

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
July 21, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larson called the July 21, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:10 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 and Crosby. Also present were Mayor Larson, Administrator Velan, Attorney Simon, and Clerk Rowe. Absent: Trustees Wolczyk and Pierce.

IV. MAYORAL REPORT

1. Antioch named one of the first 100 Illinois Towns prepared to save newborn infants – Mayor Larson reviewed the certificate naming the Village of Antioch as one of the 1st 100 towns in compliance with the newly mandated Safe Haven sign law.

2. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2007 – Mayor Larson congratulated finance director Joy McCarthy and the finance department staff for receiving the award.

V. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Chuck Cermak, Hillside Avenue resident, read his statement expressing his concerns regarding the Village operating without an approved budget. Some of his concerns were the risk of overspending and cut services.

Peter Michaels, Aspen Way resident, expressed his concerns regarding the number of banks under construction on Route 173. He said this area is prime retail space and he would like to see more name brand restaurants in the area. Mayor Larson briefly explained the zoning process to Mr. Michaels.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

1. Approval of the June 16, 2008 regular meeting minutes.
2. Approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by village staff.
3. Approval of Contract Revision for Animal/Rabies Control Services. **Resolution No. 08-43 approved as presented.**
4. Approval of a Resolution Supporting the City of Chicago's Bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic games. **Resolution No. 08-41 approved as presented.**
5. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of the entrance sign for Osmond Sport's Park Complex in the amount of \$2,600. **Resolution No. 08-42 approved as presented.**
6. Approval of an Ordinance amending Title Eleven, Chapter Three, Section Eight of the Village Subdivision Code relating to Park and Recreational Land Dedication requirements. **Ordinance No. 08-07-16 approved as presented.**
7. Approval of an Ordinance granting a sign variance from Title 9 of the Building Code upon the petition of JP Morgan Chase. **Ordinance No. 08-07-17 approved as presented.**

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Wolczyk and Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

8. **Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Crichton Rentals Planned Unit Development allowing Autobody Repair Facilities as a Special Use; Central Autobody –** Director of Planning Nilsen said that at the last meeting, the particulars of the first reading of the ordinance regarding indemnification provision. He asked at this time for the Board to not accept the first reading tonight and table the matter until there is clarification on that particular matter. Mayor Larson asked if Director Nilsen if would also like to table the next agenda item. Director Nilsen said that he felt it would be appropriate to table the next item as well since they are related.

Trustee Caulfield asked if the petitioner was made aware that the item would be tabled before tonight. Director Nilsen explained that he did not notify them because he was waiting for a written response from the petitioner or their representative. He explained that the agenda had to be

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posted last week and that he waited until the latest possible time before requesting to the table the item. Attorney Simon further explained that the petitioner's attorney is looking for clarification regarding the indemnification. Trustee Caulfield expressed his concerns about the perception that the Board is dragging out this item.

Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Caulfield to table agenda item 8, consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Crichton Rentals Planned Unit Development, Special Use for Central Autobody until the next regular meeting. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Wolczyk and Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

- 9. Consideration of an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Approval for an Autobody Shop within the Crichton Rentals Planed Unit Development; Central Autobody** – Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty to table agenda item 9, consideration of an ordinance granting a Special Use until the next the regular meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Wolczyk and Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Citizens who were present in the audience who wanted to address the Board regarding Central Autobody indicated they would hold their comments until the next meeting.

- 10. Consideration of discontinuing the Public Works Department Brush Pick-Up Program -**

Administrator Velan reviewed the request for board action report regarding the discontinuance of the Brush Pick-up Program. She said this program was designed many years ago for incidental brush which is being used way beyond what it was intended. She also explained that labor constraints, program cost and the duplication of services due a similar program provided by Waste Management's contracted service. Information regarding the program being eliminated by the public works department and concerning the services offered by Waste Management will be published in the newsletter and on the Village's website. Following discussion, Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to discontinue the Public Works department's Brush Pick-up program as of September 1, 2008. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Wolczyk and Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- 1. Utility Tax discussion** – Mayor Larson asked the discussion regarding utility taxes be moved to the next regular meeting because two Trustees are not present tonight and she would like everyone to have an opportunity to fully discuss the matter.

Trustee Crosby discussed the employee five year salary history with names included that he would like. He said that he would email staff tomorrow morning an Excel spreadsheet that he would like completed and that getting the information is not a budget item; he understood the need to approve a budget. Administrator Velan said that she distributed a five year report and thought the discussion regarding specific employee salaries would be done in executive session at the end of the meeting.

- 2. Mosquito Abatement Program update** – Administrator Velan re-explained the mosquito abatement program and said the Village is doing the recommended treatments. She further explained that she renegotiated the 3-year contract with the company to pay for any additional sprays on a per use basis.

IX. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

X. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Hanson said that he would like to discuss the fireworks program and launch site at a future public safety committee meeting. Administrator Velan will have staff review and will recommend options.

Trustee Crosby complimented everyone involved in the successful Taste of Summer which is a good community event. He asked if the tree lights were on during the event. There was a discussion regarding when the tree lights are turned on Main and Lake Street. Tom Laures, Economic Development Deputy Director will discuss the tree lights at an upcoming merchant meeting.

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Trustee Caulfield said that he is very concerned about activities in the Village and that he has made several attempts to address these concerns in executive session. He said there is a crime spree going on in the community and he would like answers to excessive speeding on many streets; trucks running red lights and a rash of vandalism in a particular neighborhood. He also said there have been three bombings and an arson event at the former Mayor's home. He said that he needs get answers for those who are questioning him and he would like to know if there are any investigations going on or not. Mayor Larson asked Trustee Caulfield to supply the dates and information to the police department. Trustee Caulfield said that he would get the information to the police department. Administrator Velan said that she has had discussions with Trustee Caulfield and that a written response including trends would be provided.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session; Personnel, Collective Bargaining and Pending Litigation – Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Caulfield for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to go into executive session to discuss personnel, collective bargaining and pending litigation at 8:35 p.m. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Wolczyk and Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Caulfield for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to return from executive session to the open meeting at 9:50 p.m. with **no action taken**. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Wolczyk and Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee McCarty moved seconded by Trustee Crosby to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi L. Rowe, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk