APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002
February 11, 2026

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gartner called the February 11, 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

The Mayor and Board of Trustees led the 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 Vasselli, Administrator Lichterman and Clerk Romine.

******indicates attendance via Zoom.*

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no objections to Trustee Pierce attending remotely.

V. Mayoral Report

1. **Recognitions: Proclamation recognizing 2-1-1 Day** – Mayor Gartner presented the proclamation to Maria Nava and Kevin Hunter from 2-1-1 and the Lake County Board and thanked them for their service to the community.

Maria Nava thanked the Village of Antioch for their partnership and raising awareness for the 2-1-1 program. Kevin Hunter thanked the Village of Antioch for the opportunity to highlight the program on February 11.

Mayor Gartner also recognized American Heart Month, Black History Month, Presidents Day, and Valentine's Day.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens wishing to address the board.

VI. Reports

Report and Recommendation of the Park Board regarding Centennial Park Phase I Design - Director Kotloski presented a recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board related to the renovation of Centennial Park. She provided an overview of the strategic and master planning process and presented the renovations included in Phase I of the project. Director Kotloski presented the proposed Phase I costs and funding plan.

Director Kotloski addressed concerns raised regarding the repair of the playground vs. replacing the playground, including safety mandates and ADA accessibility. She presented designs for the new playground, which has an approximate 8,000 square-foot footprint, and will incorporate more vertical elements. She reviewed the next steps in the process, including pre-bid meetings, bid opening, tentative groundbreaking and a tentative grand opening. She also shared the Centennial Park project webpage link, which includes ongoing project updates.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board considered the data from the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and the Centennial Park Master Plan and unanimously recommended approval of the Centennial Park Phase I Design.

Trustee Macek discussed the installation of cameras at Village-owned parks. Director Kotloski responded that the cost is approximately $17,000 to install cameras at this park.

Trustee Bluthardt asked if there is any intention on salvaging any of the old park. Director Kotloski does not believe it would be in the best interest of the Village; however, memorial bricks will be salvaged as best they can.

Trustee McNeill recommended holding a planned farewell event for the existing playground. Director Kotloski said the idea has been discussed, but nothing has been scheduled.

Trustee Martinez commented on the raised elevation and footprint of the playground area.

Trustee Pierce asked if there were plans for a splash pad an other items in Phase II, and would like to leave the option in the Phase I footprint to expand the playground if possible. Director Kotloski said there will be an option to add to that area of the park in Phase II.

Trustee Pedersen asked if the ball fields will be available this summer. Director Kotloski said they will be available, however, the North Parking lot will be blocked off during construction as a staging area. The south Lot will still be available. She will also coordinate scheduling with AYLL.

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen to accept the report and recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board regarding the Centennial Park Phase I Design, noting that a discussion ensued after Trustee Macek requested cameras. Upon roll call, the vote was:
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YES: 6: Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
NO: 0.
ABSENT:
THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of the January 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented

2. Approval of a Resolution Granting a Class G Single Special Event Liquor License to the Brothers of Liberty for its Bikes and Brushes Paint & Sip event to be held on February 15, 2026; waiving all fees – *Resolution No. 26-18*
3. Approval of a Resolution Granting a Class G Single Special Event Liquor License to Brothers of Liberty for its Atomic Groove Music Night event to be held on February 28, 2026; waiving all fees – *Resolution No. 26-19*
4. Approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase and installation of Equipment for the Village of Antioch, Illinois (*Speaker System for the William E. Brook Entertainment Center/ Bandshell) – Resolution No. 26-20*

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

VIII. Regular Business

5. **Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of $918,984.42 –** Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of $918,984.42. 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 an Ordinance adding one more Class "F" Club Liquor License for the Brothers of Liberty located at 894 Anita Avenue –** Administrator Lichterman advised that staff met with the applicant, and they have agreed to withdraw their request at this time.

7. **Consideration and approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving an agreement with Synagro Central, LLC for Sludge Hauling and the Land Application of Biosolids on behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois –** Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve **Resolution No. 26-21**, authorizing and approving an agreement with Synagro Central, LLC for Sludge Hauling and the Land Application of Biosolids on behalf 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.

8. **Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving a Professional Service Agreement with HR Green, Inc. for the 2026 Roadway Resurfacing Program for the Village of Antioch, Illinois –** Trustee Macek asked for a report on the age of the roads that were recently annexed into the Village.

Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve **Resolution No. 26-22**, authorizing and approving a Professional Service Agreement with HR Green, Inc. for the 2026 Roadway Resurfacing Program for 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.

9. Consideration and approval of a Resolution accepting the proposal for the preparation and painting of the Antioch Aqua Center Pool with Pecover Decorating Services, Inc for the Village of Antioch, Illinois – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve **Resolution No. 26-23**, accepting the proposal for the preparation and painting of the Antioch Aqua Center Pool with Pecover Decorating Services, Inc for 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.

10. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to sell, salvage or otherwise dispose of surplus equipment for the Village of Antioch, Illinois – Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve **Ordinance No. 26-02-07**, authorizing the Village Administrator to sell, salvage or otherwise dispose of surplus equipment for the Village of Antioch, Illinois, waiving the second reading. Trustee Macek asked staff to look into the possibility of donating the cars. Administrator Lichterman said it would depend on the condition of the vehicle, and no tax incentive would be realized in this case. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 6: Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
NO: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

IX. Administrator's Report

Administrator Lichterman said he has enjoyed his fourth week at the Village of Antioch, met with staff and the Village Board, has attended commission meetings, and plans to have meetings with other various stakeholders in the community. He said staff has been working hard on the upcoming budget, and commented on the recent grant awarded by Congressman Schneider. He discussed upcoming events such as the Parents Night Out, Hot Chocolate Walk and Shamrock Shuffle. He advised that vendors are needed for the Farmers Market, and commented on the Lake County Flavor Festival currently going on and the participating businesses in Antioch. He discussed the status of the downtown TIF district, and said staff was able to add 10 additional parcels without changing the scope of service for that project. Administrator Lichterman discussed the proposed boulder and plaque at Sequoit Creek Park, and said he is in regular contact with the vendor, and there is an industry-wide delay in copper plaques at this time.

X. Village Clerk's Report

No report.

XI. Trustee Reports

Trustee Macek commented on the flock cameras, and said he would like additional cameras installed throughout town including at Pedersen Park.

Trustee Martinez mentioned that the NICC is having their fishing derby on Saturday.

Trustee Pierce mentioned progress going well on the solar farm and public works. He asked to make sure both sites are cleaning North Avenue as the seasons are beginning to create mud.

XII. Executive Session

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to enter into executive session at 7:12 pm to discuss litigation and personnel salary schedules categorically pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) & (1). Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 6: Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
NO: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to return from executive session at 8:21 pm with **no action taken**. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 6: Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.
NO: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk