

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES; REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
January 19, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the January 19, 2010 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 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 Forman and Clerk Rowe. Absent: Attorney Long.

IV. MAYORAL REPORT

Appoint Esther Stonis as secretary to the Police and Fire Commission – Mayor Hanson reviewed Esther Stonis information and said that she has expressed interest in serving on the Police and Fire Commission.

Trustee Wolczyk moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak to appoint Esther Stonis as secretary to the Police and Fire Commission, replacing Jane Pensala. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Appoint Cindy Bucci as Member to the Antioch Parks Commission, term expires 2013 - Mayor Hanson reviewed the Cindy Bucci's information and said that she is interested in serving on the Parks Commission.

Trustee Wolczyk moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to appoint Cindy Bucci as Member to the Antioch Parks Commission, replacing Julie Kovalinka and term expiring 2013. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Oath of Office – Clerk Rowe administered the Oath of Office to Park Commission Member Cindy Bucci.

U-Verse – Mayor Hanson asked Clerk Rowe to read the following statement regarding AT&T U-Verse:

It has come to my attention that there is a rumor floating around town to the effect that the Village is somehow preventing AT&T from providing U-Verse access to Village residents. This rumor is entirely untrue.

The Village Board recently adopted some amendments to the building codes that make it clearer and easier for us to process any requests from AT&T and any other internet provider for access to the public ways for setting up their cables and lines. We welcome any and all inquiries from AT&T and any competitors so that we can ensure that our residents have the widest choice of service providers to pick from.

From the time of the original roll-out by AT&T of the U-Verse program to the present, we have not been contacted for any building permits or for access to the public ways for installation permits. We cannot give permits if they are not requested.

We are not aware of what AT&T's plans are for Antioch, but we would respectfully ask them to advise our residents of when they might be thinking of bringing their service up to our town. In the meantime, please do not repeat these rumors as there is no truth whatsoever to them.

Help for Haiti – Mayor Hanson discussed the recent tragic events in Haiti and said the Village's website has a link on its home page "Help for Haiti" which connects to various organizations helping with the Haiti earthquake relief efforts. He also discussed the recent email from Sara Jowers from ACHS who will be holding a "Hoops for Haiti" fundraiser in March. More information will be posted on the website.

V. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

John Pecci, Antioch Senior Advisory Council Vice-President addressed the Board and read the following letter:

The Antioch Senior Council has discovered that the Village of Antioch has taken money from the Dolly Spiering Fund without the knowledge or consent of the Council. This is unacceptable to the Antioch Senior Council.

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Last year, on October 8th, the Antioch Senior Council addressed the Village Board and offered to loan the Village \$50,000 to help the Village deal with their budget shortfall for their current fiscal year.

Since then, there has been no communication between the Village and the Council about the funds. At this time, the Senior Council is asking the Village Board if your withdrawal of monies from the Dolly Spiering Account means you are agreeing to the proposed loan, which is payable within a three year period.

The Council demands the courtesy and respect of communication when it involves monies left to the Antioch Senior Center by Dolly Spiering, per the signed Village Board Resolution R03-16, adopted in June of 2003.

Mayor Hanson said the Board doesn't have any knowledge of the money being transferred and that he believed the Board respects the intent of the Dolly Spiering fund. He suggested Administrator Keim set up a meeting with staff to discuss. Trustee Crosby said that he would like a full report.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of a Resolution authoring a Raffle License for the Irish Terrier Club of Chicago; drawing to be held on June 19, 2010; **Resolution No. 10-01.**
2. Approval of a Resolution authorizing a Special Event Liquor License for the Antioch Jr. Woman's Club Comedy Night on March 6, 2010 and waiving all fees; **Resolution No. 10-02.**
3. Approval of a Resolution authorizing a Special Event Liquor License for the Antioch Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on February 8, 2010; **Resolution No. 10-03.**

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 the January 4, 2010 Regular meeting minutes as presented – Trustee Sakas moved seconded by Trustee Poulos to approve the January 4, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, and Jozwiak.

NO: 0.

ABSTAIN: 2: Crosby and Wolczyk.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Consideration of payment of accounts payable as prepared by village staff – Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to approve payment of accounts payable as prepared by village staff in the amount of \$992,032.94. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Article 3 of the Municipal Code of Antioch Adding Chapter 5 Regulating Use of Certain Tax Proceeds – Trustee Wolczyk moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak to table this item to a finance committee meeting before placing it on the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Finance Director McCarthy distributed and reviewed December 2009 revenue and expenditure financial reports, financial reports by department and a sales tax trend report for the fiscal years 2007-2010.

Trustee Pierce asked if the decrease in the sales tax revenue can be identified. Finance Director McCarthy said she will email the Trustees the data, which is reported by the State to the Village in categories and not by individual locations.

Trustee Poulos said that it would be helpful to show last year's budget and mirror the first three columns of the revenue/expenditure reports.

Mayor Hanson briefly discussed the timing the Village receives revenues and has expenditures and that some items are seasonal.

Finance Director McCarthy also briefly discussed the increased IMRF rate that will begin this month.

Trustee Crosby suggested that it would be helpful if the reports with a narrative be placed on the Village's website and he briefly discussed Walmart sales tax revenue being a major topic of those he talks to and the conversation that may have taken place during the approval process. Trustee Pierce said that it was very clear at the approval time that Walmart would not save the town, but would help maintain our property tax rates. He said that if we did not have Walmart right now, our staff and services would have to be cut in half. Trustee Sakas said that its not just the Walmart but also the other businesses that are attracted to that area, including Menards, because Walmart is there.

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Mayor Hanson said the key is good management because we have to look and understand trends and the business element of what we're doing and we can't spend what we don't have; we need to remember that these economic situations are cyclical and we need to do our part while we're in office.

IX. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

X. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Pierce reported there is a Park Commission meeting on January 20. He said the Daddy Daughter Date Night is on February 6. Mayor Hanson said that HR Director Winegarner expected interviews for the director position to begin soon and that Trustee Pierce should contact her if he wants to participate. Trustee Pierce also thanked Trustee Jozwiak for getting the escrow account reports and asked they be distributed with the monthly status and information reports.

Trustee Crosby discussed recent public safety committee meetings and that Fire Chief Volling is retiring in April. He discussed the number of applications received to date and the assessment program for selected candidates. He said the next committee meeting is on January 21.

Trustee Wolczyk discussed the IDNR pre-hearing that was recently held in Chicago regarding allocation of Lake Michigan water. He said the first official hearing is scheduled on March 11 and he will update the Board as the project progresses. Trustee Crosby discussed the Lake Michigan water study and asked if allocation is approved, would there be a public referendum question. Trustee Wolczyk said that was correct, and if allocation is approved there would be public education program and that it would be long process before any implementation.

Trustee Jozwiak discussed setting up a finance committee meeting next week to review the draft tax proceed ordinance. He also asked Board members who are not using their village issued cell phones to turn them in. Mayor Hanson said that he would support those who use their phones and may want to keep them. Trustee Jozwiak asked about three rescue squad vehicles that were parked and running over an hour at a local restaurant. Administrator Keim will look into the matter. Trustee Jozwiak also asked about the A-1 Financial signs with Administrator Keim responding that the code enforcement department has cited them. Code enforcement officer Paul Green, present in the audience, explained that certain equipment is needed remove the sign.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor and Board of Trustees did not go into executive session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Wolczyk moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi L. Rowe, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk