

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 27, 2026

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gartner called the May 27, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:17 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, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Lichterman and Clerk Romine.

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees attending remotely.

IV. Mayoral Report

No report.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Jay Jozwiak, Village resident, spoke in support of the memorial and stated that the issue was not initiated by only two individuals. He commented on his efforts to support the memorial through fundraising, including collecting donations at Thursday night concerts, and noted Memorial Day flag placement and visits to schools and Springfield.

Ms. Alice Burnette spoke regarding the memorial and stated that, although she would like to donate and Bill Brook was important to her family, she has not donated because of the proposed location. Ms. PJ Delp, AVM board member and disabled combat veteran, spoke in support of all veterans. She commented on her military service, expressed concern regarding statements previously made to the Village Board, and stated that she respects the Board's decisions and differing opinions regarding location. She also expressed appreciation to Lyle Ferris for collecting signatures from individuals unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Ainsley Wonderling, Township resident, commented on the proposed memorial location, the wetlands area, use of tax dollars, commemorative brick fundraising, and alternative locations, including near the tank and on Skidmore. She also requested consideration of the Army Corps of Engineers' opinion regarding the site.

Mr. Paul Hettich thanked Trustees Macek and Pedersen and Martinez for their comments. He spoke regarding his military service, prior requests for a memorial, statements made at a prior American Legion meeting, Bill Brook's contributions to the community, and the Army Corps of Engineers. He encouraged the Board to consider all individuals who had spoken on the matter.

VI. Reports

None.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of the May 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented

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- Approval of a Resolution approving the 2026 Tag Day Schedule for the Village of Antioch, Illinois
- Acceptance of the "Annual Report by Treasurer" for fiscal year ended April 30, 2026

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

4. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$1,565,551.87 – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$1,565,551.87. 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 authorizing and approving a redevelopment agreement by and between the Village of Antioch, Illinois and Brown 173 LLC - Trustee Bluthardt 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 June 10 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 the Supplemental Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026 – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve **Ordinance No. 26-05-20**, the Supplemental Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026 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.

7. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance acknowledging potential changes in liquor license classes for certain liquor licensees operating in the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill to approve **Ordinance No. 26-05-21**, acknowledging potential changes in liquor license classes for certain liquor licensees operating in 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.

IX. Administrator's Report

Administrator Litherman discussed the safe routes to school program in coordination with D34 and D117 to improve health and ease traffic congestion near school zones. This program also sets up the village

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for future grant opportunities. He added that D33 was invited, but elected not to participate. He thanked staff , particularly public works and parks and rec for their work over the Memorial Day holiday.

X. Village Clerk's Report

No report.

XI. Trustee Reports

None.

XII. Executive Session

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to enter into executive session at 8:50 pm to discuss pending or imminent litigation and security measures under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)&(11). 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 McNeill, to return from executive session at 9:36 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 9:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk