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VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002
April 22, 2026

I. Call To Order

Mayor Gartner called the April 22, 2026 Committee of the Whole 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. 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.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees attending remotely.

V. Mayoral Report -

1. Acknowledgements –National Nurses Week (May 6-12), Mother’s Day (May 10)

2. Proclamation recognizing Library Week – Representatives from the Antioch Public Library were in attendance to accept the proclamation recognizing Library Week.

3. Recognition of AUGS Wrestling Team State Qualifiers - The athletes were coached by Mr. Godsey, Mr. Simones, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Kyler Streib has been wrestling since he was 3, and joined the AUGS team his 6th grade year. He was the Regional Champ, a conference champ, took 2nd at Regionals, and battled his way back to 3rd place at sectionals. He fell short of the placing round but finished 8th in the state. He was 22-3 during the regular season.

Michael Bosa is new to AUGS, and joined the team as a first-year wrestler. He went 13-3 for the regular season (through conference). He placed 2nd at Regionals, and 4th at Sectionals.

Two athletes, Jaxson Sullivan and Isaiah Rubo, were unable to attend the meeting.

Isaiah Rubo wrestled for 3 years at AUGS. He was undefeated heading into the State Tournament. He placed 3rd at state -with only 1 loss for his 8th grade career. (Conference Champion, Regional Champion, Sectional Champion)

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Jaxon Sullivan-7th grade wrestler, is a 2-time state qualifier and 2-time state placer. His season was 26-1 and he is the Record-Conference Champion, Regional Champion, Sectional Champion, and 3rd in State.

4. Recognition of ACHS Wrestling Team State Qualifier Sasha Johnson - Sasha was the first-ever IHSA Girls State placer, which was a great milestone for the school and the continued growth of girls wrestling in our community.

She just added a 145lb Jr freestyle championship title this past weekend, and placed 6th at IHSA girls state championship, which was the first in Antioch history.

5. Recognition of Antioch Predator Wrestlers and State Champion Grady Glowacki –

Mayor Gartner recognized the following wrestlers:

- **Grady Glowacki** – IKWF State Champion & Greco State Champion – Qualified for Nationals
- **Lila Carson** – Freestyle State Champion & IKWF 3rd Place Finisher
- **Abby Glowacki** – IKWF State Runner-Up & Freestyle State Runner-Up – Qualified for Nationals
- **Molly Glowacki** – Freestyle State 3rd Place Finisher & IKWF 4th Place Finisher
- **Lucy Carson** – Freestyle State Runner-Up & IKWF 7th Place Finisher
- **Kenny Gersch** – IESA State Runner-Up
- **Anastasia Morales** – Freestyle State 3rd Place Finisher & IKWF State Qualifier
- **Sofia Hinojosa** – IKWF 5th Place Finisher
- **Remy Omotowon** – IKWF 7th Place Finisher

VI. Public Comment -

None.

VII. Regular Business

1. Approval of the April 8 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve the April 8, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT:

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2. Discussion regarding the proposed FY 26-27 Budget – Mayor Gartner said he does not intend to bring the full vote of the budget that evening, but expects to be bring it back at a future meeting. He explained that Director Peterson had provided a high-level overview at the last meeting, and invited departments to present their budgets. Mayor Gartner explained that the recently approved grocery tax was intended to provide relief to taxpayers on their real estate tax bills.

Police Chief Guttschow discussed the Police & Fire Commission budget, which includes sergeant promotional testing, background checks, new-hire testing, commissioner training, and other expenses. Added this year are IFPA membership and commissioner training opportunities. He explained that the total operating budget is approximately \$8.7 million, with \$7.4 million allocated to personnel costs. Other costs include dispatch, training, and general operating expenses. He requested an expansion of the Flock LPR cameras, which have proven invaluable. He also requested a department wellness program through Frontline Care Center to provide necessary resources for employees, including mandatory wellness screenings, support, and programs. One of the larger expenses is training, much of which is allocated to fund the police academy. Chief Guttschow reviewed the equipment budget request, much of which is related to the Taser upgrade program involving inventory and control. He outlined additional equipment expenses, including squad interior and equipment repairs, radar calibration, and vehicle computers. Other capital requests for the Police Department are largely directed toward building maintenance. He expects future discussions regarding plans for the next major improvement to the Police Department.

Trustee Pierce asked how the SAFE-T Act and the shift in responsibility from Lake County affect the department. Chief Guttschow discussed unfunded mandates and said certain mandates are required at various intervals. He has created a very robust internal training program to help meet those mandates.

Public Works Director Dennis Heimbrodt presented his budget for FY 2026-27. He provided an organizational chart for the department and said he hopes to fill the vacancies during this budget year. He discussed the department's collaboration with other Village departments, as well as the support and services it provides. He outlined several operational changes, including vehicle maintenance, dump trucks, increased fuel costs, salt, utilities, and computer software. New and one-time costs for Public Works include consultant services, drain valve repair, and the WWTF Facility Master Plan. He added that the new facility project includes bids for North Avenue. He said the project remains on track with the budget set last year for the new facility and that costs are spread over both years. The storage bin alternate in the bids was contingent on the road program. He added \$250,000 for the storage bins in the upcoming budget. Director Heimbrodt provided an overview of the budget history for his department and how staff have maintained a steady budget and acted responsibly with budgeted funds. He discussed operations and goals for the upcoming fiscal year, with citizen engagement and services as the top priority. He hopes to bring the road program to the next Village Board meeting for award and to make improvements to the SCADA

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system. Also included are scheduled fleet purchases, the lead service line elimination program, and the aforementioned WWTF Facility Master Plan.

Director of Parks and Recreation Katie Kotloski presented the Parks and Recreation budget. She provided a high-level overview of revenue and expenses. She requested changes in the administration budget, including facility rentals at various parks and recreation buildings. Additional expenses in the Parks and Recreation administration budget include contractual services for field and turf maintenance, security, small equipment replacement, and increased utility costs. She discussed total registrations and various events and programs realized in FY 2026. She reviewed Aquatic Center operations, including increased costs for chemicals and a consultant. She plans to evaluate concession prices and invest in tap-to-pay technology for the pool, which should increase concession and admission sales. She reviewed general programming through various contractors, as well as the School's Day Out programs and a new flag football league. Increased expenses include production and mailing of the program guide. The Summer Day Camp Program has received positive feedback, and staff anticipate increased revenue this coming summer. Proposed expense increases include contracted transportation services for field trips, replacement materials, and additional supplies. Director Kotloski reviewed the department's special events, which are registration, or fee-based programs. Increased expenses involve part-time wages. Community-wide special events include free events and wine walks that concentrate on the downtown business district. Revenues include wine walk registration, donations, and sponsorships. Expenses are increasing due to various additional needs and part-time wages.

Trustee Pierce asked about training for a playground safety inspector and whether a Public Works employee could perform the safety inspections. Director Kotloski said staff do conduct inspections, but they do not have the necessary credentials. Trustee McNeill asked how the Hot Shots programs performed. Director Kotloski provided data on those programs. Trustee Macek recommended asking the Lions Club about security cameras at the bandshell.

Director Peterson presented his budget, which includes personnel and the overall Finance Department budget, with the overall increase attributed to training and TIF training for the Senior Accountant. There is a large decrease in accounting services from Excesion and additional expenses for payroll services through B2E. He outlined departmental goals, including transition planning for the Finance Director position, onboarding a new Senior Accountant, producing a monthly Treasurer's Report, payroll improvements, file management, debt collections through the State of Illinois, and various improvements to accounts payable.

Administrator Lichterman presented the Community Development budget, including personnel and activities. He discussed the responsibilities of the department and various programs available through the department, such as the façade program. He presented data on processed building permits and inspections, as well as overall revenue and expenses driven by community growth. Goals and objectives for the department include a business licensing program, revisions to the façade grant program, restarting the rental inspection process, and updating and rewriting various sections of the zoning ordinance. The pursuit of several

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redevelopment opportunities is included in the budget, as well as streamlining processes and purchasing new code books and clothing.

Trustee Martinez asked about marketing and economic development costs. Administrator Lichterman responded that \$25,000 is budgeted for a marketing campaign and new programs.

Assistant Village Administrator Moran presented the budget for Village Administration and elected officials. New programs in the administration budget are for economic development and include advertising, digital outreach, and radio campaigns. He reviewed the target audience for marketing and advertising. Those present discussed the various marketing media available and the best use of those resources. He also reviewed the increase in downtown beautification, which includes downtown decorations, America 250 décor, plantings, and other downtown improvements. Trustee Bluthardt suggested offering sponsorships for the banners. Additional growth in the administration budget includes staffing, training, legal, and professional services.

Clerk Romine presented her existing operations and requested budget items for the upcoming fiscal year to include shredding, scanning and additional users for the software program Laserfiche.

Assistant Village Administrator Moran provided an overview of communications, which showed unspent funds for other professional services and printing services. Trustee Martinez asked about the \$12,000 budgeted amount for business incentives. Assistant Village Administrator Moran responded that the budget item being referenced is for assistance to the business community. Trustee Pierce asked whether any support is provided to homeowners associations. Assistant Village Administrator Moran responded that HOAs would be supported through staff expertise and available Village resources. Mayor Gartner discussed the monthly engagement meetings with the business community.

IT Manager Amy Pisciotto presented her FY 2027 budget and the support services provided by DeKind Computer Consultants. She is requesting additional hours with them rather than taking on the financial burden of additional staff. She presented a list of items supported by the IT Department for the various departments within the Village. She discussed goals for the department, including successful implementation of various Village projects. She provided an overview of cybersecurity costs, which are necessary to maintain data security. She presented increased budget requests for DeKind on-site support and fiber connectivity to the bandshell. She also discussed the added expense of board packet and agenda software, as well as increased licensing costs.

Trustee Pierce asked if staff considered AI monitoring of the cameras. Manager Pisciotto said she has not been asked to look into that.

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Mayor Gartner asked to continue the budget capital project presentation to a later meeting and asked the board if they would prefer a special meeting. Those present agreed to have a special meeting on April 29 at 6:30 pm to conclude the budget discussion.

VI. Other Business

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002
April 22, 2026

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gartner called the April 22, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:54 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

None.

VI. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of the April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented
2. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Special Event Liquor License to the Antioch Moose Lodge #525, Loyal Order of Moose, for the "It's Thursday" Summer Concert Series in the Village of Antioch, Illinois
3. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Special Event Liquor License for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4551 for the "It's Thursday" Summer Concert Series in the Village of Antioch, Illinois
4. Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing and Approving an agreement between the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (*Animal Control Services*)
5. Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing and Approving an Agreement between HR Green, Inc., and 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.

VII. Regular Business

6. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$893,898.27 – Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$893,898.27. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration and approval of the proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027 – Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to table the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027 to a special meeting on April 29, 2026.

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 Authorizing the use of from agreement with FSS Technologies, LLC, for the direct connection of fire alarm and detection systems in the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve **Ordinance No. 26-04-17**, Authorizing the use of from agreement with FSS Technologies, LLC, for the direct connection of fire alarm and detection systems in the Village of Antioch, Illinois, waiving the second reading. Trustee Pierce said he believes this should be the responsibility of the Fire District and not the Village. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 1: Pierce.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration and approval of a Resolution of the Village of Antioch in Support of Municipal Housing Authority - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve **Resolution No. 26-xx**, in Support of Municipal Housing Authority. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

X. Administrator's Report

Administrator Lichterman announced that Jim Moran is now a board member on the Antioch Chamber of Commerce, and discussed a meeting with Chief Guttschow regarding E-Bikes and pending legislation. He provided an overview on the demolition and remediation at 520 Lake Street, and the ongoing work for the Marketplace Redevelopment Agreement to come back in May. He spoke with the Oakwood Knolls Property Owners Association President and the lack of Village ownership along the shoreline. He added that the Village is willing to provide assistance in obtaining grants for the dredging. He attended his first Lake County Managers meeting, where the discussions mirrored issues facing Antioch.

XI. Village Clerk's Report

No report.

XII. Trustee Reports

Trustee Bluthardt commented on the Grand Opening at the Remax and said it was nice to see the good turnout and congratulated the new business.

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Trustee Martinez thanked Public Works for their assistance with the garden club planting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk