

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING**  
**Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL**  
**March 19, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Larson called the March 19, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 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, Pierce, Porch and Turner. Also present were Mayor Larson, Administrator Haley, Assistant Administrator Keim, Attorney Magna and Clerk Rowe. Absent: Trustee Caulfield.

**APPROVE BALANCE OF AGENDA FORM**

Trustee Porch moved seconded by Trustee McCarty to approve the balance of the March 19, 2007 meeting agenda as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Caulfield.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2007 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Porch to approve the February 27, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** McCarty, Porch, Turner and Mayor Larson.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSTAIN: 2:** Hanson and Pierce.

**ABSENT: 1:** Caulfield.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**MARCH 5, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Porch to approve the March 5, 2007 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Caulfield.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**MARCH 13, 2007 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Porch to approve the March 13, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Caulfield.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**PETITIONS/BIDS**

No report.

**MAYOR**

**Mayoral Proclamation; Municipal Clerks Week** - Mayor Larson read aloud the Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation designating April 29, 2007 through May 5, 2007 as Municipal Clerks Week in the Village of Antioch.

**Mayoral Proclamation; Fair Housing Month – April, 2007** – Mayor Larson read aloud the Fair Housing Month Proclamation designating April 2007 as Fair Housing Month in the Village of Antioch.

**CLERK**

**Vehicle Stickers on Sale April 9, 2007** – Clerk Rowe said the village 2007-2008 vehicle stickers go on sale April 9, 2007. Vehicle sticker fees remain the same at \$10.00 each for a car, truck or motorcycle and Senior Citizen (65& over) rates are \$1.00 each.

**Polling Place and Early Voting Changes** – Clerk Rowe said the Lake County Clerk's office announced polling place and early voting changes in the Village of Antioch. Precincts 003 and 004 polling place will change from the Antioch Upper Grade School to the Cross View Church. Precincts 005, 006, 007 have changed from the Antioch Elementary Grade School to the Antioch Senior Center. Clerk Rowe also said that the County Clerk's office made changes

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to the early voting locations and will be using mostly Township offices as early voting and in person absentee voting sites. Early voting and in person absentee voting will no longer be available at the Village of Antioch municipal building. Those wishing to vote early or absentee may do so at the Antioch Township Office located on Deep Lake Road. Early voting begins on March 26 – April 12; In-person absentee voting dates are April 13-16.

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

**Village-wide emergency notification system; Successful Connect-CTY test call –** Administrator Haley said the village-wide test call notification will take place on Saturday, March 10 and we had 4118 successful calls, 770 unsuccessful calls equaling about an 87% success rate. He explained the unsuccessful category included bad number, busy lines, and no answers. He said that on March 17 they retried the unsuccessful 770 calls and had a 20% success rate. Administrator Haley said that reports from Connect-CTY show there is a high percentage of response to the village's website, with residents adding or updating their information.

**Report of Committee discussion relative to Antioch Business District Fund –** Administrator Haley said that this report is based on his presentation that he made at last week's committee meeting. He said that since that meeting, he was given a copy of a flyer that was distributed to some of the downtown merchants and he expects further discussions about the contents of that flyer later in the meeting. He said that we have an excess of \$360,000 and the new number as of the February 28 financial report is \$307,000 and the expected revenue to be added to fund in March and April will be \$62,000 for a total at the end of this fiscal year being \$369,000. Administrator Haley said that we will receive additional funds in the amount of \$240,000 in the next fiscal year, totaling \$609,000 in that fund for the '08 fiscal year. Administrator Haley said that every façade improvement applicant had been approved by the Village Board. He also said that every request to pay for the advertising for the downtown has been approved by the Village Board; every request for radio promotions have been approved by this Board and every request for tree lighting and holiday decorations have been approved by this Board and yet our experience to date is that we spend about \$80,000 annually from this fund. He said the new GASB accounting principles recommend that we create and maintain a 5-year capital project and equipment list, which we are doing. However, the capital fund has no dedicated revenue stream. Administrator Haley said that we realized this last year in the budget process and budgeted a transfer out of the business district fund into the general revenue fund for this current year. He said the voted unanimously to approve the budget which included this transfer on May 15, 2006. Administrator Haley said that it should be noted that all the funds that we are talking about are general revenue government funds and we are simply allocating these funds to a different line item within the broad definition of general revenue. He said that with the transfer of \$200,000 there would be a remaining balance of \$409,000 in the Antioch Business District Fund and if the Board sees a need to spend more than that, they may make a motion to spend additional funds out of the general revenues of the Village as the Board deems necessary.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

No report.

### **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Antioch School District #34 presentation regarding upcoming Referendum –** Mayor Larson said District #34 Superintendent Scott Thompson would like to make a brief presentation regarding the District #34 referendum that is on the April 17 Consolidated election. Mr. Thompson introduced District #34 Board members, Theresa Kovach, Vice-President, Board members Mike Nielsen, Sue Buckley, and Don Chilmecki. He said the School Board came as a group tonight as partners in the community and he discussed Mayor Larson's efforts to remove the polling places from the schools in the District. He said that parents, staff and Board Members have all been concerned about people coming into the schools where they normally have them very secure, they're in a very unsecure status when voting occurs and he appreciated Mayor Larson's efforts in taking voting out of the schools to make it safer for the kids. Mr. Thompson also said that Village Administrator Haley is always communicating with the School District because they are a partner in the community. He said that community is a special place and he didn't think that we stop and think about how wonderful and unique our community is. He said that you can walk down the street feeling safe and good about the community. He said the schools play an important part in continuing to make Antioch and the community a unique place that is safe and desirable that we all cherish and enjoy being a part of. He said that unless the schools stay productive, safe and effective place for children, a good place for children to learn and get an education to continue to make this community a good place, people are not going to want to come here. He said for the school systems to continue to be that foundation and backbone to the community, they have to have more space. He said that currently we are 300+ children beyond capacity and they know that more children are coming. Mr. Thompson said the Board of Education has a referendum on the ballot on April 17<sup>th</sup> to build two new schools to plan for the future and to continue the tradition of our schools in

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this community. He said the District #34 School Board members are present tonight as partners in the community and Mr. Thompson thanked the village for their continued support.

### **Mayor Larson**

Mayor Larson said that later on the agenda, there is a first reading of an ordinance amending the school impact fees that may be of interest the School Board members present. She also briefly mentioned the 'lag fees' as discussed at previous meetings.

**Jim Parks, Mystic Cove resident**, addressed the board regarding the information that he gained at last week's Committee of the Whole meeting. He said at that meeting it was revealed that the business district fund had grown to over \$300,000, which was news to him. He said that he knew the fund existed, but had no idea that it had grown to that amount of money. He discussed the proposed resolution that would transfer \$200,000 from that fund into a capital fund. Mr. Parks said that he thought the fund and the resolution passed approximately two years ago was created to help the downtown businesses cope with Wal-Mart and other stores opening on the East side of town. He said that it's always been his firm belief that type of development could be a boom or a disaster for a town. Mr. Parks said that obviously, that development are drawing a lot of people in from outside our community, as well as those who shop inside our community. He said that if the only place those people go is to those retail stores and spend their money on that particular side of town and ignore our downtown area, then obviously the merchants here in the downtown business district can't survive. He said that his understanding as to why that fund was created was to provide programs and destinations to bring people to the historic downtown business district. Mr. Parks said the new facades and sidewalks are great and all the money that has been spent has been terrific and he's not complaining about how any of the money has been spent, but he would like to see more money spent to designate reasons for people to come into the Village of Antioch to do their shopping. He said that as he looks through things that have been done, there has been nothing done to date that he could say would draw people into our Village. Mr. Parks asked the Board to table the resolution transferring the funds that is on the agenda and to work with the merchants of the Village of Antioch to determine if there are any ideas or any programs that they feel would help their businesses thrive, grow and be financially viable in the future. He said that his personal business is not that of a merchant, but the success of his business depends very heavily on their success and the success of our downtown business district. He said that he doesn't want to see that fade away or any more stores close and to draw people into the downtown business district.

**James Freedman, Rembrandt Drive resident**, said that it's funny that money comes up at this point and that some time ago it was reported there was an excess collection of \$600,000 for the utility tax involved after the Dolly Spiering fund was paid off. He said that is a rather large sum of money and he has not heard of any accounting for its use. He asked if there has been any report from the finance department regarding the disposition of this money and as he recalled it was not to be placed in the general fund and could the Board inform the public the whereabouts and the use of this money. Mr. Freedman said that he was only going to talk about the utility tax until he saw the referendum presentation on the agenda. He said that he loved kids and he has paid a lot of money for many years. He said that he was unaware until he saw the agenda that the School District would be making a presentation regarding the school referendum at the next election. Mr. Freedman said that he is not sure if this is the proper forum for this presentation. He said that dates and places have been published for the public to hear and question this appeal and the Village Board meeting opens a one-way dialogue and opportunity for misrepresentation by the Trustees and Mayor. He said that any comment from the Trustees or the Mayor should not allowed at this meeting and their positions as elected officials is to represent all of the citizens of Antioch and the politicizing, either pro or con, of the referendum should not be done at the meeting. He suggested the Mayor disallow any comments from any member of the Board regarding the referendum and the people's decision of passage or non passage of this taxation to be voted by the citizens on April 17.

### **Mayor Larson**

Mayor Larson said that she hoped Mr. Freedman realized that there were no comments, either pro or con regarding the District #34 presentation. Mr. Freedman acknowledged that there were no comments made by the Mayor or Board of Trustees. Mayor Larson said this is a forum for people to speak to the Board and that has been our policy. She said that Administrator Haley will get a response to Mr. Freedman's question regarding the utility tax.

**Margaret Cole, Chestnut Street resident**, and President of the American Legion Auxiliary #748 presented the Village Board with a \$1000 donation to the Tim Osmond Sports Park in memory of and honor of all of their present and past members.

### **Mayor Larson**

Mayor Larson asked Village park committee members Trustee McCarty, Trustee Pierce and Trustee Porch accept the donation on behalf of the Village / Township Park Committee.

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Trustee McCarty said there has been a lot of fundraising for the Tim Osmond Sports Park and he said they hope they can continue to get the park built.

**Michele Michel, Harvest Drive resident**, and owner of Something Sweet and Gourmet on Main Street said that she had three concerns with the first being the banners that were recently installed in the downtown area. She said that she was going to buy one of those banners and at the last minute called and cancelled. Ms. Michel said that she has heard comments about them; people don't understand why they were installed and they don't look attractive because there are so many of them. She asked why the banners cost so much money and what did the money go for. Mayor Larson said that Administrator Haley will get an answer to her question. Michele Michel's said that when she opened up her newest business, she said they spent a lot of money on the building and the person who owns the building, Tim Downey was going to ask for the façade improvement. She said that she didn't know if he actually filled out the form or not, but he spoke to somebody and it seemed like it was hard to get or you had to get a couple different estimates. Michele Michel said that she asked at the same time because she has a building that she used to have her business in at 879-881 Main Street and she needed to do some work and at that time she was told there wasn't any money in that fund and was told to get on a list. Lastly, she said that when work was done at the new business at 891 Main Street, they spoke with an individual at the village and was told the whole alleyway was going to be decked and planked. She asked about the status of that project since they have told a lot of people, she put in a window on that side of the building and so she selfishly cared about it for that reason. Mayor Larson said that we will get answers for her on all her questions.

**Scott Frillman, Meridian Way resident**, said that he comes before the Board trying to be encouraging and give positive ideas. He said that he encourages everyone to work together and he wanted to express his opinion about the candidate's website. Mayor Larson said that if this is a political discussion, this is not forum for it. She said that if it's village business we would be glad to hear it, but she doesn't want this to turn into a political forum. Mr. Frillman said that he understood that and said that trust takes a long time to build, but can be lost in an instant. He said that he read an article last week regarding Connect-CTY and wondered why the village would need a notification system. He said he then read that Lee Shannon, Emergency Management Director, was excited about it and thought it was a good idea. Mr. Frillman said that was it for him because if Lee Shannon says that it's good, then Mr. Frillman is good with it.

**Michael Wolczyk, Cameron Drive resident**, said there flooding on the bike path in Osmond Park and he distributed photos of the area taken on March 15, 2007. He said at that time, standing water covered approximately 100 yards of the path. He said residents of the Woods of Antioch brought this problem to the Village Board in the past and he understood drain tile was installed to direct run-off in the Sequoit Creek. Mr. Wolczyk said that apparently this modification has failed to solve the problem and the bike path is rendered unusable for most of the spring. Mr. Wolczyk asked that this be reviewed by qualified people to develop a successful resolution. Mayor Larson said the Village Engineer will look into the situation.

**Trustee Caulfield arrived at 8:00 p.m.**

**Torrie Wolczyk, Cameron Drive resident**, commended the Village Board and also Lee Shannon, Emergency Management Director for the emergency notification system that was recently installed to notify residents of any type of emergency or general information. She said that she was dismayed to find that the caller ID during the village-wide test showed as CAP Antioch Village. She said that she understood that the test was successful and she felt this was misleading because CAP is known as a political organization currently campaigning two Board members seeking re-election. Mayor Larson said that it was brought to our attention after the test call was made that the caller ID showed that information and she instructed Director Shannon and Administrator Haley to look into the situation. Mayor Larson said there were no politics involved and she asked Emergency Management Director Lee Shannon to explain why that information showed on the caller ID. Director Shannon said that Village has quite a few telephone numbers with the 847-395-1000 being the main number listed. He said in speaking to representatives from the telephone company any business with a series of numbers are considered "caption" and since "caption" Antioch Village would not fit on a caller ID, the telephone company abbreviated it by CAP Antioch Village. Lee Shannon said this was purely coincidental that this happened and he reiterated that the word CAP would be listed on any business with a series of numbers listed. Mr. Shannon said once discovered, he put in a request to the telephone company to remove the reference and that it was removed within one day. Mayor Larson said the caller ID was listed that way for many years, but it has been removed. Torrie Wolczyk said that Station 3 is a District Fire Station, but the current telephone number is listed as Antioch Village and not as CAP and only the telephone number 847-395-1000 was listed that way. Lee Shannon said the 847-395-1000 is the main number for the Village and any of the other village numbers such as the fire and police stations are all captioned under that number. Ms. Wolczyk asked if anyone would be printing or issuing a retraction stating the Village's separation from the CAP organization. Mayor Larson said that the CAP listed on the

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caller ID was not a political organization, it was a phone company designation and we didn't put that caption on there; that was done by the phone company.

**Lorrie Ferguson, Main Street merchant,** reiterated on the information regarding the building fund and asked that the Board table it until there are merchants that can possibly take a look at how the funds are being utilized for the Antioch businesses.

**Marc Mallen, Main Street merchant,** said that Mr. Parks and Ms. Ferguson expressed his feelings perfectly and he understands the situation that Mr. Haley expressed as far as that the village needs some repair. He said that any merchant that says absolutely not, is absolutely wrong and they need to share this. He said that he thought the merchants need to be more involved in what the Village Board is doing and they can't have the power to pass it. He would like to see a committee of merchants formed to sit with the Board because those funds were meant for the merchants, as he understood that it was given to the merchants and he asked if he was correct. Mayor Larson said that he is not correct with that understanding because that is sales tax money that belongs to the citizens and she explained that the Village Board earmarked a percentage of it to go into a business district fund to look at long term projects to be done. When Mr. Mallen asked if the money had been given to the merchants, Mayor Larson said that it hasn't been given to the merchants and that it's taxpayer money. Mr. Mallen asked if 25% of the sales tax revenue goes to the downtown merchants. Mayor Larson said that it's a business district fund and not a downtown fund. Mr. Mallen asked if the business district is Main Street. Mayor Larson said there are businesses on North Avenue, Orchard, Hillside and West on Route 173. Mr. Mallen asked if the Board can take the \$200,000 to repair roofs and dump trucks. Mayor Larson explained that it's taxpayer's money and it does not belong to a group of people. Mr. Mallen said that he must have misunderstood the fund because he thought was for the business district meaning the merchants.

Mayor Larson asked if there was anyone else present in the audience who like to address the Board.

**Suzanne Grube-Eames, Circle Drive resident and business merchant,** said that she recently moved her business about two blocks down and she thinks that everyone does a great job and that she couldn't do what the Mayor and Board of Trustees do. She said lately she thinks she had been victimized and attacked by certain people and she needs them to come up and apologize. She said that not only to her personally, but also to her as business because that is her livelihood. She said that if someone doesn't apologize, she would have to go further with it and she is very upset that these are the people that we vote for and do all this stuff for. She asked for an apology.

**Bill Patterson, Main Street merchant,** said that his business is one of the oldest single-owned businesses in town that is still in the central business district and that he has been in business for 57 years. He said that he would like to see the resolution tabled and the reason being is that we have some very qualified people working in the village in the community development department. Mr. Patterson said that he dearly respects them and saw the accomplishments made on the East side of Main Street and he complimented Director of Community Development Claude LeMere. Mr. Patterson said that his concern now is that as the community grows, these subdivisions keep moving in and there's nothing wrong with that, but as that happens the regional type malls are disappearing because they're not properly competing and so the box stores are following the people; whether that be Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, Lowes and whoever it happens to be. He discussed recently published information regarding the Walgreens stores. Mr. Patterson said that as these stores are built, it puts pressure on the small business people to survive. He said that he sees the new development on Route 173 being more stresses put on the central business district. Mr. Patterson discussed the traditional retail stores such as shoe stores, clothing stores and having to have a niche type business to survive and having to work around these other types of stores. He asked why we can't use this money for some of that; not that you don't have the expertise in Claude LeMere or some other people on staff and he asked if there are some other expertise that can be brought in. He asked if there are other communities that face the same deterioration in their central business district and are there successful areas that are able to combat these large box stores. Mr. Patterson discussed the large box stores and the small businesses here that are making a living or in some cases, just buying themselves a job; they need the support of this Village Board and he thought that generally they have had that for many years. Mr. Patterson talked about various business situations that he experienced from years ago. He asked again if there were any method, other than the qualified people on staff, for more help and looking at fillings some of these businesses that are eventually leaving.

### **LEGISLATIVE AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

No report.

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### PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING, SENIOR SERVICES

**Combined Planning & Zoning Board letter of recommendation re: PZB07-02; unincorporated Klaczak Subdivision, c.k.a. 41477 and 41491 N. Route 59; PIN 02-18-400-002 and 02-18-400-003** – Director of Planning and Zoning Dustin Nilsen reviewed the following letter of recommendation:

*The Combined Planning Commission and Zoning Board conducted a hearing on Thursday, March 8, 2007; 7:30 PM, following notification as required by State Law and Village Ordinance to consider a re-subdivision request by Ronald Klaczak.*

*Village Code Section 11-1-3 states that, "No person shall subdivide any tract of land which is located within the village or any unincorporated area which is located entirely or in part within one and one-half (1 ½ ) miles of the nearest limits of the village except in conformity with the provisions of this title." The site is located within the 1.5 mile limit and therefore subject to the rules and procedures of the Subdivision Ordinance.*

*Based on the petition review, the subdivision meets the lot, dimension and area requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning and Subdivision Codes and therefore staff recommended the Board approve the subdivision.*

*Following a brief deliberation, the Board moved to approve PZB07-02. The motion carried unanimously. We request that the Board of Trustees affirm the Planning and Zoning Board's approval.*

Trustee Turner asked about the access to the property and Director Nilsen said that Lot 1 has access from Route 59; Lot 2 also has would be access off of Route 59 and this plat restricts access from Lot 2 onto Route 59 and forces it to Landmark Way. Mayor Larson asked if anything would change on Lot 1 and if it would still have access off of Route 59. Dustin Nilsen said the lot would increase in depth and confirmed that it would still have access off of Route 59.

Trustee Turner moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve the request and uphold the positive recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board regarding PZB 07-02 and authorize the Mayor to sign the plat. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 6:** Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

**NO: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Combined Planning & Zoning Board letter of recommendation re: PZB07-03; 2007 Village of Antioch Zoning Map Approval** – Director of Planning and Zoning Dustin Nilsen reviewed the following letter of recommendation:

*The Combined Planning Commission and Zoning Board conducted a public hearing on March 8, 2007, following notification as required by State Law and Village Ordinance to consider the approval of the Village's 2007 Zoning Map.*

*Presenting the new Zoning Map was Dustin Nilsen, Director of Planning and Zoning. The new Zoning Map was prepared by our GIS/CAD Operator, Ross Kaminski. Staff stated that once approved by resolution of the Village Board, they would post the map on the Village's website and make copies available to purchase at the Village Hall.*

*Attached you will find the list of ordinances presented to the Planning and Zoning Board along with a modified map that outlines the amendments to the Village limits, zoning changes, and finalized subdivision approvals from calendar year 2006.*

*Following a brief discussion, Member Kaiser moved, and Keller seconded to recommend APPROVAL of PZB07-03, "Zoning Map effective January 1, 2007". The motion carried unanimously.*

Trustee Turner moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty to approve PZB07-03 "Zoning Map effective January 1, 2007". Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 6:** Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

**NO: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

No report.

### FINANCE, ECONOMIC AND REDEVELOPMENT

**Payment of invoices over \$10,000 Informational Report** - Trustee Porch reviewed the informational report of payment of invoices of \$10,000 and over dated March 19, 2007 and prepared by village staff. Invoices included were: ComEd in the amount of \$40,814.38 for street lights and January/February pumping; North America Salt Company in the amount of \$10,004.45 for road salt; and Wayne's Service Inc. in the amount of \$12,737.75 for snowplowing/salt.

**Summary of Escrow** – Trustee Porch reviewed the informational report dated March 19, 2007 prepared by village staff showing escrow payments in the amount of \$4,943.44.

**Accounts Payable** - Trustee Porch moved, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve as presented payment of accounts payable as prepared by village staff, dated March 19, 2007 and in the amount of \$217,957.01. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 6:** Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

**NO: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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Trustee Hanson wanted the record to show that he opposed the developer escrow payments to the Law Offices of Rudolph F. Magna, but he approved the rest of the accounts payable as presented.

**Authorize payment of manual checks written to date as prepared by the village staff** - Trustee Porch moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty to approve the manual checks written to date report dated March 16, 2007 and in the amount \$430.86. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 6:** Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

**NO: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Payroll Expense Report dated March 9, 2007** - Trustee Porch moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty to approve as presented the Payroll Expense Report dated March 9, 2007 in the amount of \$258,043.18. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 6:** Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

**NO: 0.**

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**Financial Report for the month ending February 28, 2007** - Trustee Porch reviewed the informational financial and investment report for the month ending February 28, 2007 showing an ending balance of \$11,034,423.53.

**Approve façade application for Antioch Bowling Lanes** - Trustee Porch said the façade application for the Antioch Bowling Lanes was reviewed at the March 13, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting and she reviewed the application request in the amount of \$6,192.50 from the Antioch Business District fund.

Trustee Porch moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve the Antioch Bowling Lanes façade application in the amount of \$6,192.50 from the Antioch Business District fund.

### **Comment – Trustee Caulfield**

Trustee Caulfield asked if someone could help him understand the process again. He said this was reviewed and accepted by the Community Development Director in October of last year. Mayor Larson said the application was first taken out in October and the applicant had to get submittals and bids. She also explained that this application was one of three applications that was in-process before the ordinance was recently amended. Trustee Caulfield asked if the submittals for this façade improvement application, this program was there a list now of businesses that have applied and also in this situation of being a year or six months old. Administrator Haley said that it is all public record and yes, the Board can receive a copy if they would like. Trustee Caulfield said that he thought it would be good to see the list of those who may be grandfathered. Trustee Caulfield said that he knows there were discussions of folks who have applied, or tried to apply for that fund and he thinks it's real important that we do another round of mailing, making it crystal clear to the merchants in the business district community, how this program works. He said that sometimes there's talk that there's no funds available for this program; or limited funds and as evidence by some of the discussion earlier this evening, it does appear there is money to perhaps support this kind of program and he thought it would be helpful to all merchants to know about it. Mayor Larson said that we can certainly put the information back out there again and she said that she knew that it was talked about Chamber meetings and merchant meetings. Trustee Caulfield said that it seems like a great program. Mayor Larson said that it has been a very successful program.

### **Comment – Trustee Pierce**

Trustee Pierce said that the date stamp shows only when the process was started; not accepted. Trustee Caulfield said that you can call it what you want, but it was accepted in October because this application because we are following the October rules, even though the rules have changed. Mayor Larson said the first application was made, not all the submittals were not in then. Director of Community Services LeMere explained that Trustee Caulfield was looking at the page that only stated that an applicant received a copy of the ordinance and the façade program was explained to them. Mayor Larson asked that in the future, the Board sees when the application was approved by staff.

### **Comment – Trustee McCarty**

Trustee McCarty discussed date stamping when the packet was given and date stamped again when received and accepted before going to the Board. Mayor Larson said this is a new program that we're constantly looking at ways to make it easier.

### **Comment – Trustee Hanson**

Trustee Hanson asked that in the future if the department could make sure the dates on the bids and submittals are completed before going into the Board packet.

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### **Comment – Trustee Turner**

Trustee Turner discussed the situations that come before the Planning and Zoning Board, with every request being different. She said that every façade application is different and it just depends on what kind of work the applicant would like to do.

### **Comment – Trustee Pierce**

Trustee Pierce asked that Mr. LeMere meet with Michele Michel to go over the façade application process. Administrator Haley said that Mr. LeMere would meet with Ms. Michel.

### **Comment – Trustee McCarty**

Trustee McCarty said that it was also decided at the committee meeting that if there's a sign that is by itself and is in disrepair, they could still apply and that each application is approved or denied on its own merit.

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

**YES: 6:** Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

**NO: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Authorize engineering department to prepare and publish bids for the repaving of parking lots** – Trustee Porch said the repaving of the North and South parking lots near the entertainment center, the parking lot on the Northeast corner of Park and Main; repave Skidmore Avenue, and repave the parking lot East of Toft. The projects would be paid from the TIF funds.

Trustee Porch moved, seconded by Trustee Turner to authorize the advertisement for bids for the repaving of parking lots.

### **Comment – Trustee Caulfield**

Trustee Caulfield asked how this expense fits in with our Route 83 Corridor Study and the possibility of one diagram that showed the whole area changing and he questioned the need to move ahead with a repair on an area that is proposed to go through rather dramatic extensive change. Mayor Larson said that she didn't believe that it was proposed, but was only one of the options that may happen. Trustee Caulfield said that he understood, but we paid a lot of money on that study and if we pay attention to what it says one of the areas that it talks about is specifically that area. He said if you look around, we are driving on a lot of roads that are much more, some could argue, might better serve more individuals than a parking lot. Mayor Larson said that this is a recommendation from the Redevelopment Committee to repave these lots and is something that we talked about for several months and even though the Route 83 Corridor Study showed that area as an option, it was not exclusive that is what should happen in that area. She said that if she remembered correctly, there were four options. The parking lots are in pretty bad shape and if we don't use the TIF funds we would have to pay that back. Trustee Caulfield said there are a lot of worthwhile projects that the TIF funds could be used for.

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

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

**NO: 1:** Caulfield.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 07-08 regarding sales tax revenue for the Antioch Business District Fund** – Trustee Porch read the following statement:

*Two years ago, on March 21, 2005, the Village Board of Antioch voted on a resolution to create the Antioch Business District Fund. This resolution directed 25% of new sales tax monies (mostly derived from the opening of Wal-Mart) into a Fund that would benefit Antioch's existing Business Community.*

*Antioch was proactive in the creation of this Fund. We were told we were the first community in our Country to create this type of Fund.*

*Currently our business community and I are the victims of a Half-Truth and Lie Campaign from some unknown person. This has created a feeling of panic among our merchants. Half-Truths and lies can be dangerous and alarming. What is worse, this person was too cowardly to put their name on their flier.*

*I would like to clarify the statements that were made to the Merchants in this flier and give them the whole truth so each merchant can make decisions and form opinions based on fact and not fiction.*

*First of all, I was the person who created the concept and formula of the Antioch Business District Fund and I brought it forward to the Village Board. After several meetings of heated discussion, this resolution was approved to set aside 25% of new sales tax monies to benefit our existing business community. As the minutes from the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 Village Board Meeting will reflect...*

*The Resolution was approved by: Trustees: Scott Pierce, Dorothy Larson, Barbara Porch, Mary Turner*

*Trustees Larry Hanson and Bob Caulfield did not vote in favor of this Resolution.*



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Currently the Village Board is working on our 2007/2008 Fiscal Budget. With the opening of Menards expected this spring, we anticipate new and existing revenues for this Fund to be over \$600,000.

When we created this Fund 2 years ago, we had no way of anticipating our actual sales tax revenues. The 25% of new sales tax monies to be channeled into this Fund gave us a starting point to have a revenue stream to assist our current Business Community. Each Trustee knew 2 years ago that adjustments and modifications would eventually be made to this Fund in the future.

Tonight I will be proposing a change in the Resolution for our Antioch Business District Fund for our Fiscal Year 2007/2008 (the Village's fiscal year runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>). As of February 28<sup>th</sup>, we have \$307,000 in this Fund. By the end of this fiscal year, which is April 30<sup>th</sup>, we anticipate having \$369,000 sitting in this Fund. Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, we are budgeting another \$240,000 in new sales tax revenues into this fund for our next Fiscal Year. That gives us a total of \$609,000 for the Antioch Business District Fund.

\$609,000 is an awful lot of money. I want our Village to continue to be proactive and plan for the future. This is why I am reminding the Village Board that we already allocated \$200,000 to General Fund Reserves to be used for Capital Project improvements within the Village. This \$200,000 allocation to the General Fund was approved by this Village Board on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The minutes will show the vote was as follows:

Budget Approved by Trustees: Larry Hanson, Bob McCarty, Bob Caulfield, Barbara Porch, and Mary Turner (Scott Pierce was absent)

A good example of what a Capital Project is would be the Lake Street improvements we just finished. Some of my ideas for future uses of the Capital Projects Fund are future improvements on Orchard Street to coincide with those done on Lake Street and Main Street. That is an expensive undertaking and we would need to save money over the next several years to afford that project.

Another use of the Capital Project Fund could be the replacement of a snowplow if we needed to replace one and we could replace it with money from this Fund. Please remember... any, and all, expenditures over \$20,000 have to be approved by the Village Board. The Board still controls the Capital Project Fund and directs its use.

This leaves us a remaining balance of \$409,000 in the Antioch Business District Fund. Is \$400,000 enough for the Antioch Business District Fund for our next fiscal year? Yes, I believe it is more than ample.

I'm sorry that our merchants were victims of half truths and lies; the fortunate thing is that now everyone knows truth, the whole truth and this statement will be recorded in our Village Board Minutes for the record. I have and will continue to serve the residential and business communities in an honest and proactive manner.

Trustee Porch said for the merchants who are here tonight, our fiscal budget will have line items which will be developed by staff to show what types of expenditures that will be made and those ideas come from merchant meetings and other suggestions made by the merchants. She said don't think that you are not being heard; you are being heard loud and clear.

Trustee Porch reviewed the Resolution 07-08, entitled, A Resolution Setting Aside a Portion of Sales Tax Revenue for an Antioch Business District Fund.

### **Section One, item 2b is edited as follows:**

- b. All additional taxes shall be ~~divided~~ allocated 75% to the general fund, \$20,000 per month to the Antioch Business District Fund and the remainder to the Capital Projects Fund. ~~Newly established Capital Projects Fund, in support of a new program to be called "Antioch Business District Fund";~~

### **Section Three is edited as follows:**

*The Village Board shall also have the power, when, in its sole discretion, it deems appropriate, to use any of the earmarked funds for the establishment of emergency reserves or to use in the event of any special or extraordinary expense brought about by an emergency or other situation requiring the expenditure of these funds. ~~on an exigent basis.~~*

Trustee Porch moved, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve **Resolution No. 07-08**, entitled, **A Resolution Setting Aside a Portion of Sales Tax Revenue for an Antioch Business District Fund** as edited.

### **Comment – Trustee Caulfield**

Trustee Caulfield requested the Board give him some time because he had several issues with this resolution and he wasn't here for all of the comments made by citizens and one in particular concerned him. He addressed Marc Mallen, present in the audience who seemed perplexed like he was misled. Trustee Caulfield said that he felt for the man because he is on the Board and he was misled. He said that he remembered serious and strong sometimes heated discussions regarding the original resolution back on the dates the current finance chair mentioned. Trustee Caulfield said that he was opposed to the resolution for several reasons and one of them was that there was no plan for that money. He said at that time, it specifically addressed at many meetings to help the downtown businesses. He discussed what happens to downtown areas when a store like Wal-Mart comes in and said that it's a great idea to put the money into the downtown before they die, because it was a cool thing to do at that time; to put the money into the downtown before it dies, once it does, as many downtowns have and 25% of the money isn't going to bring that back. He said he was opposed at that time because it had no plan, and since then, he has argued on several occasions when money was spent from that fund. He said that he heard tonight that it might be a good idea to get a plan to use that money.

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Trustee Caulfield said that he felt for Mr. Mallen because he felt they were being misled tonight. He also said that he was confused by the math and the wording of the resolution. Mayor Larson asked if Trustee Caulfield would like to have Administrator Haley review the information again as he did at the committee meeting. Trustee Caulfield said that he didn't attend the committee meeting and that several merchants were not at the committee meeting and he would like to make it clear. Trustee Caulfield said that he would like to keep this level and it seems to him that we're playing a game if we say 75% of the sales tax is going to the general fund and he questioned whether there was some underlying agenda at the time that was to keep the downtown alive. Trustee Caulfield said that he's concerned that the big box is having an effect on the downtown and if it was so important that we grab the money, why are we not using the money. Trustee Caulfield also that he rarely attends the merchants meeting because it's confusing to him; they're not really a Chamber meeting, they're not really a village meeting or even a flat out merchant meeting and he doesn't know who runs or is a spokesperson during those meetings. He said that he now knows why there was no money for projects and why there was no plan, because we're going to whack \$200,000 from it and if there was a plan, we would have to stick to it and he doesn't like it.

When Mayor Larson recognized Trustee McCarty to speak, Trustee Caulfield got upset and said that he still wanted the floor. Mayor Larson said that she would like to give the other Trustees an opportunity to speak. Trustee Caulfield said that he wouldn't be pleased if we do the "call the question nonsense." Mayor Larson asked Trustee Caulfield if he was referring to Roberts Rule of Order. Trustee Caulfield said that he was referring to the rules and how they are used at this table to end discussion. Mayor Larson asked Trustee Caulfield if he didn't like using the rules that are accepted by the federal government are used when they don't benefit him. Mayor Larson said that Trustee Caulfield is becoming argumentative and if he had a comment relating to this change to the resolution we would be glad to hear it, but to argue about things that have happened two or three years ago is counter productive. Trustee Caulfield said that he's trying to talk about the issue at hand. Mayor Larson said she would like to give anyone who would like to speak on this issue an opportunity. Mayor Larson said that she certainly would get back to him if he had additional comments that he would like to make as it relates to the this change in the resolution.

### **Comment – Trustee McCarty**

Trustee McCarty said the twenty-five percent discussions started early in the planning and zoning board process and a lot of businesses came out and viewed an opinion on how the development could adversely affect our downtown and could possibly hurt us in the long run. He said at that time, we were talking about ten percent and just working some of the numbers and allocations of this tax revenue to the village to be used toward helping our business community and not just the downtown, the whole business community. He said that we made sure that we could use it for advertising for promoting our community and to bring people to the community to use our stores. Trustee McCarty also discussed some the downtown events such as Oktoberfest and Halloween Howl. He discussed the anticipated revenues from Wal-Mart and the numbers that were given at that time being very conservative and they figure their revenues to be one-third of what they ended up being. He said the sales tax revenue numbers were drastically higher and outweighed their projections by two-thirds. He said the fund was put in place at twenty-five percent because we thought that we needed twenty-five percent to be able to help promote the business districts; it's far greater and larger and is a huge amount of money that we're going to have this year and if we leave it going exactly the way it's going. Trustee McCarty said that we need some capital improvement within in the village which would only help all of us. He said that we are not taking anymore than what has been given and dedicating \$20,000 per month for the next year is \$240,000 that would be put into that fund and that's more than what we had in the first year of the funds existence. He said that it's going to be very healthy and viable and it's not removing it from the fund, or taking it and spending it on frivolous items or things that won't help our community. He said that we had this in the budget from the beginning of this year for a move for capital improvements; the budget is a working document and we were not sure if it would all be available, but it is and we have a good viable fund to work with. Trustee McCarty said we can use this money to help improve our community with capital improvements; this is not destroying the fund or removing it one-hundred percent and there would be plenty of money in there to grow the \$80,000 that we have used over the past few years to help promote our community. Trustee McCarty discussed the different items that have come up to help increase the presence of our community such as roadway signs on major highways; better and more advertising with radio or television or written ads; a campaign with planned expenditures for the fund, which was expressed at our community meeting. Trustee McCarty said that we have been using the fund for almost two years and now we have a feel of what we can do and how we can promote our community. He said that we also have other areas that we need better expertise to increase that advertising and do a better job for our merchants and bring in more professionals to help us. He said that is what the fund is there for, it's still going to be there and it's not being removed; it's being sized down to a manageable number where we can use other areas of that increased amount of revenue to help our capital improvements within our village.

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### **Comment – Trustee Turner**

Trustee Turner said that she was born here and she discussed that at one time you could buy anything you needed for your home in the village. She said we were a viable, independent community and we had a great infrastructure. She said that in the mid-1970's is when Lakehurst Mall was built and unfortunately the stores started closing and Mr. Patterson alluded to that. Trustee Turner congratulated Mr. Patterson for being the only store still here, other than Johnson Jewelers; every single store closed and the Malls killed us. She also discussed the development of the outlet mall on Route 50 in Wisconsin. She said that Antioch is viable now, it's coming back and it's beautiful. Trustee Turner discussed her reasons for running for office and the taxpayers not able to carry the Village on their back anymore. She said there are huge infrastructure problems here and referenced a collapsed storm sewer on Lake Street that has to be repaired. She said the sidewalks and street lights would have never happened if it wasn't for Wal-Mart, Menards and other development. Trustee Turner said that we need the economic development and referred to the schools. She said when we take that allocated money for the business district, those Trustees wanted to know what happens if disaster strikes and we need to new plow trucks. She said that we as trustees are trustees of the money and we have to make hard decisions sometimes as to what that money is for; and when the staff that we have hired comes to us and say we need to buy two plow trucks or three police cars, they have over 150,000 miles on them. Trustee Turner said that these are things that maybe J.Q. Public doesn't hear about, and said that the Village wants more than anything for all of the merchants to survive and to do very well; it's to all of our benefit. She said that she loves taking a walk down Main Street; its beautiful downtown and she discussed the competition that is now out there regarding items such as television sets and refrigerators. Trustee Turner also said that if Wal-Mart didn't go where it is, it would have gone right outside of the village and we would have had all of the traffic and none of the money and the county would be getting it all. She said that she is trying to help in the best way that we can and the Route 173 corridor is not going to destroy downtown, it's going to bring people here and keep the residents here. Trustee Turner discussed when she attended meetings regarding Wal-Mart and the population was about 9,000, she told them conservatively speaking that every single person in the Village of Antioch is going to buy two pairs of shoes this year which she said was a conservative guess; that was 18,000 pairs of shoes – four years ago. She said that would have been 18,000 pairs of shoes that would have been bought somewhere else. We are fighting to keep it here. If we don't develop that Route 173 Corridor, it's going somewhere else like Lake Villa, Lindenhurst or out in the County. Trustee Turner led a round of applause for Mr. Patterson and his successful business.

### **Comment – Trustee Pierce**

Trustee Pierce said that he was going to try to keep his comments short. He said that he is the Chairmen of the Public Works department and about three weeks ago one of our snowplows was plowing along and the windshield just fell in because all of the support beams have rotted out. He said that we had to go get someone to repair that and the pictures of that are quite amazing. He said that our average fleet is 13 years old and when you put salt in trucks for 13 years they wear out, get broken, they fail and we can't service the public with those. He said that his job is to make sure the public has service and he discussed this with the other Trustees. He said that one of the Trustees on this Board told him there was too much money downtown and being spent on the business district fund; we need to redirect it somewhere else. He said that is what is happening tonight, we are taking care of the business of the village and he discussed the roof that is currently being repaired. He said that tonight he is fighting to get public works to get paid and he quoted the minutes from a recent committee meeting where Trustee Hanson agreed that the money would be useful for the public works department and the revenue would be a blessing because he believed the department had been neglected. Trustee Pierce said there are things that we need to take care of and unfortunately some of it comes from the money designated to the business district fund; and when we made that plan, we weren't planning on having this much money during all those arguments with Trustee Caulfield; nobody expected this much money. Trustee Pierce addressed the business community and said the Village has never said no to anything they have asked for; if we could make it happen, we made it happen. He said there may have been some confusion at some points, but we have tried to straighten that out in the end.

### **Comment – Trustee Hanson**

Trustee Hanson said that someone had read how we voted and basically he wanted to defend the fact that, that was the reason we had a problem with it a few years ago because of this very night happening. He said not having a plan creates this kind of a problem and if we would have had a plan that we would have at least been able to follow we might have been able to not be in this position. He said that he did say if we had it earmarked for that money that we should direct it to public works because that has been neglected and he talked about sitting as Chairman of Public Works going down there two years ago and driving in snowplows and wondering if the driver would pass out and kill somebody because the floors are rotted through. Trustee Hanson said that the way the resolution is written is capital projects and he thought the resolution should be reworded and basically do a flat \$20,000 a month and call it an Antioch

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Business Fund because we already have a capital improvement fund within our budget and just take the difference and put it in there. He asked what we would need a capital projects fund when it all falls under the same umbrella because the way this resolution reads it talks about emergencies and taking out the three or four words and removing “exigent basis” that he thought meant emergency. Trustee Hanson asked what that word actually means and Trustee McCarty said it meant emergency. Trustee Hanson said that by taking that out of the section makes that sentence hollow and more or less meaningless. He said not voting for it two years ago is kind of strange for somebody who has an interest in a business downtown as far as his livelihood. He said that if you tell the truth about it, it was based on not having a solid plan and he thanked Mayor Larson for making a committee of the Board specifically for this fund. He said that we failed to get the people involved that it is affecting and he talked about the business district boundaries and discussions from the past regarding North Avenue businesses. Trustee Hanson said this is not a fight to not agree and he thought the merchants are very much concerned about snow plows and different things. He also discussed situations that happen at the State level and how funds are reallocated. Trustee Hanson said that the way this fund was explained to us at the committee meeting, is that we’re going to cap it at \$20,000 a month and take the difference and put it in the capital improvement projects and he asked why don’t we start there and earmark the \$200,000 today for something that we desperately need. Trustee Hanson said that we have a phenomenal police department, but the public works department is the life blood of this community and the employees should be commended for keeping the equipment working. He said the resolution has good sides and it has bad sides and it’s just unfortunate that when you don’t agree with something that it’s used against you at a later date and it’s unfortunate making votes on items portrayed to the public by only giving half of the meaning and it’s sad because everyone has their own ideas and minds. He said that just because we don’t agree, doesn’t mean it’s bad.

### **Comment – Trustee Caulfield**

Trustee Caulfield said that at the merchant meeting it was discussed that there were limited funds to help the merchants downtown and that a lot of merchants weren’t aware that the chunk of money was available, set aside or had grown to that amount. He said when you talk about the kind of projects and the little things that were discussed there, postcards, cd’s, maybe a banner, he was thinking that for \$307,000 we can get Bon Jovi or something in here and put the town on the map and he doesn’t get it. Mayor Larson asked Trustee Caulfield if he would seriously vote for that if it were brought before him. Trustee Caulfield said that he’s not saying he would, he was just using it as an example of the kind of money that is available to these merchants and this town. He said that he heard that they mix things and mix issues and he didn’t hear at that meeting that we hate the box stores, he heard at the meeting that there was money available to the merchants because of the box stores and because there was some vapor type proposal made two years ago to use some of those coins to help the downtown stay alive. He said it was no secret; a lot of residents paid a lot of money to explain what happens to a town after Wal-Mart and he wasn’t part of that band necessarily, he thought a lot of good has come from that development out there; but he also sees, rightly so, that one of the effects of that kind of retail development, is that it’s going to be hurting the downtown. Trustee Caulfield said that merchants have a first responsibility to step up to the plate and make it happen, but when the elected officials earmark a certain amount of money to help them; and for some reason how could that be a secret at a merchant meeting and nobody knew and he thought that we all hide behind this public knowledge thing, but us real people we just communicate on a regular basis. He said that he didn’t hear any bustling going around town that there was \$300,000 in the fund to help the businesses. Mayor Larson said that every month, in the Board agenda packet, there is a financial report that Trustee Porch reports on and that business district fund is on that report; that is public information and is out there for anyone who would like to see it. Trustee Caulfield asked why the retail committee or people on staff who are hired and paid to use those coins, why aren’t they helping the merchants and business districts. Mayor Larson discussed the façade application this evening for \$6,000 and we do that at almost every meeting; we are trying to help the business district. She said they talked about the large expense a merchant can incur to do a façade improvement and that was the reason this program was created; to help them and lessen the burden on them and we capped at \$10,000 so that we could help more merchants do it, so we wouldn’t spend \$50,000 on one store owner and \$3,000 on another. She said we capped it to try and make equal. She said that in some respect, it is up to them to come and find out what is available also. Trustee Caulfield said that when he talks he gets interrupted and he would like to be able to get a clear thought out without being challenged halfway through every sentence. He said that as a final thought because he could go on forever, we are only talking about the money for the downtown business district, let’s not talk about any of the other funds and one of the things that really troubles him is that if you take 25% away from the tax money, that leaves 75% and he asked if that would buy a plow or help some infrastructure. Trustee Caulfield said that he didn’t know, but maybe that would help and explain how we’re using that other 75% to fullest extent to take care of the poor police cars that need to be changed or the guy that’s rusting out in his salt truck. He said that he found this a little bit humorous that once the committee assignments changed the different Trustees are now in a position to whine about some department is hurting for trucks. Trustee Caulfield discussed

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that not long ago, Trustee Hanson was in charge of public works and he remembers discussions about that we're not buying a truck because we don't have any money. He said that now we have lots of money and there's money coming in and he thought that part of that money, maybe part of what we said we were going to use it for should be going to help the downtown.

### **Comment – Trustee Hanson**

Trustee Hanson said that after seeing the merchant's plea, maybe it's time that we come to the table and strengthen that committee. He discussed a recent conversation with one of the merchants who was not present in the audience about not having an advisory merchant committee. Trustee Hanson discussed the TIF District is expiring in the near future and it's time we all work together. He said this is not about us on the Board, it's about the residents and the business community and he didn't think that anyone here wants to see it go away. He said that he didn't think it's just the Wal-Mart that is putting on the pressure; it probably drew some people into the downtown. He said that it hasn't been as busy, but that is true of most merchants. He said that we have something here that no one else has and he's proud of it. He is for the business district fund, but not without a plan. Trustee Hanson said that \$600,000 may not be enough to save us and we have areas in town that haven't been addressed or looked at by developers, maybe we should get some expertise which is no disrespect to our employees. He said that sometimes, their expertise is in different areas. Trustee Hanson said that he's not going to approve the resolution because he really feels strongly if the intent is for a special fund for emergency only, we need to keep that it there.

### **Comment – Trustee Porch**

Trustee Porch said she has heard several times in the last 45 minutes that we had no plan and that is why people initially voted against this; we had no plan. Trustee Hanson said that we had a budget. She said that what we're forgetting is the initial plan was to earmark these dollars to benefit our existing business community. She said that if we hadn't done that, that money would have gone into the general fund and nobody would be arguing tonight about the Antioch Business District Fund because it wouldn't exist. Trustee Porch said that when we heard it was approved, we said that we need to set money aside to assist our existing business community and that was the plan at that time. She said that none of have the right blueprint for the future for our downtown, because if we did, we would all be wealthy beyond our dreams. Trustee Porch said that what is not being stated tonight is that we didn't waste that money; that money is still there. She said that maybe we didn't spend every penny because we weren't sure of the correct way to get the most value for our dollar and she thought this demonstrated that this Village Board has been very proactive in protecting your money and not just wasting it to get Bon Jovi here. She said that none of us are experts in this field and perhaps we can hire some experts.

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

**YES: 4:** McCarty, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

**NO: 2:** Hanson and Caulfield.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Authorize transfer of \$200,000 from the Antioch Business District Fund to the Capital Project Fund** – Trustee Porch said this is a line item that was approved in our current budget dated May 15, 2006 and she moved, seconded by Trustee Turner to transfer the funds as we originally intended.

### **Comment – Trustee Caulfield**

Trustee Caulfield reminded the Board that the money that we're pulling away from the downtown business district is being taken away from businesses that were led to believe that this money was going to be used to help them combat the pressures of the big box. He said that it's just unfortunate that is not the case. He said the other thing that is unfortunate is the lack of planning on the Village people's part, referring to the leaking roof and other things, doesn't constitute an emergency on our part to move ahead with the \$200,000 transfer of funds when he thought we had a significant portion of the business community represented here and all they were asking for was a little more discussion. Trustee Caulfield said if we are elected to serve all the residents, and the discussion is about a business district fund to help keep alive a town that is under assault from big box retail, he doesn't get why they couldn't listen.

### **Comment – Trustee Hanson**

Trustee Hanson said that by passing the resolution, we are taking \$20,000 a month and the \$200,000 is basically the start of this fund that should have substantial amount of money going into it. Administrator Haley said that right now there is no revenue stream going into that fund. Trustee Hanson asked that after passing the resolution and going forward, next month we could throw in \$5,000 and some months would be larger than others. Administrator Haley said that was correct and the anticipated revenue into that fund from the additional monies beside the \$20,000 that goes into the business district fund will be about \$50,000 a year including the

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anticipated revenue from the new stores in the next fiscal year. Trustee Hanson said that he was pleading with the merchants to hold off on that, and see if we can get together to see what we could do. He said that obviously if we had a dire emergency, he's been a proponent of that all along, that obviously the village would have to survive.

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

**YES: 4:** McCarty, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

**NO: 2:** Hanson and Caulfield.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS AND LICENSE**

**Raffle License Request: Antioch Community High School Wrestling Team** - Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Porch to approve the raffle license request from Antioch Community High School Wrestling Team with the drawings to be held on April 22 and April 29, 2007 and waiving fees. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 6:** Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Pierce, Porch and Turner.

**NO: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Other Business – Letter from District #34** – Trustee McCarty read aloud the letter from Scott Thompson, District #34 Superintendent commending police liaison officer Sandy Davenport whose skills and expertise are remarkable. Ms. Davenport is a valued member of the school district team, the children, parents and staff respects her as she works tirelessly to make our school a better place for all.

**Other Business – Post Prom Committee** – Trustee Pierce who is also a member of the Antioch High School Post Prom Committee encouraged those interested to contact committee member Darcy Dussalt to volunteer for and get more information regarding the post prom events.

### **DELINQUENT ESCROW ACCOUNTS**

No report.

### **ATTORNEY**

**First Reading of AN ORDINANCE INCREASING SCHOOL IMPACT FEES AND AMENDING TABLE 2 OF SECTION 11-3-10 OF THE ANTIOCH VILLAGE CODE** – Attorney Magna reviewed the ordinance. Following a brief discussion regarding the impact fees in other communities the ordinance will be placed on the next village board agenda for second reading and approval.

**Executive Session – Pending and Probable Litigation** – Attorney Magna said he does not have a request to go into closed session this evening.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Trustee Turner moved seconded by Trustee McCarty to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Candi L. Rowe RMC/CMC  
Village Clerk