

APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002
December 10, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the December 10, 2025 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. ROLL CALL

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

**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 –

1. **Recognitions:** Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Hanukkah, Christmas, New Years
2. **Oath of Office** – Officer Adrian Serrano – Deputy Chief Smith introduced the Village's newest officer Adrian Serrano. Clerk Romine administered the oath of office to officer Serrano.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Mr. Kris Shepard, Antioch resident, expressed gratitude with the recent accomplishments of the Village Board, particularly their involvement in the solar farm on Beach Grove Rd.

V. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of the November 12, 2025 and November 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented
2. Approval of a Resolution authorizing a special event liquor license for the Village of Antioch Winter Wine Walk on January 17, 2026, waiving all fees – *Resolution No. 25-97*
3. Approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$1,904,268.67
4. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution of a proposal from Testing Service Corporation (TSC) for Construction Material Testing Services for the Construction of the new Public Works Facility – *Resolution No. 25-98*
5. Approval of an Ordinance providing for the Levy of Taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026 – *Ordinance No. 25-12-71*
6. Approval of an Ordinance abating the tax levied for the year 2025 to pay the principal of and interest on \$1,830,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Utility Tax Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2019 - *Ordinance No. 25-12-72*
7. Approval of an Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay for the principal of an interest on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source),

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Series 2021 of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, in amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 - *Ordinance No. 25-12-73*

8. Approval of an Ordinance abating the tax levied for the year 2025 to pay for the principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022 for the Village of Antioch, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 – *Ordinance No. 25-12-74*
9. Approval of an Ordinance for Village of Antioch, Illinois Special Service Area Number One Approving Administrative Report and Special Tax Roll for Levy Year 2025 and Abating Special Service Area Taxes – *Ordinance No. 25-12-75*
10. Approval of an Ordinance for Village of Antioch, Illinois Special Service Area Number Two Approving Administrative Report and Special Tax Roll for Levy Year 2025 and Abating Special Service Area Taxes - *Ordinance No. Ordinance No. 25-12-76*
11. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement between the Village of Antioch and Reliant Talent Agency – *Resolution No. 25-99*
12. Approval of a Resolution approving a waiver of fees for the Antioch Township – *Resolution No. 25-100*
13. Approval of an Ordinance authorizing and approving a right-of-way permitting agreement between i3 Broadband and the Village of Antioch – *Ordinance No. 25-12-78*
14. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Community Development Consulting Agreement with Dogwood Land, LLC for the Village of Antioch, Illinois – *Resolution No. 25-101*
15. Approval confirming the appointment of Mark Janeck to the position of Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
16. Consideration and approval of a Resolution regarding the release and non-release of certain minutes of executive session – *Resolution No. 25-102*

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Martinez.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

The following item was pulled from the consent agenda:

Approval of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 25-07-23 titled A Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax for the Village of Antioch – *Ordinance No. 25-12-77* – Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve - Ordinance No. 25-12-77 titled A Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax for the Village of Antioch, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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YES: 4: Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill and Pedersen.

NO: 1: Pierce.

ABSENT: 1: Martinez.

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Mayor Gartner commented that there was a contract approved tonight for a contracted Community Development Director, Mark Janeck.

VII. Administrator's Report

Assistant Village Administrator (AVA) Moran provided an update on community businesses and the Mayor's involvement with small businesses in town. Mayor Gartner has decided to re-engage the All Together group to host a business round table to have a discussion surrounding events and activities that can help promote the businesses. AVA Moran announced that the IDOT permitting came through for the Marketplace project and he discussed the recent Joint Review Board meetings related to the TIF districts. He said that insurance renewals are in process with staff and announced that there was a change in health care providers resulting in an overall savings of 10%. The IT department has implemented the bodycam system, and were able to secure contracts through Verizon saving substantially on service costs. IT has also signed an agreement with GovAI. AVA Moran said the Christmas parade pictures are on Facebook, and Shop with a Cop is tomorrow at Raymond Kia. He asked for continued prayers for Sgt. Marsh in the Police Department as he undergoes treatment.

VIII. Village Clerk's Report

Clerk Romine reminded the Board that Village offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25. Those present wished Mayor Gartner a happy 50th and sang Happy Birthday.

IX. Trustee Reports

Trustee Pierce discussed the recent sailors dinner and thanked the volunteers and businesses for their support.

X. Department Reports: Parks & Public Works

Parks and Recreation Director Katie Kotloski thanked the community, Village Board and Staff for the great turnout for the annual Christmas Parade and Tree lighting event. She announced upcoming holiday happenings, including Santa at the Sawmill, letters to Santa, Festival of Trees, Santa home visits, and breakfast with Santa. She provided an update on Centennial Park and said permitting for construction documents will be in January with a bid opening expected in February, and bid award in March. She announced that Grace Ford has been promoted from Administrative Assistant to Recreation Supervisor in the Parks & Recreation Department.

Trustee Martinez arrived at 6:52pm

Public Works Director Dennis Heimbrodt announced that a large amount of snow has accumulated, and acknowledged the public works staff for their hard work, dedication and unbelievable hours they have worked to clear snow and the downtown area. A new employee in the water department started December 1, but two other vacancies have opened in the department. He discussed the well pump repair, and said the proposed public works facility site is ongoing and will continue throughout the winter. Director Heimbrodt announced that Sequoit Creek Park was submitted by Strand Engineering for an excellence in engineering award, and the park won an honorary award which will be presented in February.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation

Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to enter into executive session at 6:59 pm to discuss litigation. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 6: Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill, Martinez, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

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Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to return from executive session at 7:23 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk