

APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002
May 13, 2026

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gartner called the May 13, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 935 Skidmore Drive, 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: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Lichterman and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Bluthardt.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees attending remotely.

V. Mayoral Report

1. **Acknowledgements** – Mental Health Awareness Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Motorcycle Awareness Month, Cop on a Rooftop

2. **Proclamation recognizing ALS Awareness Month** – Mayor Gartner introduced Kelly Goodman, local advocate for ALS Awareness and read aloud the proclamation recognizing the month of May as ALS Awareness Month

3. **Proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week** – Mayor Gartner read aloud the proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week from May 17-23, 2026.

4. **Proclamation recognizing Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week** - Mayor Gartner read aloud the proclamation recognizing Police Officers Memorial Day and Police Week from May 10-16, 2026.

5. **Police Department Lifesaving Awards for Matthew Hart and Patrick Conrad** – Chief Guttschow recognized Officers Hart and Conrad for their lifesaving measures on separate medical calls in which both officers initiated life saving efforts until the Antioch Fire Department arrived, directly contributing to the saving of a human life. Chief Guttschow thanked them both for their service and dedication to the Village.

6. **Reappointments: Brian Nolan and Elisabeth Deichsel to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission, Jessica Sanfilippo to the Combined Planning Commission and Zoning Board and Julie Nellessen to the Police & Fire Commission** - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to confirm the appointments Brian Nolan and Elisabeth Deichsel to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission, Jessica Sanfilippo to the Combined Planning Commission and Zoning Board and Julie Nellessen to the Police & Fire Commission.

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Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Following their appointments, Clerk Romine administered the Oath of Office to Commission members Nolan and Deichsel.

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Reports

None.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

1. Approval of the April 22, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented
2. Approval of the April 29, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes as presented
3. Approval of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 25-10-66 authorizing and approving credit card rules and a credit card surcharge or convenience fee for credit card transactions carried out by the Village of Antioch
4. Approval of an Ordinance amending an Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, Illinois on behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

IX. Regular Business

5. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$3,966,025.55 – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$3,966,025.55. Administrator Lichterman highlighted the large items include the ERI payment and final arbitrage payment for the 2022 bond. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Granting a Class G Single Special Event Liquor License to Brothers of Liberty for its Private Party to be held on June 13, 2026 – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve a Resolution Granting a Class G Single Special Event Liquor License to Brothers of Liberty for its Private Party to be held on June 13, 2026.

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Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving a memorandum of understanding between the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Unit Clarification) - Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve a Resolution authorizing and approving a memorandum of understanding between the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Unit Clarification). Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of playground equipment from Kompan, Inc for the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve a Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of playground equipment from Kompan, Inc for the Village of Antioch, Illinois. Trustee Pierce commented on another park he visited and asked that special needs and sensory items be considered for phase 2 of the park. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration and approval of a Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code Authorizing the Expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds in the amount of \$1,260,000 for the 2026 Road Resurfacing Program - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve a Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code Authorizing the Expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds in the amount of \$1,260,000 for the 2026 Road Resurfacing Program. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

10. Consideration and approval of a Resolution awarding a bid to Payne & Dolan, Inc. for the 2026 Roadway Resurfacing Program on behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Martinez moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve a Resolution awarding a bid to Payne & Dolan, Inc. for the 2026 Roadway Resurfacing Program on behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

11. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. for the 2026 Roadway Resurfacing Program for the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Martinez moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve **Resolution No. 26-xx**, authorizing and approving a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. for the 2026 Roadway Resurfacing Program for the Village of Antioch, Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

12. Consideration and approval of a Resolution awarding a bid to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. for North Avenue turning lane modifications on behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve a Resolution awarding a bid to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. for North Avenue turning lane modifications on behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois. Trustee Macek asked if a performance agreement can be put into place to get the roads completed by a date certain. Attorney Vasselli responded that it can be included in the agreement. AAL said this came in the budgeted amount so storage bins will be ordered.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

13. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of services from Testing Service Corporation for the Village of Antioch, Illinois (*Testing Construction and Materials for the new Public Works Facility*) - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve a Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of services from Testing Service Corporation for the Village of Antioch, Illinois (*Testing Construction and Materials for the new Public Works Facility*). Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

14. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of taser devices and Axon training equipment on behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve **Resolution No. 26-xx**, authorizing and approving the purchase of taser devices and Axon training equipment on behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

15. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance authorizing and approving a redevelopment agreement by and between the Village of Antioch, Illinois and Brown 173 LLC - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to table an Ordinance authorizing and approving a redevelopment agreement by and between the Village of Antioch, Illinois and Brown 173 LLC to the May 27, 2026 Village Board Meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

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X. Administrator's Report

Administrator Lichterman provided an update on the possible regulation of e-bikes and scooters, which is being reviewed by the general assembly. That legislation, if approved, would pre-empt all local regulations. He reviewed the proposed legislation at the state level. He also discussed eliminating the seasonality of the golf cart operations. Trustee Macek said the golf carts were supposed to be reviewed, and would like to assign colors to e-bikes and scooters related to voltage to assist in police enforcement. Trustee Pierce said he would like to be fair to the e-bike riders and would like to see it sooner rather than later. He doesn't object to removing the seasonality of the golf carts. He said the manufacturer identifies the class of the bikes, so the police shouldn't have an issue with enforcement. He thinks education is imperative for the community.

Administrator Lichterman announced the upcoming conference to be attended by staff, and announced that the Village Hall will closed memorial day, and pool will be opening.

XI. Village Clerk's Report

Clerk Romine reminded residents that the Spring Clean-Up day is tomorrow, May 14. Items should be curbside by 6am.

XII. Trustee Reports

Trustee Martinez thanked the Village for participating in the Shriners event to extend their presence of the Shriner hospital.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk

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**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002
May 13, 2026**

I. Call To Order

Mayor Gartner called the May 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:13 pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL and via Zoom.

II. Roll Call

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Lichterman and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Bluthardt.

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees attending remotely.

IV. Mayoral Report

No report.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Joe Fisher commented on the flag signs at the gas stations related to video gaming, and ask that the code is enforced and the signs be removed.

VI. Regular Business

1. Approval of the April 22, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve the April 22, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Macek, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Bluthardt.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion regarding Liquor Code Amendments – Mayor Gartner stated that his goal is to update the code so that liquor licenses align with their proper classifications and accurately reflect what is permitted. He noted the recent proliferation of gaming and said the Board will need to determine what should be allowed and what the appropriate threshold should be. The Mayor emphasized the importance of including language intended to prohibit gaming cafés and expressed concern that the current percentage requirements are inconsistent. He also stated that the initial license classification should not permit a business to change its business model after a license has been issued. Administrator Lichterman reviewed the proposed changes to the liquor code and the notice that was provided to current liquor license holders. He explained that many of the revisions are intended to reflect current practices. The fingerprinting process was updated to match the existing procedure, a definition for “delta” was added, and license categories that are no longer in use were removed. The amendments would also limit special event licenses to four per calendar year per applicant and allow administrative approval by the Local Liquor Commissioner.

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Trustee Macek stated that he did not understand why the Board would relinquish its authority to approve licenses. The Board agreed that control over liquor license approval should remain with the Board.

Administrator Lichterman explained that renewal applications would be due by May 1, with a late fee imposed if not submitted on time. Additional provisions would allow a license to be prorated once per year at 50% of the fee. The license classification table in the code identifies how many licenses are permitted in each class. The number may be increased by the Board and will automatically decrease if a business closes or a license is revoked. Trustee Pierce stated that he is not interested in expanding the number of liquor licenses unless there is a very strong reason to do so. Mayor Gartner commented on the proposed new license categories and said he supports limiting the number of licenses. Administrator Lichterman noted that some businesses are currently operating under the wrong license classification and said those classifications should be reconciled so they are consistent with the code. Those present also discussed enforcement. Trustee Macek commented on general liability insurance requirements and said the code should be enforced so that a license may be revoked if a business is not in compliance.

Attorney Vasselli commented that several of the issues under discussion ultimately relate back to enforcement.

Administrator Lichterman also recommended deleting Section 4-2B-14, which requires 50% of gross sales to come from food and beverage, stating that this issue would instead be addressed through the license table and the Board's authority to grant licenses. He also proposed adding a liquor catering license to allow currently licensed establishments to serve alcohol on an additional premises.

Trustee Macek also commented on common law insurance requirements.

A final proposed amendment would require a clear view into the interior of the premises for security purposes. The Trustees agreed that police officers should be able to see into a bar. Another provision would allow businesses such as Uber Eats and DoorDash to deliver alcohol, provided they comply with specific requirements.

Policy considerations for the Board include whether gaming cafés should be allowed to operate under a bar and tavern license. No new license classes would need to be created for that purpose. Staff also presented hours of operation for neighboring municipalities and stated that a cursory review indicated the Village's current fees are generally in line with those of surrounding communities. Trustee McNeill asked whether a gaming lounge is, or can be, defined in the code. Attorney Vasselli responded that it is not currently defined. He noted that the code already includes a square footage requirement and explained that state statute provides that if a business has a pouring license, it may also obtain a gaming license; therefore, the code does not distinguish gaming cafés separately. He stated that he would prefer to rely on a minimum size requirement. He also said the Board should consider the overall vision for the community when deciding whether to issue pouring licenses. Mayor Gartner stated that he is more concerned with aesthetics and signage than with the machines themselves.

Mr. Dev Patel of Shop N Save Liquor stated that he understands the Board's intent. He referred to previous ordinances that required the business to reduce smoke-related products and requested that the business be granted a pouring license so it could offer video gaming under its license classification. He discussed plans to renovate the 8,000-square-foot facility to accommodate video gaming and presented renderings to the Village Board. Attorney Vasselli clarified that the discussion was not about a specific license request, but rather about receiving input from the Board and business owners.

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Mr. Adam Kosh, a liquor license holder, commented on Section 4-2B-4(C), regarding state filing requirements, and stated that he would prefer the manager or the person operating the business to be the one making the required statements. He also commented on Section 4-2B-6 concerning moral turpitude and asked for clarification regarding the “clear view” requirement, specifically whether it would apply to his class of license.

Mr. Alex Kaliakmanis, also a liquor license holder, stated that the clear-view requirement is not practical for his business and does not fit the business model of an upscale, high-class establishment.

Mayor Gartner stated that revisions will be made and the matter will be brought back for further discussion.

VII. Other Business

Trustee Pierce commented on a call regarding an Air BnB in Oakwood Knolls, and asked staff to review the Village Code related to short-term rentals.

VIII. Executive Session

The Mayor and Board of Trustees did not go into executive session.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk