

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
December 16, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the December 16, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:33 PM in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL

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

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no trustees wishing to attend remotely.

V. MAYORAL REPORT

1. Thomas Nowotarski promotion to Sergeant – Mayor Hanson invited Chief Somerville to announce the promotion of Thomas Nowotarski to Sergeant. Chief Somerville stated that Tom has been a detective since 2011 and has proven to be an asset to the department.

2. Police & Fire Commission Member Announcement – Mayor Hanson announced that he intends to appoint Mr. William Zeason to the Police and Fire Commission at the January 6, 2014 Village Board Meeting.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens wishing to address the board.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the December 2, 2013 regular meeting minutes.
2. Consideration of a Resolution for a Special Event Liquor License for the Village of Antioch Winter Wine Walk on January 18, 2014 – *Resolution No. 13-95*

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak*, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

**Trustee Dominiak abstained from Item #1: Approval of the December 2, 2013 regular meeting minutes.*

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 \$810,719.48. The large amount is attributed to bond payments. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. Consideration of a Resolution approving the 2014 special events sponsored by the Antioch Chamber of Commerce, waiving all fees – Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos, to approve **Resolution No. 13-96** approving the 2014 Special Events Sponsored by the Antioch Chamber of Commerce, waiving all fees.

Administrator Keim discussed the meeting held with Chamber Executive Director Barbara Porch and Parks Director Roby to review the events for 2014. Director Porch provided an overview of the events, which are similar to the previous year with the exception of the beer and holiday walk which will be held at the same time as the Fall Arts and Crafts Faire.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

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5. Consideration of a Resolution Granting Permission to the Antioch Chamber of Commerce for their 2014 Dickens Village Project – Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve **Resolution No. 13-97** Granting Permission to the Antioch Chamber of Commerce for their 2014 Dickens Village Project.

Chamber Director Porch presented the proposed event intended to bring more people into the community. The event requires the help of volunteers to make the statues, and maintenance and snow removal in the winter.

Trustee Crosby asked if there were any other possibilities for community involvement, such as PM&L doing a Christmas play. Director Porch said they are working with PM&L and hope to build on the event in future years. Trustee Dominiak asked if there were discussion with business owners to have more standard hours to accommodate people coming into town. Director Porch said the business owners are excited, and indicated that the Chamber is constantly talking with them about shopping hours. She feels that the more business is attracted, the more likely they are to stay open.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. to provide Property, Casualty, Liability, Workman's Compensation and related insurances not to include Employee Health Insurance – Trustee Poulos moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to approve **Resolution No. 13-98** authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. to provide Property, Casualty, Liability, Workman's Compensation and related insurances not to include Employee Health Insurance. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of a Resolution accepting the Municipal Compliance Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2013 – Director McCarthy announced that the PPF board is required to provide a report for acceptance by the Village of Antioch. Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve **Resolution No. 13-99** accepting the Municipal Compliance Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2013. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consideration of an Ordinance providing for the Levy of Taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014 – Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby, to approve **Ordinance No. 13-12-18** providing for the Levy of Taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration of an Ordinance abating the taxes levied for the year 2013 to pay the principal of and interest on the \$3,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, (Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Alternate Revenue Source) Series 1998B – Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos, to approve **Ordinance No. 13-12-19** abating the taxes levied for the year 2013 to pay the principal of and interest on the \$3,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, (Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Alternate Revenue Source) Series 1998B. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

10. Consideration of an Ordinance abating the taxes levied for the year 2013 to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2010 Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds – Trustee Poulos moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to approve **Ordinance No. 13-12-20** abating the taxes levied for the year 2013 to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2010 Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

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11. Consideration of a Resolution providing for the retirement of indebtedness by the use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds – Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos, to approve **Resolution No. 13-100** providing for the retirement of indebtedness by the use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Trustee Crosby asked if the Motor Fuel Tax Funds were trending upwards, or going down. Director McCarthy replied that they are going down. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

12. Consideration of an Ordinance abating the taxes levied for the year 2013 to pay the principal of and interest on the \$920,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 – Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos, to approve **Ordinance No. 13-12-21** abating the taxes levied for the year 2013 to pay the principal of and interest on the \$920,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

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13. Consideration of an Ordinance for Special Service Area Number One approving the Administrative Report and amended Special Tax Roll for Levy Year 2013 and abating Special Service Area Taxes – Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve **Ordinance No. 13-12-22** for Special Service Area Number One approving the Administrative Report and amended Special Tax Roll for Levy Year 2013 and abating Special Service Area Taxes.

Administrator Keim explained that the SSA 1 bond issue is troubled and in a state of delinquency resulting from vacant lots and unpaid taxes. Revenue is coming in to pay the bond and interest, reserve and administrative accounts. Administrative funds get their money last, therefore there is no money going into the administrative fund at this time. The vacant properties have switched banks, and were most recently owned by One West Bank, who quit paying taxes years ago. He indicated that the Village is obligated to levy taxes according to the trust indenture. Future corrective action may involve negotiating with bondholders, modifying the trust indenture, foreclosure or possibly refinancing. The only option at this point is to levy.

Trustee Crosby asked if the properties in default are vacant. Administrator Keim replied that a majority are unimproved properties. Trustee Crosby asked if we can protect ourselves moving forward to collect money when the property is sold. Administrator Keim said that is the goal. Those present discussed limits and maximum increases to the SSA taxes. Administrator Keim said that current residents are paying the maximum, and Tausig & Associates will continue to calculate the tax rates and hopefully lower them in the future. Those present discussed future sales of the property and potential for the collection of unpaid taxes.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

14. Consideration of an Ordinance for Special Service Area Number Two approving the Administrative Report and amended Special Tax Roll for Levy Year 2013 and abating Special Service Area Taxes – Trustee Poulos moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve **Ordinance No. 13-12-23** for Special Service Area Number Two approving the Administrative Report and amended Special Tax Roll for Levy Year 2013 and abating Special Service Area Taxes. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

15. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Charges and Rates for the Use of and Services Supplied by the Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois and Amending Certain Provisions of Ordinance No. 08-08-02 Heretofore Adopted February 19, 2008 – Trustee Poulos moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby, to approve **Ordinance No. 13-12-24** Amending Charges and Rates for the Use of and Services Supplied by the

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Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois and Amending Certain Provisions of Ordinance No. 08-08-02 Heretofore Adopted February 19, 2008.

Director McCarthy reviewed the changes, including base rate changes for non-residents, sewer rate updates, billing and collection processes to bill landlords only, extending the due date, lien fees, voluntary shut off fees, no free services, and administrator power to negotiate. She went into detail regarding the change to add specific language relative to non-village Oakwood Knolls residents. The initial discussion with the board it was decided that the 21 homes in Wisconsin would be charged the same rates as village residents, however in the second discussion at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, the base rate remained the same, but the usage rate was increased.

Trustee Crosby asked if the east and west side of town will remain the same. Administrator Keim said the County can impose a rate change, which will increase the sewer rates for the east side of town.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce & Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Keim announced that snow removal operations are in place, and there is plenty of salt, and the equipment is holding up well. He also discussed the train derailment last Friday, and said staff is working with the railroad on improving communications in the future.

VIII. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

IX. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Johnson wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Trustee Crosby asked Chief Somerville to present on two initiatives they have discussed at a future meeting.

Trustee Dominiak reviewed the visioning workshop held December 4, and announced that a survey will be forthcoming. She attended the Antioch Township Board Meeting last Thursday, and their discussion regarding the Joint Public Safety Committee. They indicated they will be amenable to sharing 1/3 cost of Attorney Kelly.

Trustee Dominiak further discussed the Village Board minutes from December 2, 2013 and asked to clarify Item # 4. It was written: "*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.*"

She asked that the record show it was not her intention to exclude the board, and that she wanted feedback on the process. She wanted a process in place that would allow press releases to be timely.

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

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Sakas moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Folbrick
Village Clerk