

APPROVED MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL  
January 8, 2014

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hanson called the January 8, 2014 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 Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

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

There were no trustees wishing to attend remotely.

**V. MAYORAL REPORT**

**1. Appoint William Zseason to Police & Fire Commission with a term ending 2015–**

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to confirm the appointment of William Zseason to the Police and Fire Commission. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Poulos and Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

There were no citizens wishing to address the board.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approval of the December 16, 2013 public hearing and regular meeting minutes.
2. Consideration of a Resolution approving the Easter Parade being held at 10:30 am on April 19, 2014 – *Resolution No. 14-01*
3. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Special Event Liquor License for the Village of Antioch for the Summer Wine Walk - Resolution No. 14-02
4. Approval of a Resolution approving the annual 4th of July Parade being held on July 4, 2014; Resolution No. 14-03
5. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Special Event Liquor License for the Village of Antioch for the Fall Wine Walk - Resolution No. 14-04
6. Approval of a Resolution for a Special Event Liquor License for the Village of Antioch Fall Fest - Resolution No. 14-05
7. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the annual Christmas parade being held on November 28, 2014; Resolution No. 14-06

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Poulos and Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**8. Consideration of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff –** Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$301,526.40.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Poulos and Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. Discussion regarding Antioch Movie Theater Redevelopment Proposal – Tim Downey** – Mayor Hanson introduced Mr. Downey and invited him to make his presentation. Mr. Downey presented his summary on the proposal to save, restore and reposition the Antioch Movie Theater. He indicated that the theater is heading towards auction in February or March. His proposal includes an additional screen and remodeling of the vacant area adjacent to the current theater. He has acquired various sponsors to assist with the project, and has placed them on a loan repayment schedule to be

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completely paid within 5 years. He is asking the Village to impose a theater tax to help retire the bank debt. He further discussed the kick-starter program that other theaters have utilized. He would like to install etched granite stars in the sidewalk as a fundraiser, and is seeking permission from the Village begin that program. Mr. Downey is asking that any permits and fees be waived during the process, and discussed a flooding problem with the alley.

Mayor Hanson feels the theater is a key piece to the downtown area, and would like to see it saved.

Trustee Johnson likes the idea of stars on the sidewalk, and suggested guidelines be put into place for that program. Trustee Crosby said he is happy that there is someone trying to save the theater and wants to help find a way to make it happen. Attorney Long has verified that a 50 cent ticket tax is allowable. Administrator Keim discussed the budget and would like to discuss the options with staff if the board agrees to move forward.

Trustee Sakas discussed the minimal expense requested in comparison to other communities and reviewed the costs and acquisition. Trustee Pierce supports the idea, and stated that he understands the impact of not having a theater, but does not know how Mr. Downey proposes to make a profit. Mr. Downey said that he expects to generate a profit, and understands the risk to him for the project. Those present discussed the fire safety expenses for the project.

Administrator Keim said staff can begin to refine the numbers and find solutions and alternative solutions. Attorney Long asked Mr. Downey what he expects from the Board. Mr. Downey said he would like a formal resolution and letter of intent from the Village. This item will be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration. Trustee Crosby would like to put a policy in place for when the Board may be asked to consider similar requests. Administrator Keim replied that the Gruen report addresses that particular item, and remarked that this request is unique because a specific tax is allowed to be imposed.

**10. Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Village Code Section 7-1-2 concerning the Vehicle Tax** – Director McCarthy discussed current collections for vehicle tax money and would like to change the ordinance to bill the vehicle tax once per year instead of every 2 months. She further discussed the inefficiency of the process, and proposed to bill \$20 one time per year to be due in May. Administrator Keim reviewed the history of the vehicle stickers, and enforcement issues as well as the accounting issues after the vehicle tax was imposed.

Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Sakas, to approve **Ordinance No. 14-01-01** amending the Village Code Section 7-1-2 concerning the Vehicle Tax, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 3:** Sakas, Johnson and Mayor Hanson.

**NO: 2:** Pierce and Crosby.

**ABSENT: 2:** Poulos and Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the Village Treasurer, in certain circumstances, to pay vendor invoices prior to the approval of the Mayor and Board of Trustees** – Director McCarthy discussed the proposed resolution that would allow staff to pay accounts payable before the village board approves the report in the event a meeting is cancelled. Trustee Crosby expressed concern with this resolution allowing staff to become overly comfortable and unaccountable for payments. Director McCarthy explained that this is the current practice, and that the Resolution is specific to the types of payments that may be made.

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve **Resolution No. 14-07** authorizing the Village Treasurer, in certain circumstances, to pay vendor invoices prior to the approval of the Mayor and Board of Trustees. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Poulos and Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter of understanding with the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency** – Administrator Keim reviewed the proposal from the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA) to participate in their Lake Michigan water system. He stated that the CLCJAWA would like the Village to consider making a formal letter of interest. The letter is not binding. Trustee Pierce stated his opposition to Lake Michigan Water, and indicated that the letter of understanding proposed a \$14 million investment. Mayor Hanson discussed the reasoning behind the letter and encouraged the Board to think ahead. Trustee Pierce expressed concern with potential commitment the letter may cause. Administrator Keim stated that the letter is not binding, and simply states our intent to consider the group.

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Trustee Sakas moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby, to approve **Resolution No. 14-08** authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter of Understanding with the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency. Upon roll call, the vote was:  
**YES: 3:** Sakas, Crosby and Johnson.  
**NO: 1:** Pierce.  
**ABSENT: 2:** Poulos and Dominiak.  
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Administrator Keim asked Director Heimbrodt to be present at the meeting in the event the board may have questions regarding storm maintenance, and commended public works on their recent hard work during extreme weather conditions. Trustee Sakas asked how many water main breaks occurred. Administrator Keim discussed the private break at Amcore Bank. Director Heimbrodt stated that there were recently 2 main breaks. He added that the newly purchased equipment helped save on costs of an outside contractor brought in to make the repairs. Trustee Pierce discussed private parties pushing snow onto village sidewalks, and asked if we could encourage businesses not to impact Public Works operations. Director Heimbrodt indicated that school routes take priority after a snowstorm.

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

No report.

### **IX. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Crosby mentioned that Sgt. John Peck is a candidate for arm transplants, which is a fairly innovative procedure.

Trustee Pierce discussed the IT Upgrade for the Village and reported on the progress being made on the project.

### **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. Action on Executive Session Items**

Attorney Long reviewed the proposed Resolution to approve executive session minutes from 2006-2007.

Trustee Sakas moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby, to approve **Resolution No. 14-09**, regarding the release of certain executive session minutes. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Poulos and Dominiak.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **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 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Folbrick  
Village Clerk