

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
October 20, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larson called the October 20, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 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, Wolczyk and Pierce. Also present were Mayor Larson, Administrator Velan, Attorney Simon, and Clerk Rowe.

IV. MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Larson discussed a petition that she received from the Midwest High Speed Rail Association regarding faster and more reliable train service throughout the State of Illinois.

Mayor Larson discussed the Antioch Garden Club's invitation to dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker honoring Veterans. The dedication will take place at the corner of Route 83 and Depot Street at 9:00 a.m. on November 11.

V. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Nicola Beisel, Silver Lake Avenue resident, read her letter regarding the Antioch Market Place Development. She distributed photos of Little Silver Lake and expressed concerns regarding the accuracy of statements made by the developers at previous meetings.

Patrick Becker, Ridgewood Drive resident, discussed the condition of the concrete roads in the Woods of Antioch subdivision. He asked if the Village had a time frame when the roads would be repaired.

Jeff Levernier, Poplar Avenue resident, discussed his conversations and meeting with Administrator Velan regarding damage to mailboxes in the Woods of Antioch subdivision. He said there were 25 mailboxes damaged during last winter and the village only reimbursed them for two. He asked what needs to be done to stop the damage and what procedures are required to get reimbursed. He also discussed that a resident witnessed damage by snow plows to three mailboxes.

Jerry Gunderson, Ridgewood Drive resident, said his mailbox has been hit 4 times. He said that his wife took a photo of the damaged mailbox, called public works and three hours later someone must have straightened out the mailbox and then told him there was nothing wrong with the mailbox. He also said that he filed police reports, turned in two invoices and if it's not paid, he would file a small claim in court. He also said that he witnessed drivers driving too fast and drove onto a lawn.

Linda Wicker, Aspen Way resident, expressed her concerns with the safety and speed of trucks and suggested that public works staff have safety training.

Larry Farino, Aspen Way resident, said he just learned about the mailbox replacement policy and will file the appropriate paperwork. He discussed the drivers in Libertyville who have training and also participate in competitions.

Tom Kessell, Aspen Way resident, said the plows damaged his mailbox. He called and reported the incident to public works who told him they would repair it and he hasn't heard back from them. In the meantime, he straightened his mailbox so he could still receive mail.

Anthony Hibbeln, Ridgewood Drive resident, brought in a damaged mailbox showing that it was not rusty and steel portion that was sheered off. He said his wife was told that the Village would not replace the mailbox because it was rusty. He said that a replacement program and procedures should be put into effect.

Gary Braun, Ridgewood resident, said that in three years, he's had to replace three mailboxes. He discussed his former residence and the durability of his mailbox in that location.

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Dave Dziki, Brierwood Drive resident, discussed the condition of the roads in the subdivision. He said that if the Village would not provide a response regarding repair timeframes, there's an upcoming election in April where the Woods of Antioch subdivision would vote in other people who would listen to their concerns.

Len Sikova, Ridgewood Drive resident, discussed the condition of the road near his home and water that runs into the cul de sac. He said that water is running into the ground before the sewer and was concerned about the road collapsing.

Bill Rodstat, Ridgewood Drive resident, said that when he was outside in February a snowplow went by so fast that a large chunk of ice was thrown onto his property. He also discussed damage to his mailbox and incident police report that was filed. He questioned why the report did not have any follow-up.

Danna Grandfield, Ridgewood Drive resident, said that she's had two mailboxes damaged in two years. She thought the process was handled after she called the public works department and spoke to staff.

Doug Root, Indian Ridge Drive resident, said that all the mailboxes have been installed according to the specifications established by the post office. He also discussed a time when the snow was thrown past the sidewalk and said that he believed the snow plow drivers are driving too fast and that something is wrong if there are 25 damaged mailboxes in one subdivision.

Peter Michaels, Aspen Way resident, said that he believed the public works department staff does an excellent job and puts in a lot of hours; but responsibility should be taken for damages. He said that when his mailbox was hit by a plow he called the police department because he felt it was a vehicle accident. He questioned the incident report used instead of an accident report. He said he received the letter from the village outlining the procedures for reimbursement.

Janet Bratzke, Indian Ridge resident, said that her mailbox was damaged after the Superbowl. She said there isn't a reason for the plows to be driving that close to the mailboxes. She thought the snowplows are being driven too fast and that she would complete the appropriate paperwork.

Mayor Larson thanked those in the audience and said the Board has heard their concerns. Trustee Caulfield suggested this matter be placed on the next Committee of the Whole meeting and said that he is disappointed that the matters have not yet been addressed. Trustee Pierce said that he would like the public works superintendent to attend the committee meeting and the invoices should be placed on the next accounts payable for payment. Trustee Crosby said he had a lot of questions for the committee meeting and that he believed all the members of the board are concerned. Trustee Hanson discussed his conversations with Jeff Levernier regarding the road conditions and his experience riding along with public works employees during snow plowing. Administrator Velan discussed her meetings and conversations with Jeff Levernier and Daryl Heiter. She said that staff is pursuing both avenues regarding road repair and a capital improvement program. Woods of Antioch subdivision items will be placed on the November 12 Committee of the Whole meeting.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of October 6, 2008 minutes as presented.
2. Approval of payment for accounts payable as prepared by village staff.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Crosby, Wolczyk and Pierce.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 5 of the Village Code Requiring Persons to Remove Snow and Ice from Public Sidewalks. *First read 10/6/08.*

Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Caulfield to approve **Ordinance No. 08-10-24**, entitled, **An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 5 of the Village Code Requiring Persons to Remove Snow and Ice from Public Sidewalks.**

There was a discussion regarding the penalty provision of the ordinance and the notification to the businesses and residents. Mayor Larson explained the discussion from previous committee meetings regarding the penalty provision and said Deputy Economic Director Laues would be discussing the ordinance at the next merchant meeting. Notification would also be published in upcoming Village Newsletters and on the Village website. There was also a discussion regarding the responsibilities of the

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homeowners and business owners to clear their public sidewalk areas. Administrator Velan said that staff would be evaluating the process during the first year of the ordinance's implementation and would recommend any necessary changes. Attorney Simon discussed the general penalty provisions of the Village Code.

There being no further discussion and upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 2: Caulfield and Pierce.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. Consideration of an ordinance approving a final plat of subdivision; upon the Petition of Centrum Antioch LLC located on the Southeast corner of Route 173 and Route 59; PZB08-12 – Director of Planning and Zoning Nilsen said the proposal includes the development of four lot commercial subdivision located at the corner of the Route 59 and Route 173. There was also a discussion regarding the current work being done on the site with staff providing information to the Board in the weekly status report.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to accept the first reading of an ordinance approving a final plat of subdivision; upon the petition of Centrum Antioch LLC. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Crosby, Wolczyk and Pierce.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Consideration of a Resolution Proposing the Antioch Corporate Center Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment District and the Convention of a Joint of a Joint Review Board and Public Hearing – Economic Deputy Director Laures reviewed the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act and said the creation of the Joint Review Board and holding a public hearing are two steps required by State Statute in order to allow public participation in the process of adopting a Tax Increment Financing District.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to approve as presented **Resolution No. 08-57**, entitled, **A Resolution Proposing the Consideration of a Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Antioch Corporate Center TIF Redevelopment District and the Redevelopment Project Area and the Adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing therefore, Convening a Joint Review Board and Calling a Public Hearing in Connection therewith.** Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Crosby, Wolczyk and Pierce.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration of a Resolution Accepting the Fire Chiefs Association Report Dated September 2008 – Trustee Caulfield moved, seconded by Trustee Wolczyk to approve as presented **Resolution No. 08-58**, entitled, **A Resolution Accepting the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Report.**

Mayor Larson read into the record a letter from Rescue Squad Chief Wayne Sobczak regarding the report. Trustee Wolczyk commented on the time frame the Board has been reviewing the report and members of the Rescue Squad have not attended any meetings. He said he did not like the tone of the letter and he would not be approving any payables for the Rescue Squad. Trustee Crosby said that he was surprised by the letter's implication and that everyone needs to work together. Trustee Caulfield discussed combined public safety meetings and the invitation to the Rescue Squad to participate. Trustee Hanson said the elected officials should be proactive and he discussed Antioch's long history of volunteerism in the community.

Call the Question - Following further discussion, Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty to call the question. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 1: Wolczyk.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further discussion and upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Hanson, McCarty, Caulfield, Crosby, Wolczyk and Pierce.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of Resolutions authorizing the Village Administrator to execute agreements with Greg Greenhill Construction in the amount of \$189,000 for roadway repairs and Elmund & Nelson in the amount \$6,286 for street light repairs in NeuHaven Subdivision – Administrator Velan reviewed the bids and said they were well under the engineers estimate.

Trustee Caulfield left the meeting at 9:45 p.m. and returned at 9:49 p.m.

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Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty to approve as presented **Resolution No. 08-59**, entitled, **A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Greg Greenhill Construction in the Amount of \$189,000 for Roadway Repairs in NeuHaven Subdivision and Resolution No. 08-60**, entitled, **A Resolution to Authorize the Village Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Elmund and Nelson in the Amount of \$6,286 for Street Light Repairs in NeuHaven Subdivision**. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSTAIN: 1: Caulfield.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Caulfield left the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Neumann Homes Informational Meeting – Administrator Velan discussed the Neumann Homes subdivision informational meeting being held at 7:00 p.m. on October 21. The meeting will be held at the Antioch High School Commons area.

St. Peter's Footlight's event – Administrator Velan discussed the St. Peter's Footlight's event and the request for a special event liquor license. Due to the timeliness, she asked for consensus from the Board to authorize Mayor Larson to issue the license with the action ratified at the November 3, 2008 meeting. The Board indicated their consensus.

IX. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

X. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Wolczyk discussed the history of volunteerism providing emergency services for decades. He said he is concerned about performance and that he didn't like the tone of the letter from Rescue Squad Chief Wayne Sobczak read earlier by Mayor Larson.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee McCarty for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to go into executive session at 10:03 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and personnel. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Caulfield.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee McCarty moved, seconded by Trustee Wolczyk for the Mayor and Board of Trustees return from executive session to the open meeting at 10:19 p.m. with **no action taken**. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Caulfield.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee McCarty moved seconded by Trustee Pierce to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi L. Rowe, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk