

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES; REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
November 1, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the November 1, 2010 regular meeting before 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 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, Attorney Long and Clerk Rowe. Absent: Administrator Keim.

IV. MAYORAL REPORT

1. Appoint Craig Somerville as Police Chief – Mayor Hanson read a statement regarding his appointment of Craig Somerville as the Antioch Police Chief and he outlined the manner in which Craig Somerville was brought to his attention. He also discussed the meeting where Craig Somerville met with the Board members and after a long debate, Board members felt that Craig Somerville's appointment would be the most effective way to bring the police department back to order as soon as possible. Mayor Hanson said that he was very impressed with Craig Somerville during recent conversations with him and with his initial ideas to restructure the department and streamline the command structure.

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Craig Somerville as Police Chief.

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 Chief Craig Somerville.

Following the Oath of Office, Board members congratulated Chief Somerville on his appointment and discussed the neighborhood watch program with initial meetings beginning in a few weeks. Chief Somerville thanked his wife Linda, Deputy Chief Youngs, police department staff, and the Mayor and Board of Trustees for their support. He said the police department does incredible work and he discussed the importance of police department staff meeting with the public. Deputy Chief Youngs congratulated Chief Somerville and thanked Mayor Hanson and the Board for making an outstanding choice.

2. Appoint Park Commission Members: Jerry Johnson, with term expiring 2012, Angela Brooks, with a term expiring 2014 and re-appoint Cedric Johnson with a term expiring 2015 – Mayor Hanson discussed the interview process and said there were of number of interested applicants that came from the community. He also discussed the volunteer organization being created to assist with events throughout the year. He hoped those who have applied for the park commission will contact the Parks department for more information.

Trustee Wolczyk moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak to appoint the Jerry Johnson, term expiring 2012; Angela Brooks, term expiring 2014 and re-appoint Cedric Johnson with a term expiring 2015 as members of Park Commission. 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 administrated the oath of office to park commission members.

V. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jeff Levernier, Poplar Avenue, discussed the tremendous change in police department that he saw and said there has been a night and day difference the last few weeks. He said that he sees more patrols on the street and discussed how many patrols he noticed on Halloween. Mr. Levernier also discussed the road construction being completed and he complimented the construction company who did a fabulous job. He said the Woods of Antioch subdivision residents are very appreciative.

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VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the October 18, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Presentation from PHN Architects regarding site evaluation for the Antioch Aquatic Center Project – Director of Planning, Zoning and Building Nilsen introduced Gary Pingle from PHN and Todd Stanton from Design Perspectives reviewed their memorandum and briefly discussed the PARC facility and construction grant opportunity and he reviewed the telephone survey that would be completed by November 2, 2010. He said there have been some adamant responses for not having the aquatic center located on the Bitner property and the survey showed that Williams Park being the preferred site. Todd Stanton explained the Williams Park site may have a little more to offer when applying for the grant and that its location is close to downtown and public transportation.

Trustee Pierce asked to see the sample questions from the telephone survey and felt the map that was shown did not factor some of the subdivisions to the east. Trustee Pierce also said that a pool located at Williams Park would take up a lot of the amenities and he discussed the Lions Club Pavilion and that Williams Park is landlocked where the Bitner location is not. Todd Stanton from Design Perspectives said he didn't have that information yet, and he should have more information by Wednesday's Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustee Poulos said asked how the sites were ranked and he discussed the importance of being close to the downtown area because we want people to attend the events and he felt it was a better opportunity to keep the pool at Williams Park. He also discussed the day camp program and said if the pool was not located at Williams Park transportation would have to be considered so the parks department could utilize the pool with their programs.

Trustee Crosby discussed the parking capacity at both locations. Todd Stanton from Designs Perspectives indicated that a parking area would have to be built at the Bittner location and with Williams Park there is an opportunity to reuse and renovate. Trustee Crosby discussed the Little League field location and said that it may have to be moved. He agreed with Trustee Poulos' comments and felt that Williams Park being close to downtown and Metra is a better fit. Trustee Crosby said that parking is the limitation that he currently sees and he briefly discussed that the Bitner property would be great for a use in the future.

Trustee Jozwiak asked about utilities and infrastructure having a substantial cost at the Bitner location. Gary Pingle from PHN Architects replied that it would be difficult to get a cost estimate without a survey. Todd Stanton said that we can look at what we can reuse to minimize the infrastructure costs.

Trustee Wolczyk asked if recent completed projects in their experience if more projects were done as a redevelopment of land or on undeveloped land. Gary Pingle responded that it has been a mix of both with about 75% being redevelopment projects.

Trustee Pierce said that he does not like the Williams Park location and he felt the Bitner location offered better opportunity for growth and ease of access for the majority of the residents.

Todd Stanton reviewed some of the responses to the telephone survey and said that convenience was the least reason for not using the pool.

Trustee Pierce asked Mr. Stanton that if cost was not a factor, what his opinion would be for the location. Mr. Stanton replied that he would look toward redevelopment, however in design there is no right or wrong answer and as consultants they give options and it is up to the Board to make the decision.

There was a brief discussion regarding safety and the train noise. Mr. Pingle from PHN Architects explained that safety is a primary concern and said there is pool certification requirement which the current pool has been approved and certified each year. Trustee Crosby said ambiance and greenery could be added to the existing site for sound buffer.

Parks and Recreation Director Kudla explained the selection process and said that we have one month to submit the grant application with the concept design and chosen location.

Mayor Hanson discussed PHN Architect's recommendation of Williams Park and he said most park board members want to see something happen. He said that he felt this grant opportunity was a win/win for our community.

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Those present in the audience discussed the Bitner location not being convenient and concern with the increased cost for building the pool on raw land. They also expressed concern over the funds discussed to build the facility, but not to maintain the center. Residents who live near the Bitner location also discussed the parking areas that are near Williams Park and the cost to run a trolley to the Bitner location.

Trustee Pierce said that he knows that money is a sensitive subject, but the Village should be looking at constructing a facility that will address the needs of the community for many years.

Mayor Hanson discussed the past discussions regarding a combined facility with Lindenhurst and the concerns that were raised at that time regarding staffing and central location. He said the Board has an opportunity to improve an amenity that we have had for over 50 years. He said that it was time for the Board to pick a location and to finally move forward.

Trustee Crosby asked if any Park Board members who were present in the audience if they had any concerns. Cedric Johnson said that he was concerned with the parking facility at Williams Park and he suggested that if the pool was at the Bitner location, we could have a shuttle/trolley to bring people to the downtown area. He said the Board should re-tool their thinking and that he felt the Bitner site was a better location. Trustee Crosby said the trolley/shuttle could work both ways and from all perspectives, Williams Park offers the quickest solution.

Following further discussion, the Board indicated their consensus to have the Aquatic Center located at Williams Park.

3. Consideration of accounts payable as prepared by staff – Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Wolczyk to approve payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff and in the amount of \$240,386.37. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a Skid Loader, Trailer and Snow Blower from Atlas Companies in the amount of \$36,041; Resolution No. 10-103 – Public Works Director Liveris reviewed his request for Board action outlining the bids received for the Skid Steer Machine that were opened on October 13, 2010. Staff is recommending the purchase of a BobCat S185 with trailer and snow blower from Atlas Companies in the amount of \$36,041.

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Wolczyk to approve **Resolution No. 10-103** authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase the Bobcat S185 Skid Loader, trailer and snow blower in the amount of \$36,041.

There was a brief discussion regarding the options with Director Liveris explaining that the Bobcat is the only one that offered a 2011 model, all options are new and warranty and training are included in the cost. Director Liveris said once approved the loader should be delivered within 30-40 days. Trustee Sakas said that since Atlas is located in community where he works and because he knows them, he will abstain from voting.

Roll Call Vote - There being no further discussion and upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSTAIN: 1: Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Environmental Commission Ordinance; Ordinance No. 10-11-27 – Trustee Pierce explained the amendments to the ordinance were to increase the number of members from seven to nine and a quorum being five members instead of four. There are currently eight members appointed to the commission with one person willing to serve whose appointment will be on a future Village Board agenda for consideration.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak to approve **Ordinance No. 10-11-27** amending the Environmental Commission Ordinance. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Director of Planning, Zoning and Building Nilsen discussed the repairs being done to the railroad crossing on Route 173 during November 3 – 13. He asked if the Board was comfortable using the telephone message service to notify residents that the crossing will be closed during this time. Board members gave their consensus to allow staff to use the system to notify residents of the railroad crossing closure and that businesses are open during this time.

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IX. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

There was a brief discussion regarding the new leaf vacuuming program which is during the month of November and whether there would be yard waste pick up during this time. Director of Government Affairs Parks explained the program and said that every attempt will be made to pick up the yard waste on a case by case basis. Yard waste program will resume for the first two weeks in December. Director Parks said that residents with questions may contact him or put in request through our online program.

X. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Pierce asked for a report on the bowling alley repairs. Director Nilsen said the department is at the site everyday and trying to assist them in any way. Trustee Pierce asked if Waste Management or public works would be picking up branches due to the recent windstorms. Director Parks said Waste Management will pick up the bundled branches. Trustee Pierce thanked police department staff for their assistance with the annual Oakwood Knolls subdivision costume parade that was held on Halloween.

Trustee Poulos asked if stop lights could be installed at Depot Street and Deep Lake Road and said it was difficult to make left turns at that intersection. Director Nilsen will contact Lake County Department of Transportation to see if a traffic study could be done. Mayor Hanson discussed next year's road program that will include Depot Street and suggested that we may be able to include it then.

Trustee Sakas said that he and Director Nilsen recently attended a meeting DePaul University regarding impact fees and that Antioch is ahead of a lot of communities. Trustee Sakas also discussed the ICSC conference that he and Director Parks attended and said that although there was a bit more activity at the conference than recent previous years, that economy is still not there yet in terms of commercial development.

Trustee Crosby said that he was very excited about the upcoming neighborhood watch program and he also complimented Chief Somerville on his enthusiasm. Trustee Crosby also discussed the 'free pass' card that was referred to at the October 13 meeting. He said that he was not criticizing the Mayor but he was troubled and offended by what happened. He also said that he was confident that Mayor Hanson didn't do anything to cause a problem and he was sure that it was done innocently. He then discussed a resident's recent traffic stop and asked Attorney Long to draft a policy to limit the expectation of favors being done by the Mayor or Board members. Attorney Long said that he would draft something for the Board's review and that most is covered under State Law.

Trustee Wolczyk said the AT&T work is completed on the tower by Fire Station #1 and he asked if there is more information regarding the Lake Michigan Water. Director Nilsen responded there is nothing new.

Trustee Jozwiak said a finance meeting will be scheduled with Administrator Keim returns. He reviewed the revenue and expenditure reports. Finance Director McCarthy will email a copy of the report to the Board. Trustee Jozwiak asked Director Nilsen if we could make the downtown area a "No Truck Zone" due to the cost of road repairs.

There was a brief discussion regarding the utility tax and fund reserve accounts. Finance Director McCarthy said the Board needs to approve the distribution of the utility tax funds.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi L. Rowe, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk