

APPROVED MINUTES

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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July 27, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the July 27, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:31 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 and Dominiak. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Burman.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

No approval is needed for remote participation pursuant to the Governor's order.

V. Mayoral Report

Appointment of the law firm of Ottosen Dinolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd as the Village Attorney for the Village of Antioch - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to confirm the appointment of the law firm of Ottosen Dinolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd as the Village Attorney for the Village of Antioch.

Trustee Macek discussed the terms of the contract, costs, and provisions related to conflicts of interest. Attorney Vasselli commented on the fees and scope of services and commented that he has not asked for travel reimbursements in the past. Travel fees would be reimbursed if there was a distance involved for representing the Village.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

1. Consideration and approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute an engagement letter for legal service with the law firm of Ottosen Dinolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd – Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve **Resolution No. 22-59** authorizing the mayor to execute an engagement letter for legal service with the law firm of Ottosen Dinolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

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2. Appoint Julie Nellessen to the Police & Fire Commission with a term ending 2023- Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to confirm the appointment of Julie Nellessen to the Police & Fire Commission with a term ending 2023.

Trustee Pierce asked for a background of experience and qualifications. Ms. Nellessen stated she is recently retired from Lake Forest Hospital and has lived in Antioch twice. She has dealt with police and fire throughout her career and is interested in giving back to the community.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Following her appointment, Clerk Romine administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Nellessen.

3. Appoint Shelly Christian to the Police Pension Board with a term ending 2023 - Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to confirm the appointment of Shelly Christian to the Police Pension Board with a term ending 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. Re-Appoint Jim Weber as Chairman to the Park Commission with a term ending 2027 – Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to confirm the re-appointment of Jim Weber as Chairman to the Park Commission with a term ending 2027. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Following his appointment, Clerk Romine administered the Oath of Office to Chairman Weber.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Mr. Gerry Vasquez, Village resident, shared concerns regarding allegations made of his son.

VI. Consent Agenda

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

- 2. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the necessary expenses for the Mayor, Elected Officials and Staff to attend the 2022 Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference – Resolution No. 22-60**

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

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VII. Regular Business

1. Approval of the July 13, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes as presented (removed from the consent agenda) – Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve the July 13, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSTAIN: 1: Pierce.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$265,387.43 – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$441,589.28. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. Consideration and approval of AN ORDINANCE authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$25,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022, of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, to finance (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; prescribing the details of said bonds; providing for the imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the same and for the collection, segregation and application of certain Village revenues to pay said bonds –

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Ordinance No. 22-07-38** authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$25,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022, of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, to finance (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; prescribing the details of said bonds; providing for the imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the same and for the collection, segregation and application of certain Village revenues to pay said bonds, waiving the second reading.

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Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Consideration and approval of a Resolution approving a façade grant in the amount of \$5,700 for 910 Main Street - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to approve **Resolution No. 22-61** approving a façade grant in the amount of \$5,700 for 910 Main Street.

Trustee Macek expressed concern that this appears to be more like maintenance than façade improvements for which the program intended.

Trustee Dominiak commented that the board has approved other façade grants for painting and other items that were referred to as maintenance. She recommended the board have a future discussion regarding the façade grant program.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 3: Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

NO: 2: Pierce and Macek.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance for a text amendment to Section 10-5-1 of the Antioch Zoning Ordinance – Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Ordinance No. 22-07-39** for a text amendment to Section 10-5-1 of the Antioch Zoning Ordinance, waiving the second reading.

Director Garrigan provided a summary of the text amendment to include additional special uses to the zoning ordinance use matrix for B-1 and B-2 zoning uses. More precise retail uses were defined as well.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance for a text amendment to Section 10-12-2(E) of the Antioch Zoning Ordinance – Director Garrigan reviewed the text amendment to revise parking regulations for recreational vehicles and trailers on Village right-of-way.

Trustee Pierce doesn't agree with this amendment, and thinks it's an overreach of the Village and it should be up to the associations to enforce their covenants.

Trustee Macek said this follows a similar requirement to Lindenhurst. Director Garrigan commented that we currently do have an ordinance with restrictions, and most villages do have restrictions, but this ordinance is more specific as to where the recreational vehicle may be parked.

Trustees discussed the restrictions included in the proposed text and enforcement of this ordinance. Trustee Bluthardt commented on the need for Village Board approval, and suggested that be removed from the ordinance.

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Trustee Pierce asked what the fine is for violating the policy. Director Garrigan said it would follow general penalties, with an escalated fine for each violation. Trustee Dominiak remarked on code enforcement, and the suggestion to extend the time allowed to park in a driveway for maintenance.

Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to accept the first reading of **Ordinance No. 22-07** and come back with a revised draft based on comments made by the Village Board. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

NO: 1: Pierce.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to execute an agreement with Strand Associates, Inc for Technical Services related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier in the amount of \$27,400 - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to approve **Resolution No. 22-62** authorizing the Village Administrator to execute an agreement with Strand Associates, Inc for Technical Services related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier in the amount of \$27,400.

Administrator Keim provided a brief explanation of the need for repairs of the clarifier at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He discussed steps taken so far in identifying problems with the clarifier, and resolutions to those issues. Strand will evaluate and investigate in order to make a recommendation for repairs.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance Approving and Adopting a Revised Employee Handbook for the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to approve **Ordinance No. 22-07-41** Approving and Adopting a Revised Employee Handbook for the Village of Antioch, Illinois, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

10. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance Amending Sections 1-11-11 and 1-11-22 of the Antioch Village Code regarding Whistle Blower Protection and Hiring of Relatives/Nepotism - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve **Ordinance No. 22-07-42** Amending Sections 1-11-11 and 1-11-22 of the Antioch Village Code regarding Whistle Blower Protection and Hiring of Relatives/Nepotism, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

NO: 1: Pierce.

ABSENT: 1: Burman.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

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VIII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Keim reported on the bond rating which has remained the same.

IX. Village Clerk's Report

No report.

X. Trustee Reports

Trustee Pierce complimented the public works department for their work over the Independence Day holiday. He asked that the next agenda include a discussion about commercial vehicle parking within the Village.

Trustee Macek asked for a status of the fence at the police department. Administrator Keim responded that final adjustments are being made to the bid documents, and he hopes to have it out to bid shortly.

Trustee Pedersen thanked the Parks Department and Park Board for their work on the Independence Day Celebrations.

Trustee Dominiak provided an update on the downtown beautification projects.

Trustee Pierce asked if there were any actions possible by the board to gain support from the local State's Attorney Office.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk