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VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois

Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002

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May 25, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the May 25, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:33 pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL and via Zoom.

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, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vranjes, Administrator Keim and Deputy Clerk Mateja.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no absent Trustees to attend remotely.

V. Mayoral Report

Mayor Gartner congratulated Police Chief Guttschow on his recent college graduation.

1. **Oath of Office – new officer Michael Allbright**
2. **Presentation of Distinguished Service Award to Zachary Johnson in recognition of his service with the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force and Promotion to Sergeant**
3. **Promotion of Nicholas Garcia to Commander**
4. **Presentation of Distinguished Service Award to Commander Aron Fendel, followed by recognition of his 23 years of service**

Deputy Clerk Mateja administered the oath of office to those listed above. Chief Guttschow introduced the new police recruit, provided an overview of Zachary Johnson and Nicholas Garcia's achievements and promotions, and congratulated Commander Fendel on his pending retirement.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Ms. Michelle Ruminski addressed the board regarding the remarks she made at the last meeting. She expressed concern with the accusations that she attacked Trustee Burman and the circulation of a video via social media. She said her comments were not inflammatory, and is concerned that her comments have made her a target. She requested a public apology and censure as a result of the actions taken. She also asked that the welcoming and inclusive pledge be re-affirmed and that elected officials take training to ensure employees and elected officials uphold their ideals. Mayor Gartner apologized that Ms. Ruminski and her family have endured what they did, and hopes all citizens feel free to address the board without fear of ramifications.

Ms. Carmen Merenic asked how the liaison assignments are determined. Mayor Gartner responded that he has looked closely at the liaison structure since his election as Mayor, and felt it was important for all Trustees to see all different areas of Village operations, and not just their assigned department.

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VI. Consent Agenda

Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

2. Approval of a Resolution authorizing a special event liquor license for the Antioch Moose Lodge for the 2022 Thursday Night Concert Series, waiving all fees – *Resolution No. 22-37*

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Regular Business

1. Approval of the May 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented - Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen to approve meeting minutes as presented.

Trustee Burman moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to table the meeting minutes to the next meeting. Trustee Dominiak asked why this request is being made. Trustee Burman requested that that her name be redacted from the public comment portion, and that the codes referenced be added to the meeting minutes for easy reference. Trustee Pierce did not agree with the redaction of Trustee Burman's name. Trustee Macek agreed to add the code of conduct to the minutes. Trustee Dominiak did not agree with the redaction of Trustee Burman's name from the minutes.

Trustee Pedersen withdrew her second to table the item.

Trustee Dominiak amended her motion, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve the minutes as presented attaching the code of conduct.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$317,629.31** – Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$317,629.31. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Consideration and approval of a Resolution expressing supplemental official intent regarding certain capital expenditures including (i) the costs of the redevelopment plan and project in connection with the Village's Route 83 Redevelopment Project Area, (ii) the costs of the business district plan and project in connection with the Village's East Business District and, (iii) the costs of the business district plan and project in connection with the Village's Central Business District namely, the costs of land acquisition and the construction of public works and improvements, being municipal public buildings, public roadway, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk, parking, park, recreation, flood mitigation and drainage and utilities improvements, together with related appurtenances, all electrical, professional, financial, bond registrar, legal, mechanical and other services necessary, useful or advisable to such acquisition and development and, incidental to said improvements, to pay**

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bond discount, bond interest, financing, and administrative expense to be reimbursed from the proceeds of an obligation to be issued by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois-

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to approve **Resolution No. 22-38** expressing supplemental official intent regarding certain capital expenditures including (i) the costs of the redevelopment plan and project in connection with the Village's Route 83 Redevelopment Project Area, (ii) the costs of the business district plan and project in connection with the Village's East Business District and, (iii) the costs of the business district plan and project in connection with the Village's Central Business District namely, the costs of land acquisition and the construction of public works and improvements, being municipal public buildings, public roadway, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk, parking, park, recreation, flood mitigation and drainage and utilities improvements, together with related appurtenances, all electrical, professional, financial, bond registrar, legal, mechanical and other services necessary, useful or advisable to such acquisition and development and, incidental to said improvements, to pay bond discount, bond interest, financing, and administrative expense to be reimbursed from the proceeds of an obligation to be issued by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 3 of the Municipal Code of Antioch Adding a New Chapter 6, Establishing a Sales Tax on Tickets sold to Motion Picture Viewings and Live Performances and Rental Agreements at Motion Picture Theaters – This item was removed from the agenda.

6. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance approving a ticket sales tax rebate agreement – This item was removed from the agenda.

7. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance Amending Section 10-10-2(B) of the Village Form Based Code - Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to approve **Ordinance No. 22-05-30** Amending Section 10-10-2(B) of the Village Form Based Code, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

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8. Consideration and approval of a request from the Vintage Mercantile for use of the mini park for sidewalk sales – Director Garrigan reviewed the request to host a private business event on June 4, 2022, the same day as the Village Wine Walk; specifically allowing merchants on the Village-owned property of the mini-park.

Trustees asked how the Village could be protected from any damage to Village property. Ms. Winkler said vendors will not be using stakes in the grass and she does not expect damage to the property. A majority of those present agreed to allow the event, but expressed concern with the existing Village event on the same day, and the mini-park and hard work put into it by the garden club. Ms. Winkler said it would be located towards the back in the grassy area, but the park would be open for people to walk through.

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve the request from the Vintage Mercantile for use of the mini park for sidewalk sales. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Burman.

NO: 1: Dominiak.

ABSENT: 0.

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9. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance granting a variance for the Antioch Police Department Parking Lot at 427 Orchard Street – Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve **Ordinance No. 22-05-31** granting a variance for the Antioch Police Department Parking Lot at 427 Orchard Street, waiving the second reading.

Trustees discussed the security gate and the commencement of the project. Administrator Keim said it has not gone out to bid, but would go out after the village approves the site plan. He hopes bids would go out in June with work beginning in July.

Trustee Pedersen watched the Planning and Zoning Board meeting, and relayed that they have asked all other property owners to comply with Village code and keep the historic character of the Village. She thinks the Village Board needs to lead by example. She asked that the motion be amended to include a requirement for brick columns and landscaping. Administrator Keim said the practicality of the brick columns is difficult at this height, and thinks it will look strange next to the police department building. He asked that the board consider removing the brick columns and enhancing the landscaping. Trustees discussed entrance into the lot, and proposed lighting design. They further discussed the appearance of a security fence and possible screening.

Director Garrigan said the proposed variance addresses two issues; fence location and fence height.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

10. Consideration and approval of a Resolution approving a site plan for the Antioch Police Station Parking Lot at 427 Orchard Street - Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen to approve **Resolution No. 22-39** approving a site plan for the Antioch Police Station Parking Lot at 427 Orchard Street.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to table this item until further review of the cost for the project may be determined. Administrator Keim suggested it go out to bid both with and without the brick work. Trustee Pierce withdrew his motion to table this item.

Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to allow the Administrator to bid the project.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to table this item to a future meeting based on the bids the Administrator brings to the board.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Pierce, Pedersen, Dominiak and Mayor Gartner.

NO: 3: Macek, Bluthardt and Burman.

ABSENT:

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11. Consideration and approval of a Resolution approving a façade grant request for 948/950 Main Street in the amount of \$2,700 – Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Resolution No. 22-40** approving a façade grant request for 948/950 Main Street in the amount of \$2,700.

Director Garrigan reviewed the request for a façade grant in order to assist with the tuckpointing of the building, which is allowed under the façade program.

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Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Pierce, Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Burman.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

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VIII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Keim discussed recent events at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the failure of a clarifier. He said the plant can operate on one clarifier, and they have alternated since the plant opened. He has spoken with several engineers and will assess and evaluate with the consultants on a solution. He will report back to the board once more information is obtained.

Administrator Keim relayed the results from the bid opening earlier in the day for the 2022 road program and expects to award the bid at the next meeting. Some general fund money may have to be used to supplement the program.

IX. Village Clerk's Report

No report.

X. Trustee Reports

Trustee Burman said the owner of Station 51 wanted to invite first responders to the restaurant this coming Friday at 5pm.

Trustee Pierce is working with Public Works on a more frequent street sweeping schedule. He wanted to make sure that everyone knows they have the right to address the Village Board regardless of their opinion. He thinks there should be a session to review the code of conduct at a future meeting and an annual review of the welcoming and inclusive pledge.

Trustee Dominiak apologized for speaking out of turn.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel and Pending Litigation, Lease of Village Property, Collective Bargaining – Property Disposition/Acquisition and Personnel and Consultants – The Mayor and Board of Trustees did not go into executive session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk