# VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
# BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
**Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois**
**Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002**
**September 10, 2025**

## I. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Gartner called the September 10, 2025 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:35pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 874 Main Street, 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 and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Guttschow and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Pierce.

## IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely
There were no Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

**V. Mayoral Report –** Mayor Gartner recognized Suicide prevention month, Childhood cancer awareness month, Hispanic heritage month and September 11.

## Citizens Wishing to Address the Board
There were no citizens wishing to address the board.

## VI. Consent Agenda
Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

1. Approval of the August 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented
2. Approval of a Resolution authorizing Trick-or-Treat hours to be from 4:00-7:00 pm on Friday, October 31 – *Resolution No. 25-75*
3. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Special Event Liquor License for the Antioch Moose Lodge for Harvest Fest, waiving all fees – *Resolution No. 25-76*
4. Approval of a Resolution accepting the GASB 67&68 Actuarial Valuation Report for April 30, 2025; the Funding Actuarial Valuation Report for the contribution year ending April 30, 2026; and the Pension Funding Projections for the Village of Antioch Police Pension Fund as prepared by the Lauterbach & Amen – *Resolution No. 25-77*

Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 5:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**VII. Regular Business**

**5. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of $827,325.45 –** Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of $827,325.45. Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 5:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an employee leasing contract agreement with MGT Impact Solutions LLC for a Community Planning Consultant –** Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve **Resolution No. 25-78,** authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an employee leasing contract agreement with MGT Impact Solutions LLC for a Community Planning Consultant. Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 5:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing, approving and ratifying the purchase of consulting services for the Village of Antioch, IL (HR Green, Inc. Building Inspection and Community Development Services) -** Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve **Resolution No. 25-79** authorizing, approving and ratifying the purchase of consulting services for the Village of Antioch, IL (HR Green, Inc. Building Inspection and Community Development Services). Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 5:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Ford F-150 Police Responder from Currie Motors, as well as upfitting Emergency Equipment from Ultrastrobe and R Page Products at a cost not to exceed $65,000-** Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve **Resolution No. 25-80** authorizing the purchase of one (1) Ford F-150 Police Responder from Currie Motors, as well as upfitting Emergency Equipment from Ultrastrobe and R Page Products at a cost not to exceed $65,000. Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 5:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**VIII. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Guttschow welcomed Beckey Kijak as the new Senior Accountant with the Village of Antioch in the Finance Department. He announced the posted HR Generalist position, and commented on the landscaping at the new village hall. He discussed a pre-construction meeting for PW scheduled for later this week, and said AV training at the new village hall was completed. The next Village Board meeting is planned to be held at the new village hall. He discussed the Centennial Park OSLAD grant project and upcoming meeting, and the term sheet presented related to Antioch Marketplace.

**IX. Village Clerk's Report**

No report.

**X. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Macek commented on social media posts and how it may be monitored for inaccurate posts made by elected officials. Attorney Vasselli will send a memo before the next meeting outlining parameters and what is permitted and what could constitute a violation of the open meetings act.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk

# VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois**
**Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002**
**September 10, 2025**

## I. Call To Order

Mayor Gartner called the September 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:45 pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL and via Zoom.

## II. Roll Call

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

## III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

## IV. Mayoral Report –

Mayor Gartner said he has had requests from gas stations to address the board again regarding pouring licenses, and asked the board if they are interested in having another discussion related to pouring licenses for video gaming. Trustees Macek, McNeill, and Martinez would be interested in having another discussion.

## Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None.

## V. Regular Business

1. **Approval of the August 27, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented -** Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve the August 27, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was:
**YES: 5:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
**NO: 0.**
**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Discussion and presentation regarding the Planning and Zoning Board recommendation for Adrenaline 27 –** Attorney Vasselli provided an overview of the request for a recreational sports facility, which had a unanimous recommendation from the Planning and Zoning board.

Ashley, owner of Adrenaline 27, discussed business stating that it is a pitching and hitting lesson facility. There were no objections to placing this item on the next village board agenda for consideration.

***Trustee pierce arrived at 6:49pm.***

**3. Discussion regarding a concept plan for the Village Hall Building located at 874 Main Street –** Business Liaison Specialist Kim Biederman introduced the developer who presented a proposed concept plan for the Village Hall building located at 874 Main Street.

Mr. Steve Spinelli introduced Mark Kurensky HM Architects, who presented their design for the building at the corner of Main and Orchard. He outlined the differences from the last plan including safer and integrated parking, and an additional lobby area on the south of the building. He visited the site to understand the surrounding architecture, and similar height buildings. He presented the character concept of the type of building that could be put in this space. They have presented a segmented building into 3 manageable parts that have a cohesive design.

Trustee Macek discussed parking and parking required in the Village Code. The applicant indicated that there would likely be an agreement with the Village for designated spaces in the municipal lot for parking. Administrator Guttschow added that this is a conceptual plan, and other details will be addressed later.

Trustee Bluthardt loves the design, but also has a concern with parking. He sees this as a huge improvement to this part of downtown, and added that if they are high quality apartments the level of tenant will be reflected.

Trustee McNeill thanked the architect for the design, which she feels fits better with the downtown. She also expressed concern with parking, particularly during events.

Trustee Martinez agreed that this concept fits the unique look of Main street better.

Trustee Pierce agreed with the concept, and brought up the potential for underground parking. He also expressed concern with handicapped accessibility, and sees this as an opportunity to highlight accessibility in Antioch.

Trustee Pedersen likes the building design, and asked if the Historic Preservation Commission should be involved in reviewing the historical character of the building. Mr. Kurensky said he is happy to meet with the Commission, but would recommend doing it at a later phase of the project after details are settled.

Mayor Gartner opined that this plan is much better than the previous plan, and that density is what is causing other communities to thrive.

**4. Discussion regarding an Ordinance amending Section 8-4C-2 of the Antioch Village Code regarding hours that Sequoit Creek Park will be open to minors –** Administrator Guttschow asked the board for feedback in addressing concerns with youth in the park after hours. He received feedback from the attorney on the ability to restrict hours for those persons subject to curfew ordinances. According to the ordinance, when other parks are closed to the public at dusk, Sequoit Creek Park (SCP) would be closed to minors that are not accompanied by an adult. He added that there is a concern from the police department about the ability to enforce the ordinances. He asked the Board which direction they would like to go in order to regulate youth in the park.

Mayor Gartner is not in favor of closing the park to youth at dusk, and doesn't think that one ordinance will fix the problem. He said there was a noticeable difference when the fire pits were turned off at 10pm rather than midnight. He would agree with security during times when other children are present, and closing the park (bathrooms and fire pits) at 10pm. He recommended having some enforcement in the early evening for families to feel safe and enjoy the park. Administrator Guttschow said Fox Lake indicated that the most effective tool for them was closing the park at a designated time.

Trustee Bluthardt stated the need for enforcement of the rules and to educate the community that rules will be enforced. He agrees with closing the park at a certain time, and thinks it needs to be uniform across all parks and the community. Administrator Guttschow discussed challenges in enforcement, staffing and budgetary restraints.

Trustee Macek said there is inadequate signage at the park related to rules, and expressed concern with less experienced police staff. Director Kotloski plans to address signage next year.

Trustee McNeill said she is not a fan of the ordinance as written, and sees teens who are being respectful, and would rather see more enforcement of the existing rules. She said banning the kids at dusk will not change the behavior, but may relocate the teens.

Trustee Martinez said police presence is a deterrent and saw someone walking the park this weekend. He recommended we start talking to School Districts 34 and 117 staff to let them know that more accountability and enforcement will be coming. He agrees to keep the park open for adults, and would be in favor of an ordinance regulating minors in the park.

Trustee Pierce recollects similar issues at the skate park which seem to have shifted to SCP. He said we need to invest in activities for children, and for a limited time invest in OT for officers to enforce the rules.

**5. Discussion regarding security at Sequoit Creek Park –** Chief Guttschow discussed the police presence at the park and use of community service officers. He asked the board for their thoughts on a contracted security service, and said Fox Lake uses security from noon until the park closes. On event nights they stay an extra hour. He stated that from the start of the season in April to mid-September, may be less costly for the Village to contract those services. Fox Lake currently pays $40/hour during the week for security, unarmed with a car.

Mayor Gartner said it is not a bad idea to set the precedent, and recommended limiting the hours from 2-10 during the summer and shorter in October.

Trustee Pedersen thinks a 10pm closure would work unless there is an event. She likes the idea of a private firm and said Warren Township has a similar setup, and ordinance. She would like to see an ordinance that encompasses everything, including security, rules and group use.

Trustee Pierce agrees with security, but expressed concern with any conflict to the FOP contract by hiring a security firm. Chief Guttschow said there is nothing that prohibits the Village from hiring private security.

Staff will plan on private security for the upcoming budget year and an updated ordinance will be brought back for discussion.

**VI. Other Business**

None.

**VII. Department Reports**

**Finance –** Senior Accountant Beckey Kijak provided an overview of her experience in municipal finance. She provided an update on the audit work with Lauterbach & Amen, which is on track to be finalized by Oct 31. She discussed the software transition project, and the schedule to go live by the end of October. She commented on the draft credit card ordinance to be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

**Police –** Deputy Chief Smith provided some statistics for calls in the last month and discussed a recent hit and run incident.

**VIII. Executive Session: Personnel, probable Litigation, purchase or sale of property**

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 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk