

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
June 16, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larson called the June 16, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:41 p.m. in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Larson and the Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Crosby, and Wolczyk. Also present were Mayor Larson, Administrator Velan, Attorney Simon, and Clerk Rowe. Absent: Trustee Pierce.

IV. MAYORAL REPORT

1. Mayoral Proclamation Honoring Anna Dressler – Mayor Larson welcomed Antioch Police Officer Anna Dressler safely home from her National Guard tour overseas. She then presented Ms. Dressler with a Mayoral Proclamation honoring her accomplishments and her National Guard Technical Sergeant duties.

V. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no citizens present in the audience who wished to address the Board.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Hanson moved, seconded by Trustee Caulfield to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

1. Approval of the June 2, 2008 regular meeting minutes.
3. Approval of a Resolution for a Raffle License for the Northern Illinois Conservation Club, Inc., waiving fee. **Resolution No. 08-32.**
4. Approval of a Resolution for a Raffle License for the Antioch Rescue Squad for ongoing fundraiser, waiving fee. **Resolution No. 08-33.**
5. Approval of an Ordinance regarding Swimming Lessons and Home Based Occupation. **Ordinance No. 08-06-14.**
6. Approval of an Ordinance Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed in Public Works of this public body. **Ordinance No. 08-06-15.**
7. Approval of a Resolution authorizing Village Administrator to execute Change Order No. 2 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of #207,993.40. **Resolution No. 08-34.**

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

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Trustee Wolczyk moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to approve **Item 2** Payment of accounts payable as prepared by village staff. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: McCarty, Caulfield, Crosby, and Wolczyk.

NO: 0.

ABSTAIN; 1: Hanson.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

8. Consideration of the 2008-2009 Budget - Administrator Velan reviewed the request for board action and explained the budget must be approved prior to holding the required Appropriation Ordinance public hearing. The Appropriation Ordinance must be approved by the end of July and she explained the timelines that would need to be met in order to schedule the public hearing. Administrator Velan also said this is a balanced budget and as discussed at previous meetings, without implementing a utility tax and taking into consideration staff and service cuts. She said that staff would continue to review the services and she will conduct manpower studies and department audits in the future.

Trustee Caulfield asked to review salary history, the employee policy regarding layoffs and a year to year payroll expense comparison for the last four years.

Trustee Hanson would like to further review the budget to see if there are any other areas that can be cut.

Mayor Larson discussed the economy and said that this year's budget is not the result of any one item but is due to the declining economy, the Neumann Homes bankruptcy and increased costs which are also a national issue. She also discussed that the longer it takes to approve the budget, the reserve funds continue to decrease.

Trustee Crosby would like to see four year trends on the budget summary pages.

Trustee McCarty said the budget, as presented, is not acceptable to him and that in his opinion is putting the Village at risk. He discussed how this budget may affect the Village's future credit and bond rates. He said that he doesn't want to pass a utility tax, but it is a tough decision that has to be made.

Trustee Crosby said that it was incumbent to stay on course and to continue the process. He also said that he didn't want to continue with the hired lobbyist at this time. He also discussed a possibly 'hybrid' budget and/or implementing an incremental utility tax plan.

Trustee Caulfield said that he did not want to bring back the discussion regarding the utility tax when the majority of the Board already said they were not in favor of implementing the tax. He said that he is only looking for more information and does not want staff to work on utility tax options.

Trustee Caulfield moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to place the 2008-2009 Budget on Special Committee of the Whole meeting agenda. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Velan will verify the requirements regarding the Appropriation Ordinance public hearing dates and will send an email to the elected officials. The consensus of the Board was to have the Special Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:30 p.m. on July 26, 2008.

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VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Velan reported that Antioch Township residents may be evacuated and she discussed the email that she received late this afternoon from Lake County that enacted the mutual aid support plan. She explained the Antioch Upper Grade School will be opened as a shelter and the Mayor will be signing the disaster proclamation for June 16 – June 28.

Trustee Crosby discussed the recent storms and warning sirens. He directed staff to make sure the outdoor warning sirens are working properly. He said that he received calls that the siren was not audible and when he went outside during the storm, the siren was not very loud.

IX. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

X. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Caulfield said that he recently spoke to Lee Shannon about the outdoor warning sirens. He said that some surrounding communities have new sirens that are also in new locations. He said that Lee Shannon is aware and is addressing the situation.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session; Pending Litigation – Mayor Larson and the Board of Trustees did not go into executive session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee McCarty moved seconded by Trustee Caulfield to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi L. Rowe, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk