

APPROVED MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL  
February 18, 2013

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hanson called the February 18, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Pierce, Sakas, Poulos, Crosby, Dominiak and Jozwiak. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Clerk Folbrick.

**IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely**

There were no trustees wishing to attend remotely.

**V. MAYORAL REPORT**

**Letter of Appreciation – Burn Camp** – Clerk Folbrick read aloud the letter of appreciation to Michael Gliniewicz and David Torkilsen for their hard work and dedication in coordinating the burn camp fundraiser each year. Mr. Torkilsen discussed the camp, and the benefits to the children. He thanked Antioch Bowling Lanes, Anastasia's, Docker's North, and all of the local businesses throughout the community that have made donations and helped with fundraising through the years.

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

Mr. Thomas Kissane of the 885 Civic Club reviewed their request for approval of the annual spring carnival.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approval of the February 4, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented.
2. Approval of a Resolution approving the 885 Civic Club Spring Fest Annual Carnival to be held from May 9-12, 2013; *Resolution No. 13-08*

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 6:** Pierce, Sakas, Poulos, Crosby, Dominiak and Jozwiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**3. Consideration of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff** – Trustee Poulos moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak to approve payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$179,002.62.

Trustee Pierce asked about the money spent to an outside vendor for salting the Fire Department parking lot. Chief Nixon stated that it has always been done independently, and this is the first year they don't have their own plow to do the work.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 6:** Pierce, Sakas, Poulos, Crosby, Dominiak and Jozwiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Consideration of an Ordinance Approving the Annual Zoning Map Amendment –**

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak to approve **Ordinance No. 13-02-04** Approving the Annual Zoning Map Amendment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 6:** Pierce, Sakas, Poulos, Crosby, Dominiak and Jozwiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Consideration of a Resolution extending the contract for rescue services –**

Mayor Hanson allowed the new members of the Antioch Rescue Squad (ARS) Board to take a moment and introduce themselves. Mr. Brian DeKind introduced the new board members that have been formed since the last meeting.

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Mr. Todd Thommes, President of ARS Board, indicated that good strides have been made already, and their involvement is growing. He said they look forward to a long and good relationship with the Village Board.

Ms. Linda Hensgen, Treasurer, is delighted to be part of the organization and looks forward to the long work ahead. Trustee Pierce asked if she would be bonded in her position. She replied that she has made that request.

Mr. Mike Wagner, Secretary, looks forward to working with the Village and the board, and for the community.

Mr. Ross Harris, independent board member and career firefighter said safety is a major concern which is why he is involved.

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak to put the item on the table.

Mr. Mike Nowakowski, Village resident, asked the board to vote "n"o to an extension of the ARS contract. He discussed previous statements and concerns made by individuals at previous meetings, and the appointment procedure of First Fire District members. He asked for an explanation of why three organizations will serve the residents better than a combined effort. He suggested that a combined command structure be accomplished at the very least, and would like a single organization in charge of operations. He further discussed progress that has been made, and is concerned that the progress will cease once the organization is out of the spotlight. Finally, he stated that he takes issue with the election process of the independent board members for Antioch Rescue.

Mr. Benny Yee, Village resident of the Woodland Ridge subdivision, recently sought a position on the ARS board, and thought the process was unfair. He spoke of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association report which recommended combining fire and rescue services under one organization. He agreed that one combined entity is in the best interest of the residents. He indicated his experience as a Lake Zurich firefighter/paramedic, and is very knowledgeable and passionate about EMS services.

Trustee Sakas discussed the facts of the previous year, including ARS license suspensions, liquor possession, sexual harassment lawsuits, fines, arrests, and theft accusations. He reviewed the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) findings of understaffing, lacing prescription medications in food, inventory mismanagement, IV infusion, unethical misconduct and reporting deficiencies. Trustee Sakas further expressed his opinion in the poor management and accountability of the Antioch Rescue Squad.

Trustee Poulos discussed the subcommittee that was created in order to create a process for the board to consider all options available for rescue services based on the subcommittee findings. He agrees with the facts stated by Trustee Sakas, but thinks that the necessary data has not yet been provided to board members in order to make an informed decision. He asked that all of the facts be given to the board before an educated decision is made. If they do not vote on an extension, ARS will no longer be accountable to the Village of Antioch, and reporting and emergency services will no longer be under the control of the Village. He believes an extension is necessary at this point in order to ensure the safety of the residents while the subcommittee compiles the rest of the data for the Village Board.

Trustee Crosby discussed his history with ARS over the past two years, including the licensing of the rescue squad the previous summer in order to get some level of control for the benefit of the residents, the contract issued 6 months ago, and extensions issued since that time. He stated that he has been pushing for data and information for the past two years, and is unsatisfied with what has been given. He further discussed continued costs and expenses resulting from recent circumstances with ARS. He believes the relationship between the Village and ARS is still not where it needs to be in terms of cooperation and communication. Trustee Crosby recognized the hard work and dedication of Chief DeKind, and discussed a previous meeting with him. Trustee Crosby related to Chief DeKind that he would like more detailed financial reports, and said that Chief DeKind indicated he does not want to provide financial data that could be used against ARS by the Village. Upon further discussion earlier in the evening, Chief DeKind stated that is the way it used to be, but not the way it is now. After Trustee Crosby's suggestion to have ARS utilize Chief Nixon as a resource for a direct reporting relationship between ARS and the Village, ARS responded by stating that they do not need more help, and do not wish to be micromanaged. Trustee Crosby expressed concern with the lack of cooperation and communication on the part of ARS, however, he indicated that after his meeting earlier in the evening, he was encouraged by a dialogue with the new ARS members, and has great confidence in them. He is most interested in forward progress, believes more supervision is needed, and urged all entities to work cooperatively and completely. He asked President Thommes to provide his opinion on the meeting held earlier in the evening.

Mr. Thommes said negative issues need to be put in the past, and the prior chief and president be removed from any and all functions. He related that there is a great crew in place that wants to turn

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it around and make it happen. He feels optimistic that the new board can help get the job done. He indicated that ARS has changed their meetings so they are not the same night as a Village Board meeting. He asked Village Board members to send lists of information they would like to see, and ARS will provide the information. President Thommes said that both Chief Nixon and Chief DeKind are the best we have, and can get the job done. He said if it makes sense to combine efforts he will support that decision. Trustee Crosby asked for in depth financial records, and a good reporting relationship should be a high priority moving forward.

Trustee Pierce stated that moving forward doesn't mean forgetting, and we can move forward without forgetting the services that ARS has provided over the years.

Trustee Dominiak said the subcommittee process that was agreed upon is in play, and she supports the extension of the contract with ARS. She indicated that she was invited to attend the vetting of the ARS members, and would have brought back any discrepancies she noticed. She further discussed cross utilization and the forward motion that has been taken in that regard.

Trustee Jozwiak said he makes service to the residents his number one priority. He is unsure of the rescue squad's ability to continue to serve the growing community, and thinks that the fire department may be better equipped to provide those services. He asked Chief Nixon for his plan if the contract is not extended. Chief Nixon said their emergency plan is not a permanent fix, and decisions on the formation would require further village board action. It would involve help from neighboring communities, and assistance from current ARS members.

Trustee Pierce agreed with Trustee Poulos, and appreciated all other trustee comments. He believes that things have to change, and the organization cannot move forward without being fixed. He encouraged everyone to work together toward a resolution and do what is best for the residents.

Trustee Poulos said that information needs to be supplied to board members before the contract extension expires.

Trustee Crosby indicated that his vote is conditional on reporting information, operating metrics, monthly financial line items, property and loss reports, access to billing activity, and consideration of consolidated services.

Trustee Dominiak asked if the contract extension could be approved with revision to the contract. Attorney Long indicated that the contract may not be amended, but only extended based on the current contract. He hopes that the clear message of what the board is looking for has been received by those ARS members present. Trustee Dominiak asked Trustee Crosby if he is comfortable moving forward without including those requirements in the contract. Attorney Long indicated that the contract itself provides the authority to the Village Administrator to request information from ARS.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to approve a Resolution to authorize the Village Administrator to extend the contract between the Village and Rescue Squad for 91 days, noting the points of discussion tonight, and asking the Mayor to instruct the Village Clerk to specifically spell out and not make generic entries into the minutes of the meeting.

Trustee Jozwiak said that the data and reports have been requested for months, and asked that the problem be fixed and the subcommittee produce information.

Mayor Hanson discussed the involvement of the Fire District and their separate contract with ARS as well, and the difficulty in coordinating with the separate organizations. He agreed that no further discussion should be considered for an extension after the current 91 day extension is granted. He commended staff, and hopes ARS will bring the same level of professionalism to their organization.

Trustee Pierce asked where ARS takes someone that needs to be transported. He's heard of requests for specific facilities that have been denied. Chief DeKind said they bring the patient to their request based on law and their condition. Preference is given to the patient. Trustee Crosby asked for closure on the open issues and ensured ARS there is no anger held towards members.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Poulos, Crosby and Dominiak.

**NO: 2:** Sakas and Jozwiak.

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

No Report.

### **VIII. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

No report.

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## **IX. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Jozwiak thanked public works for the recent snow removal, and assured those present that no cuts have been made as accused. He asked Administrator Keim to contact the schools to make sure the students are safe. Administrator Keim indicated that snow removal on sidewalks by residents would greatly help operations.

Trustee Dominiak reported that AAHAA has submitted another grant, and hopes to have positive word back by the end of May.

Administrator Keim discussed the budget process and timeline. Revenues and expenditures should be fairly close to previous years. Trustee Pierce asked to have a budget meeting for the Environmental Commission.

Trustee Pierce discussed the impending spring, community garden, and upcoming Eco-Fair being worked on by the Environmental Commission.

Mr. Thommes reminded those present of the upcoming blood drive at Antioch Rescue.

## **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel, Pending/Probable Litigation, Sale or Lease of Village Property, Executive Session Minutes**

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

## **XI. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

No action.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Folbrick  
Village Clerk