

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES; REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
September 8, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the September 8, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hanson and the Board of Trustees led in the Pledge of the Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Administrator Keim, Attorney Long and Clerk Rowe.

IV. MAYORAL REPORT

Commendation Letter to Sergeant John Laskowski – Clerk Rowe read the commendation letter from Police Chief Foerster to Sergeant John Laskowski regarding his assistance to Lindenhurst Police Department on August 5. While on duty, Sergeant Laskowski was monitoring police radio traffic and heard Lindenhurst Police Department responding to criminal damage to property of vehicle windows being shot out possibly with the use of a BB gun. On a ‘hunch’ he went to Wal-Mart and discovered that two CO2 charged pellet/BB guns were purchased. He obtained a photocopy of the receipt and photographed like weapons, forwarding the information to the Lindenhurst and Lake Villa Police Departments. As a result of his efforts, four suspects were taken into custody which resulted in 162 felony counts of criminal damage to property. Sergeant Laskowski was commended for his conscientious and alert police work and was congratulated on a job well done.

Mayoral Proclamation: America on the Move Week; September 20-27, 2009 – Clerk Rowe read the Mayoral Proclamation designating the week of September 20-27, 2009 as “America on the Move Week” in the Village of Antioch and encouraged everyone to make two simple changes; take an extra 2000 steps and eat wisely each day.

V. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no citizens present in the audience who wished to address the Board regarding any matter that is not listed on the agenda.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Wolczyk to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

1. Approval of the August 17, 2009 meeting minutes as presented.
2. Approval of a Resolution authorizing of a Resolution authorizing a Raffle License for St. Ignatius with the drawing to be held on October 17, 2009 and waiving all fees – **Resolution No. 09-79**.
3. Approval of a Resolution authorizing Lambs Farm to conduct their Popcorn Days Fundraiser on October 2&3, 2009 – **Resolution No. 09-81**.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Approval of a Resolution authorizing Trick-or-Treat hours on October 31, 2009 -

Trustee Sakas moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos to approve **Resolution No. 09-80** authorizing Trick-or-Treat hours be from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Village of Antioch on October 31, 2009. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by village staff – Trustee

Wolczyk moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to approve payment of accounts payable as prepared by village staff in the amount of \$1,038,900.93. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

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6. Consideration of an IDOT Resolution for the Maintenance of Streets in the amount of \$620,821.90 – Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak to approve IDOT Resolution No. 09-82 for the Maintenance of Streets in the amount of \$620,821.90. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.
NO: 0.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of a Resolution accepting the bids received and authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute a Contract with Payne & Dolan in the amount of \$451,935.35 for the 2009 Road Program – Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce to approve Resolution No. 09-83 accepting the bids received and authorizing Village Administrator to execute a contract with Payne and Dolan in the amount of \$451,935.35 for the 2009 Road Program. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.
NO: 0.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Hanson commended staff for their efforts and for including Tiffany Road in this year's program.

8. Consideration of a Resolution accepting the proposals received and authorizing the Village Administrator to execute a contract with American Hoarders Cleaning Service in the amount of \$74,990.24 for the Village facilities cleaning services – Administrator Keim reported the cleaning services is included in the budget and discussed that two employees are currently assigned in the maintenance department. He said by going with this service, there would be a cost savings of about \$20,000.

Following further discussion, Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Sakas to table this item until after the Board returns from executive session later in tonight's meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.
NO: 0.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration of a Resolution directing village staff to produce a month to month agreement not to exceed 90 days, to provide a fitness center to the residents of Antioch – Mayor Hanson called on those present in the audience who wished to address the Board regarding this agenda item.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tom Kessell, Aspen Way resident and Park Board member, said that he agreed that we could use a fitness facility in Antioch and that was part of the plan for the proposed recreation center. He said that it would be quite a while before a recreation center would be available in Antioch, and a chance to provide a fitness center in Antioch is good. He said that he was concerned that if we take over Potential we are only bailing out Al Roth. Mr. Kessell said the proposal is for the parks department to run the facility for 90 days to see if it would work. He said that it also appears that this is a proposal with a limited time opportunity and he asked if the proposal would go before the Park Board because he had more questions.

Dorothy Larson, North Avenue resident said that she received several telephone calls regarding this issue. She said there is very little information regarding the proposal, such as cost, staffing, and managing the facility. She said people think this proposal seems more like a bailout for a friend and the Board should think long and hard before taking over a business.

Cedric Johnson, Marshall Drive resident and Park Board member, said that he met with Al Roth on Friday and felt at the time that it was a good idea. He said, now he believed the Board should take a little time to investigate the proposal more, that it is hard to make a decision and that he would like to see more data.

Al Roth, Potential Training owner said that he was taking his business on a different route and that he sees the community needs a fitness center. He said this is not a bail out, his goal is to help the community and that he is moving onto the next phase of his career tomorrow with or without the facility.

Mayor Hanson said that he grew up in town and of course he's going to have friendships with many people, he said that when he heard about this idea he directed staff to look into it. He explained that he is staying out of the situation and that he is trying to think outside of the box. He said that he is proud that someone came to him with an idea about health and we should look into whether or not it could work; we're taking a little risk for possible benefits to our community.

Tom Poulos, Red Hawk Drive resident, asked why the proposal was not sent to the Park Board for review and why hasn't the Parks Director been involved in discussions regarding the feasibility of fitness center in Antioch. He said the first priority should be a swimming pool and recreation center.

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Mayor Hanson said that he directed administrator Keim to review the concept of offering fitness programs through our parks department.

Mary Gaborek, Needlegrass Parkway resident, said there is another speed and agility business in town and maybe Mr. Roth should speak to Steve Colletti. She also expressed concerns with competing with Snap Fitness centers that are located nearby.

Jeff Levernier, Poplar Avenue resident, said that he felt a fitness center is positive for the village and that children and adults would benefit using this facility.

Diana (Dee) Reeves, Fox Drive resident, Clerk Rowe read into the record a letter from Dee Reeves supporting a workout center for the village residents and a trial period of six months will tell if people in Antioch are interested. She said she has family members who use the facility and a six month period is not too much to ask.

Administrator Keim gave a brief report regarding staff analysis for the Village to offer fitness programs through the parks department. He expressed concern due to the Village's tight budget; however, the initial analysis showed the fitness center could possibly break even. He apologized that he didn't include parks director Laurie Stahl in the initial analysis and since her involvement she has brought up several good points. There was also a discussion regarding the property owner time line to lease the property.

Trustees discussed other municipalities who also have fitness centers or other facilities under their jurisdiction. Administrator Keim reported there are municipalities with park districts that have fitness centers and other amenities such as golf courses through district programs. Board members expressed concerns and asked for more information such as seeing a business plan, business records and reports showing equipment condition and value. There was also a discussion regarding the current economy and that there are 8 fitness facilities within a nine-mile radius of Antioch. Trustee Poulos said there wasn't any back up documentation to the Potential Gym proposal resolution and he asked staff that in the future, to place resolutions on the agenda with back up documentation. He also asked if the finance director researched the financial impact and he asked the parks director if she had any input.

Parks and Recreation Director Laurie Stahl reviewed her outline of her meetings and discussions regarding the proposed fitness center and discussed her concerns. They are: that a daily log of current fitness center for the past six months be provided to see how many people use the facility; using taxpayer dollars to fund a fitness center in the current economic state as well as the village's current financial situation; requested to see current payroll at the fitness center; the need to research and hire qualified managers to run a fitness center, and to have enough time to properly research this venture and address questions and concerns. She also asked what happened to the original proposal that is different than what is being presented tonight and she would like to see an independent study on the condition of the equipment and the value. Director Stahl said that as of last Wednesday, she, Administrator Keim, Management Analyst Parks decided to ask the Village Board, simply for direction on whether they would like staff to spend any more time and energy looking into this venture by doing a more in-depth analysis. She said this was to be brought up by Trustee Pierce under other business tonight. She said that she had many conversations both by telephone and through email with Management Analyst Parks throughout the day on Friday and imagine her surprise when she picked up her board packet at 5:00 p.m. on Friday to find an agenda item listed as Consideration of a Resolution directing village staff to produce a month to month agreement not to exceed 90 days, to provide a fitness center to the residents of Antioch and a "Request for Board Action" originated from the Parks Department, that she had NO knowledge of. When she Administrator Keim he was out of town and unavailable. She called Mayor Hanson and was told that he had drawn up the RFBA and placed the item on the agenda. Director Stahl said that she thought it was wrong to put the originating department as the Parks Department when she had no knowledge of the item being placed on the agenda.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos to send the fitness center proposal to the Park Board for further review to make a recommendation to the Village Board.

Trustee Crosby said he was concerned about the time frame that may be involved for the Park Board review and that he would support sending it to the Park Board as long as it would not take several months for their review.

Trustee Poulos and Trustee Pierce amended their second and motion.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos to send the fitness center proposal to the Park Board for further review at their next meeting and make a recommendation to the Village Board. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

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VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Keim introduced new public works director Chris Liveris. Chris Liveris said that he is looking forward to doing the best that he can and that he appreciates the opportunity.

Administrator Keim reported that construction on Route 83 began today in Lake Villa and that construction will not be in the Village until next spring. He also reported that he was notified that construction on North Avenue also began today.

Trustee Crosby asked about status of the gas station property located on Main and Orchard Street. Director Dustin Nilsen reported that he just received a report today regarding the required asbestos abatement.

XIV. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

XV. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Crosby said that he met with First Fire District two weeks ago and they would like to get the Memorandum of Understanding memorializing current operations in place. Administrator Keim said the MOU has been slightly amended since the Board approved it in March and he will place it on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

Police Chief Foerster introduced police department staff members who were involved in the recent drug case where substantial fire power was also discovered. He said this was an immense case that happened very quickly and commended staff and other agencies involved. Mayor Hanson thanked Police Chief Foerster and the department for doing a tremendous job.

Trustee Crosby discussed the road condition in the Woods of Antioch and thanked Senator Michael Bond who was able to secure \$661,000 to help repair the roads. He said the Village needs to find out the manner in which the roads were constructed and asked if village and state guidelines were met. Administrator Keim explained that water was the culprit which caused failure to road. Trustee Sakas discussed the subdivision approval process and said two years is not a long enough time to show any failures and he said that village engineer should not be outsourced. Mr. Levernier, present in the audience said that his freedom of information request showed the method used worked in California.

Trustee Pierce asked for Police Department assistance with the Oakwood Knolls Halloween parade as done in past years. He also discussed the parking situation at Anastasia's Restaurant.

Trustee Poulos said that he met with Human Resource Director Winegarner and Management Analyst Parks and they discussed employee incentive and recognition ideas to include in next year's budget.

Trustee Sakas briefly discussed the meeting regarding the sign code and RTA open house.

Trustee Wolczyk welcomed new Public Works Director Liveris.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to go into executive session at 10:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, property acquisition and personnel. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Wolczyk for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to return from executive session to the open meeting at 10:45 p.m. with **action to be taken**. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of a Resolution accepting the proposals received and authorizing the Village Administrator to execute a contract with American Hoarders Cleaning Service in the amount of \$74,990.24 for the Village facilities cleaning services – There being no further discussion, Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Sakas to approve **Resolution No. 09-84** to accept the cleaning proposal received and authorizing the Village Administrator to execute a contract with American Hoarders Cleaning Service in the amount of \$74,990.24 for Village facilities cleaning services. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Wolczyk to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi L. Rowe, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk