

APPROVED MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL  
December 2, 2013

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hanson called the December 2, 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**

Cub Scout Pack #191 led the Mayor and Board of Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

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

There were no trustees wishing to attend remotely.

**V. MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Hanson asked for a moment of silence for Jim Lumber, attorney in the Antioch community, who passed away earlier in the day. Attorney Long remarked on Attorney Lumber's character and career, including his role as Mayor of Round Lake.

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

Mr. Mike Babicz, Village Resident and Environmental Commission Chairman, discussed the newspapers thrown into driveways weekly from the Trib Local. He indicated that he collected 13 newspapers on Indian Trail alone on Sunday after delivery the prior Wednesday. He asked the board to consider taking action to notify the company that they do not like them flooding the streets. Mayor Hanson will have the attorney or administrator draft a letter to the Tribune. Mr. Babicz added that the Environmental Commission will have 2 new members serve on their board from Antioch Community High School. He announced upcoming events that the Environmental Commission has planned for 2014, and various projects the commission is researching.

Mr. Mike Culat, Salem WI resident and Salem Supervisor, discussed the request from his constituents regarding lower water rates for non-residents. He said if he would have known they were coming, he would have been in attendance at that meeting. Trustee Pierce apologized that he misused Mr. Culat's name at the last meeting.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approval of the November 18, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Sakas, Poulos and Johnson.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSTAIN: 1:** Crosby.

**ABSENT: 1:** Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**2. Approval of a Resolution approving the 2014 Village Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule** – Trustee Poulos asked that the Board consider switching to one village board and one committee meeting per month. He asked for staff feedback to see if it would free up some staff time. Trustee Crosby agreed, and suggested keeping the schedule as presented and cancelling meetings throughout the year as needed. Trustee Sakas suggested Tuesday nights or a different night altogether.

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos, to approve **Resolution No. 13-93** Approving the 2014 Village Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Pierce, Sakas, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Consideration of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff** – Trustee Sakas moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to approve payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$76,061.86.

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Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Pierce, Sakas, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Discussion regarding the Joint Public Safety Committee** – Trustee Crosby discussed the recent news articles regarding the fire and rescue services in the Village, including comments from an elected township official. The Joint Public Safety Committee (Committee) has discussed the need for agreed upon press releases to be proactive in distributing information to residents. He indicated that Trustee Dominiak relayed to him that she did not want to cause a delay in sending out press releases because they would need board approval. The Committee is seeking approval to have press releases drafted by attorney Kelly, and distributed to administration with the intention that objections may be made before publication. Trustee Sakas said he does not know what the Committee will be communicating and would like to see any correspondence before it is sent. He provided an overview of discussions held at the Committee meetings, particularly the makeup of a potential board, and possible future referenda. Trustee Sakas said he would not aggregate any control to the group based on what he has seen so far.

Trustee Johnson said the Village Board will have a series of difficult decisions to consider in the near future, and urges members to stand firm and not be pushed around. He thinks Administrator Keim or Attorney Long need to review the releases before they are sent. Attorney Long expressed his concern with potential violations of the open meetings act when seeking input from board members before the messages are released.

Trustee Pierce said there are 2 potential issues being addressed, including how to distribute information, and how to deal with someone making fraudulent comments.

Those present further reviewed discussions and decisions facing the committee, including referenda, and how the board could be comprised. Trustee Poulos discussed the timing of the action, and expressed concern that ARS could come back to residents. He would like to see press releases first, and doesn't feel comfortable with them going out without review or approval. Mayor Hanson discussed the potential of this setting a precedent, and other Boards taking advantage of writing press releases without prior approval.

Trustee Pierce asked what would happen to the tax rate residents pay if there was a consolidated district. Chief Nixon said the Fire Protection District tax rate would be passed down to the residents, and cost approx \$75/year, not including EMS. He discussed a recent similarity in Wauconda. Those present discussed possible directions fire services could take in the future, including consolidation, annexation, and separate entities. Chief Nixon said they presented a draft budget to the Committee, and the plan is to present a model that works and then ask the residents to vote. Trustee Crosby indicated that all fire and EMS expenses in the Village are currently being funded through the General Fund. They discussed the volume of calls in the village and current costs to the village as well as funding.

Those present further discussed tax implications of consolidation, future models to be considered, and future decisions that will need to be made.

Ms. Ann Hitschel, Antioch resident, said that most residents get their information from the newspaper. She suggested that the meetings need to be timed where the public can attend, and proper information should be distributed. Chief Nixon discussed the skewed numbers recently published in the paper.

Staff will bring back other models when they are prepared. Administrator Keim said he is conservative and factual in his press releases, and ensures that it is the collective view of the Board. Administrator Keim asked if the board had any issue with the Committee changing its name to "Task Force" from Joint Public Safety Committee. Those present agreed to keep the name Joint Public Safety Committee.

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

**1. Bond Order Review** – Administrator Keim announced that the bond approved earlier in the year for refinancing has been executed. It closed November 1, 2013 for the refinancing from roughly 4% to 2%, saving approximately \$43,000. Mayor Hanson commended the finance department and Administrator Keim for their hard work getting the Village on the right financial path.

**2. Lake Michigan Water Request for Qualifications** – Administrator Keim reviewed the draft RFQ for a feasibility/cost study for Lake Michigan water supply alternatives, which goes along with the strategic plan initiative. He indicated that he has budgeted money for this item. He believes the study will help to look at various scenarios, and added that this doesn't obligate action or funds, but provides options. Trustee Sakas said the goal is to get the best possible estimate of costs for the various

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alternatives. Trustee Pierce disagrees with Lake Michigan Water, but thinks other sources besides Waukegan, JAWA and private intake should be considered, including Wisconsin. Administrator Keim announced that they cannot cross state lines. Those present agreed to proceed with the RFQ as drafted.

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

Clerk Folbrick announced the Community Vision Committee will be hosting a workshop on December 4, 2013 at 6:30 pm at Antioch Community High School and urged residents to attend and provide input on what they value in the community.

### **IX. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Pierce gathered information from Hanover Township regarding senior services. He encouraged the Senior Services liaison to research and review accreditation program for Senior Centers. He added that he was aggravated by the news article regarding the First Fire District and ARS, and prepared a letter he read into the record regarding ARS and Supervisor Smouse.

Trustee Poulos echoed the Mayor's earlier comments that the improved bond rating is a testament to the tough decisions the village board has had to make over the past few years.

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

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Sakas, for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to go into executive session at 8:59 p.m. to discuss executive session minutes. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Pierce, Sakas, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Trustee Sakas moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby for the Mayor and Board of Trustees to return from executive session to the open meeting at 9:07 p.m. with **action taken**. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Pierce, Sakas, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**1. Consideration of a Resolution regarding the release of Certain Executive Session Minutes** – Trustee Sakas moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve **Resolution No. 13-94** regarding the release of Certain Executive Session Minutes. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Pierce, Sakas, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Trustee Sakas moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Folbrick  
Village Clerk