

APPROVED MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL  
January 5, 2015

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hanson called the January 5, 2015 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, Jozwiak, Poulos, Dominiak, Crosby (via telephone), and Johnson. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Assistant Administrator McCarthy and Clerk Folbrick.

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

Trustee Poulos moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to allow Trustee Crosby to participate in the meeting via telephone. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**V. MAYORAL REPORT**

**1. Appointment of John Laskowski to Interim Police Chief –** Mayor Hanson indicated his intent to appoint Deputy Chief Laskowski to act as interim police chief upon the retirement of Chief Somerville. Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of John Laskowski as Interim Police Chief.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

*Following his appointment, Clerk Folbrick administered the Oath of Office to Interim Chief Laskowski.*

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

Ms. Sandy Meyer, apartment owner, addressed the board regarding a situation that happened at an apartment building she owns. She stated that the fire department responded to an alarm at the building, and knocked down the door to one of the apartments in the building. Firefighters attempted to enter the apartment with the key provided, but discovered there was a folding chair barricading the door. Ms. Meyer expressed concern with their removal of the door, and said she addressed it with a written letter to Village officials. She said she spoke with Chief Nixon, who suggested she file a claim with her insurance company. Chief Nixon relayed the details of his conversation with Ms. Meyer, and spoke regarding the reactions of the fire department to the call. He said it's always a last resort to knock down a door. Those present discussed the circumstances surrounding the call and actions taken by firefighters. They further discussed the outcome if the firefighters had not checked all apartments and a fire was imminent. Mayor Hanson will setup a meeting with Administrator Keim and Chief Nixon to discuss further.

Trustee Crosby asked Attorney Long what the law says about the situation, and asked that an ordinance be considered if there isn't one. Attorney Long will report back to the board. Put on COW agenda.

Mr. Steve Pearson, business owner, said he's working on the development of a manned emergency drone, and using a Kickstarter program for funding. They are currently working on a prototype and wanted to introduce the idea of the product to the board.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**1.** Approval of the December 15, 2014 public hearing, special meeting and regular meeting minutes as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

**2. Consideration of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff** – Trustee Poulos moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak, to approve payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$283,406.10. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Charges and Fees for Ambulance and Life Safety Services and Ancillary Fire Fees** – Chief Nixon said this was previously discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting, and the fee schedule is equivalent to an approximate 25% increase. Communities that have a taxpayer funded EMS have rolled back their fees to be more in line with Medicare costs, and these fees could be reduced if a referendum passes.

Trustee Dominiak expressed concern with the timing of this ordinance, and thinks it's a tactic that should be implemented if the referendum fails, not before. She said she doesn't see the benefit in raising fees at this time. Trustee Pierce distributed a resolution to the board that he prepared for the attorney to review. The resolution will be discussed at the committee of the whole meeting next week.

Trustee Crosby said we should at least pass a fee increase for non-residents. Those present discussed the timing of the ordinance and minimal increase that would be raised by increasing the fees for non-residents. Upon further discussion, those present agreed that it needs to be added to the list of items to be contemplated if the referendum fails, and advise residents that this is one of the things that will be added.

**4. Consideration of An Ordinance Amending 4-2-4C of the Municipal Code of Antioch Allowing Additional Hours for Alcohol Sales on Holiday Eves** – Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve **Ordinance No. 15-01-01** Amending 4-2-4C of the Municipal Code of Antioch Allowing Additional Alcohol Sales on Holiday Eves, waiving second reading.

Attorney Long provided a basic explanation of the ordinance and requests from bar owners to stay open later on the night before the holiday. This would allow the same hours as holiday and weekends.

Interim Chief Laskowski said the police department agrees with the amendment, and doesn't have a problem with the extra hour. Trustee Pierce asked Trustee Johnson to abstain from voting on the matter.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Poulos, Crosby and Mayor Hanson.

**NO: 2:** Jozwiak and Dominiak.

**ABSENT: 0.**

**ABSTAIN: 1:** Johnson.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Consideration a Resolution Authorizing the Closure of Lake Street between Main and Victoria on either January 15, 20 or 22 from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM for Façade, Sidewalk and Marquee Lighting Unveiling** – Director Roby apologized for the ambiguity in the dates, and said the theater is still working on improvements. Because one of the tentative dates is before the next Village Board Meeting, he included it on this agenda for consideration. The petitioner is in the process of working with EMA on getting volunteers to help close the road.

Trustee Crosby asked if the time could be pushed back 30 minutes to an hour to accommodate commuter traffic. Mayor Hanson suggested that staff propose a half hour window between 6:30 and 8:00 pm for the closure to the petitioner.

Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak, to approve **Resolution no. 15-01** Authorizing the Closure of Lake Street between Main and Victoria on either January 15, 20 or 22 from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM for Façade, Sidewalk and Marquee Lighting Unveiling. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Assistant Administrator McCarthy asked if the board would like to discuss Plan "B" at the Committee of the Whole meeting next week before the Village Board meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Those present agreed to include the item on the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

Assistant Administrator McCarthy discussed the letter from AM Audit that was sent to the Village Board. She indicated that they were contracted by us in the past. When she approached them regarding their plan, they refused to give any idea of how they could save the village more money. She asked if the board would like to have them at a committee meeting to present their plan. Those present agreed to place this item on the February Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

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

Clerk Folbrick announced that Christmas tree pickup done by Waste Management is scheduled for January 7 and 14, 2014 weather permitting.

Clerk Folbrick reported on the briefing room webpage that has been created and said it will include upcoming agenda items and recent village board action. She welcomed feedback from the board. Trustee Dominiak asked that the board is notified before news like that is distributed.

### **IX. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Johnson commended Parks Director Roby and his staff on the polar express this year, and announced the upcoming wine walk next Saturday.

Trustee Dominiak said there are two new businesses in town, a women's clothing store and a frozen yogurt shop.

Trustee Poulos asked about the status of the ice rink. Director Roby said the weather over the weekend has delayed the opening, and hopes public works is available to help after they complete snow removal.

Trustee Poulos responded to a recent Facebook post that accused board members of threats and strong arming the public. He indicated that is not the case and invited those people to attend the board meeting.

Trustee Dominiak asked that a discussion on social media and the open meetings act be placed on the next Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

Trustee Jozwiak reported on snow removal by public works.

Trustee Pierce noticed a lot of people walking in the streets after the recent snow fall. Mayor Hanson said they're trying to get more property owners to remove snow and comply with the ordinance.

Trustee Jozwiak asked the police department to check on the validity of people with handicapped parking placard and make sure they are not abusing someone else's card.

### **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 of Executive Session Items**

None.

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Folbrick  
Village Clerk