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VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL February 16, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the February 16, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:31 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, Crosby and Johnson. Also present: Mayor Hanson, Administrator Keim, Attorney Long and Clerk Folbrick. Absent: Trustee Dominiak.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no trustees wishing to attend remotely.

V. MAYORAL REPORT

- **1. Proclamation Honoring Mabel Lou Weber –** Mayor Hanson read aloud the proclamation remembering former Trustee Mabel Lou Weber and honoring her service to the Village.
- **2. Proclamation Recognizing Village Attorney Robert Long** Mayor Hanson read aloud the proclamation recognizing the achievements of Attorney Long for his work with the Village and in receiving the litigation award from the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Mr. Vincent Accardo, Village resident, discussed a letter he received from the Antioch Firefighters Association addressed to candidates in the upcoming election. Acting as the campaign manager for Mr. Ed Macek, he expressed concern with a petition being circulated by the association and feels their use of the Fire Department address and phone number is inappropriate. Chief Nixon replied that the association is completely separate from the fire department, and the same letterhead is what was used. He stated that no village resources were used for the letter, which was signed by the association president. Those present suggested that the association obtain a PO Box and use that for correspondence.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1. Approval of the February 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.
- **2.** Approval of a Resolution approving a special event liquor license for St. Peters Auctioneers Night on April 18, 2015, waiving all fees; *Resolution 15-08*
- **3.** Approval of a Resolution granting a Raffle License to Support Antioch Ambulance Service for the drawing to be held on February 22, 2015 and waiving all fees. *Resolution No. 15-09*
- **4.** Approval of a Resolution authorizing a Special Event Liquor License for the Antioch Chamber of Commerce & Industry for the Beer & BBQ Walk . *Resolution No. 15-10*
- **5.** Approval of a Resolution authorizing a Special Event Liquor License to the Antioch Chamber of Commerce for the Antioch Taste of Summer . *Resolution No. 15-11*

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Dominiak. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. 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 \$246,188.30. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Dominiak. THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of a Resolution Committing the Village to Rolling Back Certain Ambulance Fees if the April Referendum Passes – Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak, to approve Resolution No. 15-12 Committing the Village to Rolling Back Certain Ambulance Fees if the April Referendum Passes.

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Administrator Keim explained that the resolution did not originate from staff, and staff does not recommend the loss of revenues. The potential for lost revenue could be \$120,000. Trustee Pierce said he would prefer to collect money in property taxes and potentially lose the revenue from billing. Trustees discussed the loss of revenue, billing services, lack of reserve funding, and impact on residents. Trustee Poulos said there is no need to make a decision at this time, and this should be considered with the budget. Trustee Johnson asked to include a clause to have the resolution reviewed annually.

Ms. Ann Hitschel, Village resident, said that the question came up in the past on how any remaining funds would be used, and the rollback of fees was discussed.

Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to table this item until the end of the meeting.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Dominiak. THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for use of a portion of the East Water Tower for the purpose of hosting radio communications and Antennae Equipment – Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby, to approve Resolution no. 15-13 Authorizing the mayor to execute a lease agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for use of a portion of the East Water Tower for the purpose of hosting radio communications and antennae equipment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Dominiak. THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration of a Resolution Involving Personnel Files – Administrator Keim explained the evolution of the item, and the employees ability to remove disciplinary actions from their files after a period of 2 years.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos, to approve **Resolution no. 15-14** Involving Personnel Files. Trustee Crosby suggested that it include a stipulation that this does not apply to those terminated for cause. Trustee Poulos hopes the new policy is strict in keeping those items in a personnel file permanently. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Dominiak. THE MOTION CARRIED.

10. Consideration of an Ordinance Formally Adopting the Zoning Map Effective January 1, 2015 for the Village of Antioch – Director Nilsen reviewed the changes in the zoning map from the previous year which included the approval of 2 special uses.

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak, to approve **Ordinance No. 15-02-03** Formally Adopting the Zoning Map Effective January 1, 2015 for the Village of Antioch, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Dominiak. THE MOTION CARRIED.

11. Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Variance for six wall signs to be located on the Antioch Dodge Dealership Building located at 105 Illinois Route 173; File PZB 15-02 - Director Nilsen said there was a unanimous recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Board to grant the variance. Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby, to approve Resolution No. 15-15 Approving a Variance for six wall signs to be located on the Antioch Dodge Dealership Building located at 105 Illinois Route 173; File PZB 15-02.

Trustee Crosby suggested an exemption be made to consider corporate signage. Trustee Poulos said the corporate policy may be something the board would want to consider, and current regulations should remain intact. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Dominiak. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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Non-Action Items for Discussion

Transparency Policy – Those present had no comments or suggestions to the proposed policy. A Resolution approving the policy will be forthcoming. Attorney Long discussed a recent meeting with Representative Jesiel and their discussion regarding a recent law in Minnesota that allows public comments by elected officials on facebook.

Ambulance Billing Demonstration – Administrator Keim distributed a report on EMS activity and billing from February 2014-July 2014. He explained write-offs and adjustments, which are completely uncollectable money. We are collecting approximately 45% of the total amount that is able to be collected, which is half of what is originally billed. Those present discussed collections, and the outsourcing to a collection agency. In the best case scenario, the village could collect around \$400,000. Current costs exceed \$1.2 million.

Mr. Ed Macek, Village resident, expressed concern with inaccurate ambulance billing for work comp, auto accidents, slip and falls, and other accidents that may be billed inaccurately. Chief Nixon stated that they deal primarily with sick people and not accidents. Chief Nixon explained that the net billed charges include uninsured and privately insured people; and there is a high probability that we wond receive money from the uninsured population. He said the only people that would benefit from the proposed rollback of fees are the 27% with private insurance. That action will not affect Medicare or Medicaid. Chief Nixon said he supports adjusting the fees if they are in a position to do so.

Consideration of a Resolution Committing the Village to Rolling Back Certain Ambulance Fees if the April Referendum Passes (tabled from earlier in the meeting) — Trustee Poulos wants it clear that the rollback wond begin until referendum money begins to be collected, not after it has passed. Attorney Long explained that the resolution simply states the Village Boards intent to act later, and in order to effectuate this, a resolution or ordinance would need to be approved at a later date to put it into effect. The annual review of fees as suggested by Trustee Johnson will be in the enacting ordinance. Chief Nixon said the only way to provide EMS to the community is with a tax levy. That service cannot be supported by fees.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Crosby to remove this item from the table.
Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Jozwiak, to approve **Resolution No. 15-12**Committing the Village to Rolling Back Certain Ambulance Fees if the April Referendum Passes. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Jozwiak, Poulos, Crosby and Johnson.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Dominiak. THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

VIII. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

IX. TRUSTEE REPORTS

No report.

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

No action taken.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Jozwiak moved, seconded by Trustee Johnson to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori K. Folbrick Village Clerk