

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING
Antioch Senior Center: 817 Holbek, Antioch, IL
May 7, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larson called the May 7, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Antioch Senior Center: 817 Holbek, Antioch, IL.

Mayor Larson

Mayor Larson said that Trustee Scott Pierce was not present because his mother passed away Saturday evening. On behalf of Trustee Pierce, Mayor Larson extended congratulations to Trustee Elect Crosby and Wolczyk and she asked those present to keep Trustee Pierce's family in their thoughts and prayers.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVE BALANCE OF AGENDA FORM

Trustee Porch moved seconded by Trustee McCarty to approve the balance of the May 7, 2007 meeting agenda as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APRIL 16, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Caulfield moved, seconded by Trustee Porch to approve the April 16, 2007 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

PETITIONS/BIDS

2007 Resurfacing Program; Bids Opened on May 2, 2007 – Clerk Rowe read into the record the following bids received at 11:00 a.m. on May 2, 2007 regarding the 2007 Resurfacing Program:

Name and Address	Amount
Payne & Dolan, Inc. 28327 W. Route 173 Antioch, IL 60002 <i>BB/Cert Included</i>	\$357,015.75
Curran Contracting Company 29900 Highway 41, Unit 3 Lake Bluff, IL 60044 <i>BB/Cert Included</i>	\$409,486.95
Superior Paving, Inc. P.O. Box 98 Fox Lake, IL 60020 <i>BB/Cert Included</i>	\$368,722.00
Peter Baker & Son Company 1349 Rockland Road Lake Bluff, IL 60044 <i>BB/Cert Included</i>	\$522,493.95
Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. P.O. Box 831 Huntley, IL 60142 <i>BB/Cert Included</i>	\$369,980.90
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$322,860.00

Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Porch to accept into the record the bids received on May 2, 2007 for the 2007 Resurfacing Program. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR

Presentation to outgoing Trustees Barbara Porch and Mary Turner – Mayor Larson presented outgoing Trustees Barbara Porch and Mary Turner with a gift and said they have are both professionals who have given above and beyond and they have been a delight to serve with. Mayor Larson said she hopes they continue to be involved in village affairs.

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Oath of Office: Trustees Dennis Crosby, Trustee Larry Hanson and Trustee Michael Wolczyk – Judge James Booras administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Trustees Dennis Crosby, Larry Hanson and Michael Wolczyk. Mayor Larson thanked Judge Booras for administering the Oath of Office and she welcomed Trustees Crosby, Hanson and Wolczyk.

Mayoral Proclamation presented to Antioch Police Officer Tom Nowotarski – Mayor Larson presented Officer Tom Nowotarski with a proclamation honoring him for his outstanding performance and life saving action that took place on April 8, 2007.

Approval of Standing Committees as presented – Mayor Larson read aloud the following list of Village Board Standing Committees.

Legislative and Human Resources
Trustee Caulfield, Chair
Trustee Hanson
Trustee Crosby

Engineering, Public Works and Utilities
Trustee Wolczyk, Chair
Trustee Hanson
Trustee McCarty

Parks, License and Senior Services
Trustee Hanson, Chair
Trustee McCarty
Trustee Caulfield

Finance, Economic, Redevelopment and Business District Fund
Trustee Crosby, Chair
Trustee Wolczyk
Trustee Pierce

Planning, Zoning and Building
Trustee Pierce, Chair
Trustee Caulfield
Trustee Crosby

Police, Fire and Emergency Management (Public Safety)
Trustee McCarty, Chair
Trustee Wolczyk
Trustee Pierce

Trustee McCarty moved to approve the Standing Committees as presented. **The motion failed for lack of a second.**

Comment – Trustee Caulfield

Trustee Caulfield said that he would like to refer the Standing Committee appointments to the May 15, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting. Mayor Larson said that would be fine and that she called all Trustees asking for input regarding the Standing Committee appointments and that she wasn't aware that there were problems with the appointments because no one expressed any concerns to her or that the committee assignments were not acceptable to them.

Trustee Caulfield moved, seconded by Trustee Wolczyk to table the Village Board Standing Committee appointments to the May 15, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Wolczyk and Crosby.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR

Smith Engineering recommendation regarding the 2007 Resurfacing Program Bid – Administrator Haley said Clerk Rowe read into the record the bids received regarding the 2007 Resurfacing Program for the parking lots in town. He said the bid tabulations received were reviewed by consulting engineers, Smith Engineering along with the village engineering department and they have determined that the lowest responsible bidder was Payne and Dolan, Inc. for their bid amount of \$357,015.75. Administrator Haley asked the Board for a motion to award the contract for the paving of parking lots to Payne and Dolan in the amount of \$357,015.75.

Trustee McCarty moved to award the contract for the paving of parking lots to Payne and Dolan in the amount of \$357,015.75. **The motion failed for lack of a second.**

Administrator Haley said that it's the Board prerogative and that we could wait on awarding the contract, however, the project may have to be re-bid or the contract redone because of the timelines involved. He said they wanted to get the project done between Mother's Day and Father's Day and before the summer activities and festivals.

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Trustee Caulfield moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to table awarding the 2007 Resurfacing Program bid to the May 15, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Wolczyk and Crosby.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mary Turner, Osmond Avenue resident, congratulated the newly elected Village Trustees and said that she is confident they are equal to the task. She said in thinking about what is going on in the world today, there are places on this planet where she wouldn't have a right a vote much less be able to run for public office. She said the fact that the voters spoke is a wonderful thing and she is grateful every day that she lives here. Ms. Turner said that she is proud of everyone and knows they will be a great Board.

Patrick Requa, Route 173 resident, said that he would like to withhold his comments until the next regular Village Board meeting.

James Hironimus, Route 173 resident, said that he would also like to withhold his comments until the next regular Village Board meeting.

Trustee Larry Hanson read the following open letter to the Residents of Antioch addressed to Madam Mayor and the Citizens of Antioch:

The election last month has changed the complexion of the Village Board. While I have been re-elected to a seat I have now held for 12 years, we have two new trustees joining us. They come with competence, enthusiasm and a desire to do the best possible job for the citizens and businesses in this town. I believe that the numbers of people voting and the strength of the vote for the elected individuals give us a mandate to humbly approach our jobs with vigor and determination to make some systemic changes that will improve and streamline Village government.

While the agenda has yet to be set in all its particulars, it is fair to say that on the campaign trail, several resounding themes have come from residents. They want a village government that is open, honest, responsive and easy to understand and approach. Citizens have the absolute and unquestionable right to be treated with dignity and respect when they come into any of the Village facilities to do business or use the resources that their tax dollars provide. It is altogether too easy for elected offices to forget that they are the ones serving the public at the pleasure of the public and are administering public facilities for the public good. The primary initiative we offer is to make the public first, and only, priority in our government. This is only right.

One way we can get started is to completely re-work the existing committee structure of the Board of Trustees. In the past, the several committees met at all odd hours of the day and evening. While the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act may have been met, the practical difficulties for working men and women in our community prevented meaningful citizen participation in the decision-making process. Too often, important decisions were made without any real input from citizens and when the decision was presented to the Village Board on a formal vote, it was simply rubber-stamped and objections glossed over by statements that the matter had been discussed and decided in committee.

In coming weeks, we will be proposing a completely revised committee structure that will make one trustee responsible to report back to the board for each of the six specific areas. That trustee will not have the power to make decisions without board input at a regular meeting. We will hold our committee meetings in the evening, and we intend to hold them in a location that is much more favorable to citizen input than this formal boardroom with its raised platforms and desks that separate us from the people who really matter.

We will also be reviewing the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Village Administrator. While the position is necessary, the Board is the elected body and it is the group that is responsible to the citizens. Enhancing the communication between the Administrator and the Board, and subjecting more decision to Board oversight will ensure that the responsibility doesn't get improperly delegated and walls set up between citizens and their chosen agents.

Finally, we will be looking at how the staff approaches their jobs, and how accessible they are to the citizens and businesses. We may restructure the physical space available, consider other alternatives to providing better accessibility and streamline processes by combining or separating departments.

To the mayor, we pledge our honest, best efforts to make sure that Antioch is the best place to live, work or play in this State. We look forward to working with you to remake the government into the pride of our citizens.

As I have said, nothing is cast in stone, and our agenda is still being formulated. We welcome the input of citizens and businesses and urge anyone with ideas to share them with all of us. Thank you all for giving us the opportunity to serve.

Trustee Dennis Crosby said he wanted to echo comments made by Trustee Hanson, but first he wanted to say thank you to outgoing Trustees Porch and Turner. He said that he appreciates the fact that they have worked very hard over the past four years or longer and that he knows that this is a big and challenging job that requires tremendous dedication. He thanked them for all their efforts they have made. Trustee Crosby also thanked Administrator Haley, Mayor Larson and various staff who made him feel welcome since the election. He has been very pleased with the care and attention they have been given to help them get up to speed. Trustee Crosby said that this has helped a lot in getting started and he appreciated that very much. Trustee Crosby thanked all the voters who elected him and all the independents into office in this past election. He said that he is grateful for the confidence they have placed in him and he would do his very best to make them feel that confidence was well placed. Trustee

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Crosby said that he supports the comments made by Trustee Hanson and said they feel the citizens of Antioch told them by the large majority of the votes the independents received that direction changes are needed in this village. So to get started, they are going to amplify the current use of sound business principles where they find them in use of the village. He said that he is a businessman who has been in business for a lot of years and he thinks that a village is certainly a lot of things, but if you look at the basic elements of the departments and budgets, this is a business first and foremost and it needs to be run effectively with minimum waste and optimal planning. Trustee Crosby said that they would be working hard with the existing staff to make sure that is the case and where they find things going well, we're certainly not going to change anything; and where we think there may be opportunity to improve with different kinds of business practices, we're going to try to put them promptly into place because this Village needs all the attention we can give very quickly. Trustee Crosby also said that in the coming months they will also be evaluating all the departments to ensure optimum efficiency and performance of each individual which is only fair to the taxpayers. He said they certainly are not out looking for bad things and in fact they hope they won't find any bad things. As far as he's concerned the department heads here are all good people and trying to do a good job. He said as long as that is the case, they will be very secure in their positions, if they're not, then they won't be secure in their positions. Trustee Crosby said they will also be setting short and long term plans concerning the condition of capital equipment and facilities to ensure that we never have another windshield fall out of a truck under battlefield conditions; we've had a little bit too much of that in this village and we're going to do our best to make sure that doesn't happen again. Trustee Crosby said that they will also put into effect a plan to ensure adequate amounts of equipment and facilities and infrastructure of all kinds as the village grows. He said, as we all know, the village is growing dramatically. He said they intend to work diligently to secure the future of our downtown business district and expect to be working in concert with what we hope will be renewed vigor and enthusiasm in receiving input and help from the local business owners. He said assured the business owners present in the audience that their voices will be heard and they will respond to them. Trustee Crosby said they will also work hard to ensure that all, both citizens and constituents including the people outside the village who are impacted by what is going on in the village, have a voice and that they are responsive to their comments and input. He said they may not always like the answer, but we should be able to give them an answer that is reasonable and understandable and that is their commitment. Trustee Crosby said that none of those who have been elected think that they have all the answers, but what they do think is that through effective communication with each other during public meetings, and most importantly through increased and enhanced communication with the public, they would be able to meet the many challenges facing Antioch; building on all that is good about the village and getting those things that are not on the road to correction.

Mayor Larson

Mayor Larson said that since we have no standing committees, the Village Attorney suggested for the purpose of this evening's meeting that the recommended standing committees take over the reports. She asked board members if that would be alright, or if they prefer, the Village Administrator could introduce the agenda items. The consensus of the Board was that the recommended standing committees would present the agenda item reports.

LEGISLATIVE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

No report.

PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING, SENIOR SERVICES

No report.

ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

No report.

FINANCE, ECONOMIC AND REDEVELOPMENT

Payment of invoices over \$10,000 Informational Report - Trustee Crosby reviewed the informational Report of Payment of Invoices of \$10,000 and over dated May 7, 2007 and prepared by village staff. Invoices included were: Blue Cross / Blue Shield in the amount of \$88,071.14 for employee health insurance and Colette & Ano Plumbing Inc. in the amount of \$13,883.35 for the Sharefest restroom.

Summary of Escrow – Trustee Crosby reviewed the informational report dated May 7, 2007 prepared by village staff showing escrow payments in the amount of \$19,465.96.

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Accounts Payable – Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Caulfield to approve as presented payment of accounts payable as prepared by village staff, dated May 7, 2007 and in the amount of \$276,152.69. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Wolczyk and Crosby.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Authorize payment of manual checks written to date as prepared by the village staff - Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty to approve as presented the Manual Checks Written Report dated May 3, 2007 as prepared by village staff and in the amount \$2,449.08. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Wolczyk and Crosby.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll Expense Report dated April 20, 2007 - Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty to approve as presented the Payroll Expense Report dated April 20, 2007 in the amount of \$253,467.22. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Wolczyk and Crosby.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS AND LICENSE

No report.

DELINQUENT ESCROW ACCOUNTS

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

Executive Session – Pending and Probable Litigation – Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Hanson for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss pending and probable litigation. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Wolczyk and Crosby.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Return from Executive Session – Trustee Caulfield moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to return from executive session to the open meeting at 9:05 p.m. with **no action taken**. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Wolczyk and Crosby.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Hanson moved seconded by Trustee Wolczyk to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi L. Rowe RMC/CMC
Village Clerk