APPROVED MINUTES

# VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
# BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

**Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois**
**Municipal Building: 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002**
**January 28, 2026**

## I. Call to Order

Mayor Gartner called the January 28, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL and via Zoom.

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

## III. Roll Call

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

**indicates attendance via Zoom*

## IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no objections to Trustees Macek and Pierce attending remotely.

## V. Mayoral Report

1. **Recognitions:** Proclamation recognizing Mary Dominiak – Mayor Gartner announced that Mary is out of town, but AAHAA requested the proclamation so that they may present it to her at their next board meeting. Mayor Gartner read aloud the proclamation.

## Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens wishing to address the board.

## VI. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of the January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented
2. Approval of Corporate Authorities Resolutions for Heartland Bank and Trust and State Bank of the Lakes – *Resolutions No. 26-14 and 26-15*
3. Approval of a Resolution accepting the Antioch Funding Policy for the Antioch Police Pension Fund – *Resolution No. 26-16*

Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 6:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 0.**
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## VII. Regular Business

4. **Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the**

**amount of $2,991,894.98 –** Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of $2,991,894.98. Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 6:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 0.**
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Consideration and approval of an Ordinance adding one more Class "F" Club Liquor License for the Brothers of Liberty located at 894 Anita Avenue –** Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to table **Ordinance No. 26-01-01**, adding one more Class "F" Club Liquor License for the Brothers of Liberty located at 894 Anita Avenue, to the next meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 6:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 0.**
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing, approving and ratifying an employment agreement for the Village Administrator of the Village of Antioch, Illinois –** Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Resolution No. 26-17**, authorizing, approving and ratifying an employment agreement for the Village Administrator of the Village of Antioch, Illinois Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 6:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 0.**
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Administrator Lichterman thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the Village of Antioch and continue the successes of the Village.

7. **Consideration and approval of an Ordinance granting a variance to allow a garage and to change setback requirements at 40810 North Grand Avenue, Antioch, Illinois –** Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Ordinance No. 26-01-02**, granting a variance to allow a garage and to change setback requirements at 40810 North Grand Avenue, Antioch, Illinois, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 6:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 0.**
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **Consideration and approval of an Ordinance amending Section 10-5-1 of the Antioch Village Code regarding civic uses within the R-1 Single Family Residential District of the Village of Antioch, Illinois –** Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Ordinance No. 26-01-03**, amending Section 10-5-1 of the Antioch Village Code regarding civic uses within the R-1 Single Family Residential District of the Village of Antioch, Illinois, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 6:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 0.**
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance granting land use relief for the property located at 1275 Main Street in the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Special use – Antioch Township Operations) –** Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Ordinance No. 26-01-04**, granting land use relief for the property located at 1275 Main Street in the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Special use – Antioch Township Operations), waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 6:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 0.**
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance amending Section 10-14-14 of the Antioch Village Code regarding Electronic Message Boards within the Village of Antioch, Illinois –** Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve **Ordinance No. 26-01-05**, amending Section 10-14-14 of the Antioch Village Code regarding Electronic Message Boards within the Village of Antioch, Illinois

Trustee Pedersen said the school would like to use colors in their graphics and believes we should follow the code.

Director Janeck said the school has indicated that they would like more than red and white letters which are permitted in the code. Mr. Mendez of School District 34 said they would like to add other colors like blue as well. He suggested the sign code be amended to allow additional colors. Trustee Pedersen asked that the colors and graphics don't distract traffic. Trustee Pierce agrees and would like to discuss this matter further after the sign code is reviewed.

Those present agreed that there are additional issues that need to be addressed.

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to table this item for 30 days until recommendations on code alterations and examples of what we have in town may be provided to the Village Board. Administrator Lichterman said staff will bring back examples.
Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 6:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 0.**
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance granting land use relief for the property located at 433 Depot Road in the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Special Use – Electronic Message Board) –** Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to table **Ordinance No. 26-01-06**, granting land use relief for the property located at 433 Depot Road in the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Special Use – Electronic Message Board), for 30 days.

Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 6:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 0.**
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**VIII. Administrator's Report**

No report.

**IX. Village Clerk's Report**

No report.

**X. Trustee Reports**

No report.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk

APPROVED MINUTES

# 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**
**January 28, 2026**

## I. Call To Order

Mayor Gartner called the January 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:03 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*, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinze, Pierce*, and Pedersen.. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Lichterman and Clerk Romine.

**indicates attendance via Zoom.*

## III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no objections to Trustees Macek and Pierce attending remotely.

## IV. Mayoral Report –

None.

## Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None.

## V. Regular Business

**1. Approval of the January 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented -** Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve the January 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.
Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 6:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 0.**
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. Discussion regarding Oakwood Knolls request for a special service area –** Mayor Gartner provided an overview of the request from residents in the Oakwood Knolls subdivision related to a culvert and the lake. He discussed steps staff has taken related to the request, including discussions with the Fox Waterway Agency, and petitions that have been circulated throughout the subdivision. Mayor Gartner understands the request from certain residents to assess special service area taxes throughout the entire subdivision, but expressed concern with setting a precedent, and the shared lake over state lines. The Mayor said he would like to do further research related to engineering, preliminary funding analysis, and a feasibility study. He recommends getting more findings from staff before moving forward, and asked if the board is in favor of considering an SSA in this subdivision.

Trustee Macek said he would like more information and expressed concern with setting a precedent.

Trustee Bluthardt said if the Village can assist those residents it should be considered. He commented on reducing the property tax burden on residents, and would like to see the residents support this before a tax is assessed. He would also like to see more feedback from the actual residents.

Trustee McNeill agreed that there is not enough information at this time to form an opinion.

Trustee Martinez agreed and said this discussion was back in November and the Fox Waterway Agency was asked be included as a part of the conversation. He would like professional opinions and to see if their legal counsel could confirm the receipt of a grant.

Trustee Pierce said an SSA should be approved through a referendum, and not a select few individual residents imposing a tax on the entire subdivision. He said he is also unaware of any grants awarded, and discussed the costs associated with the improvements they would like to make.

Trustee Pedersen feels this will be ongoing and they will come back asking for additional assistance with dredging. She cannot see the Village moving forward with an SSA at this point.

This item will be discussed further at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

3. **Discussion regarding the annual Chamber of Commerce events scheduled for 2026 –** Chamber Director Barbara Porch relayed a request from the Parks Department related to rescheduling Wizard Weekend and identified June 27 as a potential event date. She discussed additional event concepts for the community and presented information regarding a street dance, including a potential route on Skidmore and a closure of Orchard Street Extension.

Mayor Gartner noted the weekend prior to that proposed event includes the Small Town Smokeout and expressed concern about staffing two consecutive weekends, suggesting consideration of combining with an existing event such as Harvest Fest.

Administrator Lichterman asked what resources the Chamber is requesting from the Village, including vehicle/pedestrian safety and whether the Chamber is prepared to provide needed resources. Ms. Porch stated the event would be approximately five hours and family-friendly, and asked what the Police Department would require. Administrator Lichterman stated plans are needed to evaluate what Village resources may be required to ensure a safe event.

If the Board wishes to approve event dates, this item will be placed on a future agenda.

4. **Discussion regarding the purchase of speakers for the Bandshell –** Assistant Village Administrator Moran presented a proposal for new speakers at the bandshell. Staff received three quotes and recommends the lowest bid option from Compass. He provided background on the existing speaker system. He noted the cost exceeds what was budgeted and that there will be additional installation costs through LA Sound; however, he will donate all wire needed for the system.

This item will be placed on the next Village Board consent agenda for consideration.

**VI. Other Business**

None.

**VII. Department Reports**

**Assistant Village Administrator (AVA) –** AVA Moran welcomed Administrator Lichterman and thanked former Administrator Guttschow for mentoring him. He highlighted departmental budget meetings and a business roundtable hosted by the All Together Group focused on initiatives to support the business community. He noted a radio promotion to encourage shopping and dining for Valentine's Day. He stated the GovAI platform has been implemented village-wide. He stated the new phone system will be implemented within the next 60–90 days across all Village properties.

Trustee Bluthardt asked if we heard from Kunes about their expansion at their current location as seen on a social media post. Administrator Lichterman believes that may have been a misstatement on their post.

**Parks –** Administrator Lichterman presented the Parks report stating that Director Kotloski is away at a conference. He reviewed registrations and the Parks and Rec Advisory Board meeting at which Centennial Park plans were discussed; the plans will return to the Board on February 11. He discussed recent events such as the Wine Walk and upcoming events (Parents Day Out, Princess Dance and Hot Chocolate Walk). Staff is currently working on the budget, summer camp and pool planning.

**Parks –** Director Heimbrodt presented the public works report stating that snow and ice operations have been underway responding to 12 total events. He discussed water main breaks and stated staff hopes to finalize the list of roads for the 2026 road program to develop a bid package and proceed to bid. He estimated 3.5 miles of roadway work at approximately $1.3 million. Staff is obtaining roofing quotes for the bandshell and Metra train stations.

Director Heimbrodt stated staff received a temporary permit from Lake County DOT, with precast work scheduled for February 2, and will continue working on a permanent access permit and final construction to North Avenue. He noted the Lake County DOT roundabout project has been approved, and he will attend the pre-construction meeting to better understand the schedule and share information with the Board. He also noted that Sequoit Creek Park was part of another award for landscaping.

**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 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk