

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**

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk