

# APPROVED MINUTES

## VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING Virtual Meeting – Call In (312)626-6799 Access Code: 592-598-564 November 2, 2020 – 3:00 PM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the November 2, 2020 special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 3:06 pm virtually via Zoom Access Code 592-598-564.

### 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 online: Pierce, Macek, Dominiak, Poulos and Johnson. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Yost.

### IV. Regular Business

**1. Consideration of a Resolution requesting the Governor's office and Illinois Department of Public Health to re-evaluate collection, analysis and benchmarks for regional data related to COVID-19 and how that data is applied to decision-making associated with mitigation mandates** – Mayor Hanson said there is not a clear accurate picture from the governor justifying the recent mitigations put into place, and expressed concern that restaurants are struggling to survive.

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to approve **Resolution No. 20-48** requesting the Governor's office and Illinois Department of Public Health to re-evaluate collection, analysis and benchmarks for regional data related to COVID-19 and how that data is applied to decision-making associated with mitigation mandates.

Trustee Pierce agrees it's a very serious situation, is very concerned with what steps the governor has taken, and believes he's being improperly selective in what he's doing. He discussed the recent action taken by Winthrop Harbor to educate the community, and said it's up to Lake County and the State of Illinois to do the enforcement. He would like to see further steps added into the resolution saying what we will or will not do.

Trustee Macek said other towns have vocally supported their businesses, but some of the businesses in Libertyville have been enforced with fines and days in court. He said we should all support businesses, and he will order out more to help the people in business and encouraged the community to do the same.

Trustee Dominiak is supportive of the resolution, and doesn't believe there is enough information backing up the closure. There is no specific data that shows link between the spread of COVID-19 and restaurants. She stated that they are finding cases through contact tracing that have been in restaurants and bars, but don't have data showing where it was contracted. She said we need to pull out all the stops to support our businesses. She discussed the complaint process and said we need to support the businesses within the regulations. She also wants to better understand decision-making as to what is allowed and what is not, including language asking Governor Pritzker to explain how he can stay open and who can't.

Trustee Johnson agreed that we should not be the enforcing agency for the closures. He said the Village and businesses are at the mercy of the state, and the Village Board needs to support all businesses, who have done a great job of following phase 4 guidelines set by the governor. He wants to make it clear what we are doing as a village, and what we are or aren't going to do and businesses could make their own decisions based on that.

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Mayor Hanson participated in other calls regarding the mitigations, and said the mayors caucus with over 80 municipalities is trying to setup a meeting with the governor to get the answers to these questions. He reached out to our representatives and asked why the governor didn't discuss his position prior to him putting out message closing restaurants and bars.

Trustee Pierce asked for a consideration of suspending façade programs and turning those funds into a Covid relief program for businesses. Trustee Dominiak agrees, but also thinks we have to be aware of the fact that we are going in the wrong direction, and this could affect other small retail businesses next.

Mayor Hanson added that we need to go in force with all of the communities, together. Attorney Long can incorporate the language Trustee Pierce referenced, and include a request for an explanation of how he made his choices.

Supervisor Shaughnessy has not had a chance to read the mayor's notice from Winthrop harbor, but thinks it's a fine line, and we can't write something to encourage businesses to break the law. He thinks state numbers are intentionally skewed and expressed concern that the governor can be vindictive with his powers. He will support our local business through carryout to carry them through, and encourages following the 3 W's. He said while he doesn't agree with governor, we won't turn our back on business, won't encourage breaking the law, and will advise businesses of the risks for breaking the law.

Attorney Long read aloud the letter from the Mayor of Winthrop Harbor.

Trustee Poulos believes the numbers are skewed, and doesn't believe we should be in the enforcement business, and should let businesses do what they want.

Mayor Hanson commented that he has been working on a project with staff on an interactive map of local restaurant and retail businesses for the website.

Trustee Pierce amended his motion to include suggested changes from the board as the attorney writes them and asked the attorney to share with the board before they're released. Trustee Dominiak amended her second.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Pierce, Macek, Dominiak, Poulos and Johnson.

**NO: .**

**ABSENT: 1:** Yost.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Special meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC  
Village Clerk