VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002
October 28, 2026

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gartner called the October 28, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:31 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, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Lichterman and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustees Bluthardt and Pierce.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees attending remotely.

V. Mayoral Report

1. **Acknowledgements –** National First Responders Recognition
2. Consideration and approval confirming the appointment of Rebecca Kijak to the position of Treasurer and Finance Director – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to appoint Rebecca Kijak to the position of Treasurer and Finance Director. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0.
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. Consideration and approval confirming the appointment of Rebecca Kijak to the position of Treasurer for the Police Pension Fund – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to appoint Rebecca Kijak to the position of Treasurer and Finance Director. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0.
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Following her appointment, Clerk Romine administered the Oath of Office to Finance Director Kijak.

4. Appoint Anthony Girardi to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term ending 2029
5. Appoint Jahmar Childs to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term ending 2029
6. Appoint Kellie Edwards to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term ending 2027

Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve the appointments of Anthony Girardi, Jahmar Childs and Kellie Edwards to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Following their appointments, Clerk Romine administered the Oath of Office to the new Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members.

VI. Public Comment

Mr. Marvin Knuth, Village resident, discussed a recent issue with flooding in his basement. He advised that the insurance company has not been responsive, and is looking for assistance in getting his concerns addressed.

Mr. Matt Serzynski asked if the Village could explain how the proposed TIF will affect funding levels for the high school, and asked where the public could find copies of the Memorandum of Understanding with the school district.

VII. Consent Agenda

Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented, waiving the second reading on the ordinances:

1. Approval of the October 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented
2. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Agreement for Technical Services between Strand Associates, Inc. and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (*Wastewater Treatment Facility Master Plan) – Resolution No. 26-106*
3. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Waiver of a Permit fee for St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church from the Village of Antioch, Illinois - *Resolution No. 26-107*
4. Approval of A Corporate Authority Resolution - Authorizing and Approving Banking Matters on Behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois *(Heartland Bank & Trust – Authorized Signatories) - Resolution No. 26-108*
5. Approval of A Corporate Authority Resolution - Authorizing and Approving Banking Matters on Behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois *(State Bank of the Lakes – Authorized Signatories) - Resolution No. 26-109*

YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0.
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Regular Business

6. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of $929,260.93 – Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Martinez, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of $929,260.93. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0.
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration and approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Antioch Community Consolidated School District #34 and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (School Facility) – Attorney Vasselli stated that the parties are very close to finalizing the terms, although there may be minor variations from the agreement ultimately executed.

Administrator Lichterman thanked District 34 and Village staff for their work on the matter. He stated that the parties have reached agreement on the business terms presented that evening, with negotiations based on the cost of turn lanes. Staff believes the agreement is fair, consistent with the conditions of the Special Use Ordinance, and supports the continued positive relationship between the Village and the District.

Attorney Vasselli noted that the parties have reached agreement on the quantifiable terms, while retaining some flexibility to ensure the agreement functions as intended. He emphasized the cooperative spirit between the two taxing districts and noted that additional document cleanup will be required.

Mayor Gartner clarified that additional components, including engineering matters, remain part of the overall process.

Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to approve **Resolution No. 26-110,** Authorizing and Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Antioch Community Consolidated School District #34 and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (School Facility).
Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consideration and approval of An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34 and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Downtown Redevelopment Project Area) – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to approve **Ordinance No. 26-10-66,** Authorizing and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34 and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Downtown Redevelopment Project Area), waiving the second reading.

Trustee McNeill noted that Section 6 of the agreement appeared to allow all TIF revenue to be allocated to the facility. Attorney Vasselli responded that the ordinance could include a covenant and corresponding language in Section 6 to address and track the allocation of TIF revenue. Attorney Vasselli further proposed adding a recital stating that school payments would be made in accordance with all applicable statutory requirements, while any discretionary payments would be discussed and budgeted by the parties.

Trustee McNeill amended her motion to incorporate the additional language into Section 6 of the agreement. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion. Upon roll call for the amendment, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

Upon the amended motion to approve **Ordinance No. 26-10-66,** Authorizing and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34 and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Downtown Redevelopment Project Area), waiving the second reading and incorporating the additional language into the agreement, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration and approval of An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Antioch Public Library District and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Downtown Redevelopment Project Area) - Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Macek to approve **Ordinance No. 26-10-67,** Authorizing and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Antioch Public Library

District and the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Downtown Redevelopment Project Area), waiving the second reading. Attorney Vasselli added that the Village and Library are still in negotiations related to the finer details. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

10. Consideration and approval of a Resolution for the Determination of the Amounts of Money Estimated to be Necessary to be Raised by Taxation for the Year of 2026 (Collected in 2027) Upon the Taxable Property in the Village of Antioch, pursuant to Section 18-60 of the Truth in Taxation Law - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve **Resolution No. 26-111,** for the Determination of the Amounts of Money Estimated to be Necessary to be Raised by Taxation for the Year of 2026 (Collected in 2027) Upon the Taxable Property in the Village of Antioch, pursuant to Section 18-60 of the Truth in Taxation Law. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

11. Consideration and approval of Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of Materials and Service from Libertyville Tile & Carpet, Ltd. for the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to approve **Resolution No. 26-112,** Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of Materials and Service from Libertyville Tille & Carpet, Ltd. for the Village of Antioch, Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

12. Consideration and approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of a 2026 Ford Police Interceptor® Utility Vehicle and Related Equipment for the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen to approve **Resolution No. 26-113,** Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of a 2026 Ford Police Interceptor® Utility Vehicle and Related Equipment for the Village of Antioch, Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

13. Consideration and approval of An Ordinance Approving a Change Order in the Amount of $85,000 for Turning Lane Modifications Related to the Construction of the New Public Works Facility on Behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to approve **Ordinance No. 26-10-68,** Approving a Change Order in the Amount of $85,000 for Turning Lane Modifications Related to the Construction of the New Public Works Facility on Behalf of the Village of Antioch, Illinois waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

14. Consideration and approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Agreement with

AT&T for Fiber Internet Service for The Village of Antioch, Illinois - Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Resolution No. 26-114,** Authorizing and Approving an Agreement with AT&T for Fiber Internet Service for The Village of Antioch, Illinois *)*. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

IX. Administrator's Report

Administrator Lichterman discussed the projected impact of the TIF district on the school districts. He stated that the equalized assessed value (EAV) within the TIF district would be frozen at approximately $15 million for 23 years. He noted that District 34's current EAV is just under $1 billion and District 117's EAV is approximately $1.8 billion. He further stated that the districts' remaining EAV would continue to grow, except for property located within other TIF districts. At the conclusion of the 23-year TIF period, the EAV is expected to increase as a result of improvements made within the TIF district.

X. Village Clerk's Report

Clerk Romine announced the leaf vacuuming schedule with Groot will begin the week of November 2 and go through November 28. Days for vacuuming will vary and are weather dependent.

XI. Department Reports

1. **Monthly Treasurer's Report –** Finance Director Beckey Kijak presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2026. She included the impact fee and permit fees as requested from a Trustee at a previous meeting.

1. **Public Works Department 6-month report including ILEPA Annual Facility Inspection Report for NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) –** Director Heimbrodt provided an overview of his department operations over the last 6 months. He further presented the annual facility inspection report recommended by the IEPA, and discussed the other best practices the Village is involved with for NPDES permitting.

Director Heimbrodt reviewed departmental accomplishments, including the nearing completion of the new Public Works facility; progress on the road program; fleet and storm sewer maintenance; and the auction of surplus vehicles. He also discussed the failure of a sludge transfer pump, which could have resulted in a regulatory violation, and expressed appreciation for staff's efforts in completing the necessary work promptly.

Director Heimbrodt discussed the impact of new development on Public Works operations, including increased JULIE locate requests, updates to the Village's GIS database, and other related responsibilities. He identified staffing levels, State mandates, and continued growth as operational challenges and said that interviews are being conducted to fill vacant positions. He also noted the potential for the State to adopt more stringent wastewater standards.

Director Heimbrodt stated that additional staffing may be needed to maintain new roads associated with development and to maintain Village-acquired property, including Sequoit Creek Park. He also discussed the staffing impacts of Village events and programming, noting that time spent supporting events reduces the time available for street and park maintenance. Staff will continue to evaluate options to address these needs through additional staffing and/or contracted services.

XII. Trustee Reports

None.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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: 935 Skidmore Drive, Antioch, IL 60002
October 28, 2026

I. Call To Order
Mayor Gartner called the October 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:12pm 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, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Lichterman and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustees Bluthardt and Pierce.

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely
There were no Trustees attending remotely.

IV. Mayoral Report –
None.

V. Public Comment -
None.

VI. Regular Business
1. **Approval of the October 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as Presented –** Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to approve the October 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 4: Macek, McNeill, Martinez and Pedersen.
NO: 0.
ABSENT: 2: Bluthardt and Pierce.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Discussion of Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Lab Intergovernmental Agreement –** Chief Guttschow reported that the Village has been a member of the forensic crime lab for more than 30 years and receives forensic laboratory services in Mundelein. He discussed an opportunity for the crime lab to occupy space at the Lake Forest Police Department facility. The cost of the project would be shared among the member agencies.

Chief Guttschow stated that staff recommends making a one-time payment of approximately $44,000; a financing option at a 4% interest rate is also available. Although the expense was not included in the current budget, he indicated that it could be accommodated. If 90% of the membership approves participation, construction is anticipated to begin in January 2027. Approval is required by November 30.

Chief Guttschow requested direction and support to prepare the necessary intergovernmental agreement and related legislation. If the required participation threshold is not met, the lab will remain in its current facility.

VII. Other Business

None.

VIII. Executive Session:

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 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk