

# APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SPECIAL MEETING  
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois  
Municipal Building: 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002  
April 29, 2026

## **I. Call to Order**

Mayor Gartner called the April 29, 2026 special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:34 pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL and via Zoom.

## **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Mayor and Village Board led the pledge of allegiance.

## **III. Roll Call**

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

## **IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely**

There were no Trustees attending remotely.

## **V. Mayoral Report**

Mayor Gartner commented on the Lake County Partners breakfast he recently attended, as well as the State of Antioch event held earlier today with Township Supervisor Shaughnessy.

## **VI. Public Comment**

None.

## **VII. Regular Business**

**1. Consideration and approval of the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027** – Mayor Gartner provided an overview of the budget and outlined the overall tax increase and services provided to residents with the funds available.

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027.

Administrator Lichterman summarized some changes in the budget since it was last presented. Changes include a \$1.6 million reduction in mostly capital projects that were either deferred or cut. A budget reductions includes the Osmond mini park playground restoration. Administrator Lichterman relayed that Trustee Pierce had previously indicated he was in favor of keeping the improvements to the mini park. The iPads, agenda management software and signature manager were also cut. The early retirement incentive was restructured to reduce the monthly expense, resulting in an annual reduction. The board can decide later if they would like to consider a loan at a lower rate. The Toft parking lot has been delayed in the event that it may be included in a TIF or future development considerations, and the Metra Parking was reduced from the previously presented budget.

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Administrator Lichterman presented the capital projects, including Route 173 grade feasibility study, Centennial Park and other park improvements for the Sawmill and aquatic center. Additional capital is budgeted for building improvements at the police station, and the completion of the new public works facility.

He reviewed the vehicle replacement fund mainly in the police and public works departments and replacement tasers and patrol computers for the police department. In the water and sewer fund, budgeted amounts include the Raymond Water Tower, SCADA improvements, Mystic Cove lift station improvement, and a facility master plan at the treatment facility.

Trustee Martinez concurs with Trustee Pierce and would like to see the \$125k back in Osmond Park. He discussed the 2028 forecast, and \$250k for Jensen Park, and discussed the possibility of a community garden in that park to potentially save money by eliminating the installation of pickleball or basketball courts. Mayor Gartner said he is not opposed to having more money for parks. Administrator Lichterman said Osmond Park is a heavily utilized park, and it is prioritized due to its utilization. Mayor Gartner recommended utilizing the park acquisition fund for Heron Harbor and would like to begin planning for that park. Trustee Bluthardt said if the money is there, keep Osmond playground in the budget. A majority of those present agreed to put the \$125k back in the budget under Parks Master plan and consider a recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on which park improvements should be prioritized.

Trustee Bluthardt amend his original motion to add \$125,000 back in for the expense related to implementing a park master plan project in the budget. Trustee Martinez seconded.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill and Martinez.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Pierce and Pedersen.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve the amended budget.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Macek, Bluthardt, McNeill and Martinez.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Pierce and Pedersen.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Administrator Lichterman thanked the Board for their support and to staff, particularly the Finance Department, for their work on the budget. He noted that an ordinance recalling the credit card fees will be brought before the board at the next meeting.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 6:58pm pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC  
Village Clerk