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**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; SPECIAL MEETING
Municipal Building: 1625 Deep Lake Road, Antioch IL
Wednesday, February 12, 2013 @ 6:30PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the February 12, 2014 Village Board of Trustees; Special Meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building: 1625 Deep Lake Road, Antioch, IL.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Jozwiak, Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby and Johnson. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long and Secretary Mateja. Absent: Trustee Pierce.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of EMS and Fire Safety Models to Respective Boards

Mr. Tabar explained they had asked Chief John Nixon to put together models to present options that could be available to Antioch for EMS.

Chief Nixon explained the Public Safety Subcommittee has determined that to effectively chart a path for the future operational model of the Antioch Fire Department, it must consider 5 models. Currently the Village of Antioch provides funding EMS & Fire services and the First Fire District funds only Fire services. This arrangement results in an annual personnel cost of \$1,961,729. The five models that he presented are:

1. Model # 1 - Creation of one fire department organized as a Fire Protection District using an inter-governmental agreement between The Village of Antioch, The First Fire Protection District and Antioch Township. This Model would create personnel costs of approximately \$2,281.051, which is an increase of \$319,322 over current operations.
2. Model # 2 - Creation of a single fire department operation under management by the Village of Antioch that will have the responsibility of providing contract services for FIRE and EMS to the First Fire Protection District. This Model would create personnel costs of approximately \$2,281.051, which is an increase of \$319,322 over current operations.
3. Model # 3 - Continuation of existing operating method by which the two separate fire agencies share costs and resources. Focus added to include the delivery of EMS to the First Fire District directly by the fire department and the creation of an updated inter-governmental agreement between the parties. This Model would create personnel costs of approximately \$2,281.051, which is an increase of \$319,322 over current operations.
4. Model # 4 - Establish a combined FIRE and EMS agency that utilizes an agreement to share the cost of contractor personnel for the delivery of services to both the Village of Antioch and the First Fire Protection District. This would create personnel cost of \$2,948.669. This is an increase of \$986,940 over current operations. The Village budget would increase \$1,721,908 and the District \$1,226,761.

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5. Model #5 - Termination of the existing operating method in which the two agencies share costs and resources. Replace operations with two separate and autonomous fire agencies. This results in an annual personnel cost of \$2,008,960. Each agency would then be responsible for funding the services as necessary.

Mr. Tabar thanked Chief Nixon for his hard work. Mr. Tabar asked the boards if they wanted to take Model #4 & #5 off as options due to the cost. Township Official Steve Turner asked Mr. Tabar if he knew of any towns that currently contract EMS and Fire. Chief Nixon replied that Lakewood, Barrington and St Charles currently contract EMS and Fire. Township Official Peter Grant asked for clarification that the current situation would not be financially sustainable. Chief Nixon confirmed most of our firefighters are part time with full time jobs at other departments.

All Boards agreed to review all five models with recommendations for a future Special Meeting.

2. Discussion of EMS Levy

Township Official Steve Turner asked if Model #1, #2 and #3 require a referendum. Chief Nixon confirmed all three would require a referendum. Trustee Poulos asked if a referendum passed would the Village still have to put money in to cover expenses. Chief Nixon indicated the Village would not. Trustee Dominiak asked if the Village would no longer levy for EMS. Chief Nixon indicated the referendum question would ask if the Village should Annex into EMS at rate of .030 and Fire at rate of .024.

Trustee Jozwiak asked if this would cover future cost or if we would have to pass another referendum within a few years. Chief Nixon confirmed this would be enough. Trustee Crosby added that the Village could continue if the referendum did not pass however the District could not.

Township Official Peter Grant indicated there is no mandate that the Township provide EMS service so if the referendum does not pass this service would be obsolete. Township Official Tom Shaughnessy indicated the District only levys for Fire not EMS so they could not support EMS. Chief Nixon added that they do have engines with EMS supplies but they can not fund EMS.

All Boards agreed to pursue a referendum, which is best for our community, and to start educating the residents on the current situation and our future goal. Attorney Kelly and Attorney Long reminded all boards to use caution when discussing future referendums.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, The Village Board of Trustees; Special Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mateja
Village Secretary