defend himself and she apologized for that. She said the Board and Administration are trying to do a good job and to hold the rest of the Board hostage, making us call another meeting and not even having the courtesy to attend the meeting or to call to say that he wouldn't be present is unacceptable.

Comment – Trustee Hanson

Trustee Hanson said that it's unfair to attack Trustee Caulfield and that we didn't know what his reasoning was for his actions at the last meeting. He said that he's not trying to defend Trustee Caulfield, but Mayor Larson only distributed one page of the minutes and he doesn't know if the procedure was the same then. Mayor Larson said that she didn't print all of the many pages and the minutes were listed on the website for anyone who would like to review them. Mayor Larson said if Trustee Caulfield had a legitimate reason, he had the document for two weeks and he should have contacted staff. Trustee Hanson indicated that he didn't think it was fair that this discussion was taking place while Trustee Caulfield was not present. He said just because three years in a row Trustee Caulfield voted to approve the appropriation ordinance doesn't make it right or wrong. He went on to say that Trustee Caulfield called him this morning and told him he was in Denver and that he wouldn't be at the meeting. Trustee Hanson said he didn't think anyone should be upset because a special meeting was called, and in the past Trustee Caulfield was only the Finance Chair and had nothing to do with previous appropriation ordinances.

Trustee Pierce arrived at 6:40 PM.

Comment – Trustee McCarty

Trustee McCarty said that he found it personally appalling that Trustee Caulfield threw the gauntlet down like he did and then not show up at the next meeting to approve it. Trustee McCarty discussed the appropriation ordinance being a standard ordinance that was approved the same night it

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was presented in previous years, this year's ordinance was \$10,000,000 less than the last year's ordinance and Trustee Caulfield did not have any questions regarding the ordinance and it appeared there was no reason for him to do what he did.

Comment – Trustee Turner

Trustee Turner addressed Trustee Hanson who indicated that the Board didn't know what Trustee Caulfield was thinking but she felt that he made it perfectly clear at the last meeting that he had a problem with the procedure of waiving readings. She said that according to his past actions, he had no problems waiving the readings regarding this ordinance. Trustee Turner said that Trustee Caulfield had an opportunity to express any concerns or raise any questions he had before the meeting and during the public hearing. She said that as the former Finance Chair, Trustee Caulfield should have known the procedure and that this ordinance had to be passed by the end of July. She said his actions tied up village staff, caused the calling of a special meeting and as far as she's concerned he wasted the taxpayers money. Trustee Turner said that she finds this deplorable and the game needs to stop. She said we have a lot of serious business to do here and we don't have time for this and it upset her that someone would use this forum to have fun and play with the Board like this. Trustee Turner also said that she didn't think that's what the people who elected him would want, they trusted in the fact that he would do the best thing for the village and in her opinion his actions were not in the best interest of the village.

Comment – Trustee Hanson

Trustee Hanson said that in Trustee Caulfield's defense, he believed Trustee Caulfield has been passed up on everything and doesn't even hold a standing committee, he felt that was deplorable and he that Trustee Caulfield has been neglected by the Board. Trustee McCarty named the standing committees that Trustee Caulfield is appointed to being public safety, parks and license committee and delinquent escrow committee. Trustee Hanson said these are 'do-nothing' committees. Trustee Porch said she didn't consider public safety a 'do-nothing' committee. Trustee Hanson said that he meant his standing committee and that Trustee Caulfield does not chair any of the standing committees.

Mayor Larson

Mayor Larson said all of the Trustees could attend the standing committee meetings and have the opportunity to contribute and if they choose not to, is their prerogative. Trustee Hanson discussed Mayor Larson saying the standing committees would change after some time. Mayor Larson said that changes come when people earn respect of the Board and show an interest in the committee. She has not seen that happen and when she does there would be changes. Trustee McCarty said that Trustee Caulfield was also appointed to the FOP negotiations committee. Mayor Larson said she was sorry hearing from Trustee Hanson that Trustee Caulfield was not happy because he never expressed that to her.

ATTORNEY

Second reading and approval of ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – Trustee Porch moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce to waive the second reading of the ordinance. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Hanson, McCarty, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Caulfield.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Porch to approve and publish in pamphlet form **Ordinance No. 06-07-29**, entitled, **ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**.

Comment – Trustee Hanson

Trustee Hanson questioned if where in appropriation ordinance emergency management would be listed. Mayor Larson said that she understood that if there was something where there were emergency funds needed, it could be taken from a different area as long as the funds were appropriated for. She also discussed the ability to amend the ordinance in the future if needed.

Roll Call Vote – There being no further discussion and upon roll call the vote was:

YES: 5: Hanson, McCarty, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Caulfield.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion Trustee Porch moved, seconded by Trustee Turner to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Trustees at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi L. Rowe CMC
Village Clerk