

APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002
October 9, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the October 9, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:32 pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 874 Main Street, 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: Burman, Bluthardt, McNeill, Pierce, Macek and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Administrator Guttschow, Attorney Vasselli and Clerk Romine.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

V. Mayoral Report

Acknowledgements – Mayor Gartner recognized Fire Prevention Week, National Cyber Security Awareness month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Re-Appoint Sherry Madigan to the Planning and Zoning Board with a term ending 2026 -
Re-Appoint Andrew Turner to the Planning and Zoning Board with a term ending 2027 -
Re-Appoint Jeremy Harter to the Police Pension Fund Board Board with a term ending 2026 -

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Burman to confirm the appointment of Sherry Madigan to the Planning & Zoning Board with a term ending 2026, Andrew Turner to the Planning and Zoning Board with a term ending 2027 and Jeremy Harter to the Police Pension Fund Board with a term ending 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Mr. Robert Opal, Village resident, discussed the proposed senior development and the zoning of the property for residential use. He discussed an online petition with 110 signatures, and the proposed landscaping, and buffering over a 5-year period. He expressed concern with the need for EMS services, and the alleged misrepresentation of the applicant downplaying the need for EMS, stating the need to transport residents on blood thinners that may place a burden on fire and EMS services.

VI. Consent Agenda

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

- 1. Approval of the September 25, 2024 Village Board Meeting Regular Meeting Minutes as presented**

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2. **Approval of a Resolution accepting the GASB 67&68 Actuarial Valuation for Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2024 and the Tax Levy Actuarial Valuation for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024 for the Police Pension Fund – Resolution No. 24-86**
3. **Approval of an Ordinance adding one more Class “A” and “A-1” Restaurant and Outdoor Liquor License for Hometown Bistro, Inc located at 982 Route 59 – Ordinance No. 24-10-55**

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Regular Business

4. **Approval of an ordinance adding subsection F to Section 13-1-6 of the Antioch Village Code regarding Waiving Building Permit Fees for Disabled Veterans living in the Village of Antioch, Illinois** – Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Maek to approve **Ordinance No. 24-10-53**, adding subsection F to Section 13-1-6 of the Antioch Village Code regarding Waiving Building Permit Fees for Disabled Veterans living in the Village of Antioch, Illinois, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. **Approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Municipal Code of Antioch regarding addressing meetings** – Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve Ordinance No. 24-10-54 regarding addressing meetings.

Trustee Bluthardt asked for clarification on this item, that if a trustee would like to state something under a trustee report, it must be submitted in writing the Friday prior.

Trustee Macek believes this is a violation of his first amendment rights, and expressed concern that issues brought up on a weekend could not be brought up during the meeting. He feels that good government is bringing issues forward from the people to the Board.

Trustee Pierce agrees, and said he understands the purpose and thinks it may curtail a Trustees ability to respond to the packet. He believes approving this will cause more problems and is not an effective use of our time.

Trustee Pedersen thinks that this is being proposed to prevent inquiries or accusations from board members in an open meeting, instead of calling or emailing staff for answers. She believes that is the intent of this ordinance.

Trustee Pierce said he understands the points made by Trustee Pedersen, but there is a fundamental right of members of the Village Board to say what they want from the dais, and the Mayor has the opportunity to stop with the gavel if it is deemed inappropriate.

Mayor Gartner responded stating this was originally proposed because there were concerns brought up during board meetings which could have been prepared for in advance if staff was aware of an issue. He does not believe comments should be stifled, but this is an attempt to allow staff to do research and answer questions.

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to table this item to the next meeting with revisions to define what is allowed and what's not. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$562,431.29 – Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$562,431.29. Large payments were made for the Woods of Antioch Road Program and Squad cars. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving Insurance Brokerage Services for the Village of Antioch, Illinois - Clerk Romine reviewed the RFP process for a new insurance broker for our property/casualty and workers compensation insurances. There were 5 proposals received, and the recommended broker is West's insurance. They are a local company who offer the resources staff feels are valuable at this time. The insurance renewals are expected to be presented in November and December of this year. Chief Guttschow added that he spoke with other communities using West's for their insurance services, and are happy with the level of service they are receiving. There is no contract, and this arrangement can be revisited at any time. Administrator Guttschow commented that other communities of similar size realized approximately 2% savings.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

ABSTAIN: 1: Macek.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consideration and approval of a Resolution approving a Site Plan for real property located at the address commonly known as 991 E IL Route 173, in the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Oasis of Antioch)– Trustee Macek moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve **Resolution No. 24-88** approving a Site Plan for real property located at the address commonly known as 991 E IL Route 173, in the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Oasis of Antioch).

Trustee Burman asked if we heard from the Fire Chief as it relates to the volume of calls for this type of facility. Director Garrigan said he has had previous discussions with Chief Cokfair and there were no concerns expressed related to increased calls or demand on emergency services.

Trustee Macek agrees with Mr. Opals comments earlier in the evening and has the same concerns.

Trustee Burman said she would feel better to have the Fire Chief present to address those concerns about required transport for patients on blood thinners.

Mayor Gartner added that the Board is considering the site plan and not operations.

Trustee Bluthardt moved to table this item and the next item until next meeting or when a representative from the Fire Department can be present. The motion failed for a lack of second.

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Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 1: Macek.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance granting land use relief for the property located at 991 E. IL Route 173, Antioch, Illinois (Special Use – Assisted-living and Memory-care facility) -

Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve **Ordinance No. 24-10-56** granting land use relief for the property located at 991 E. IL Route 173, Antioch, Illinois (Special Use – Assisted-living and Memory-care facility), waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 1: Macek.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Guttschow discussed the proposed Lions Club renovations of the Williams Park pavilion. He announced that the Village anticipates a new accountant position to start on Monday, and the Interim Finance Director Nick Narducci will be starting tomorrow. The Board should continue to direct finance questions to Zaida through her retirement at the end of December. Administrator Guttschow said sidewalk improvements were completed last week. Staff has a meeting with the architect team for Village Hall tomorrow and relayed that prices are coming in higher than anticipated. He discussed recent concerns of rodents at Centennial Park, and said the park was inspected and there was no evidence of nesting rodents, however, precautions were taken. He spoke about concerns related to the gate latching system at Sequoit Creek Park and said staff is researching options. Administrator Guttschow said final interviews are being conducted this week for the HR coordinator position. He stated that staff met with i3 broadband this morning, and they expect to begin the process of engineering service to the area.

IX. Village Clerk's Report

Clerk Romine announced that the leaf vacuuming schedule has been set with Groot, and is scheduled to begin the week of October 28, 2024, weather permitting. As stated in the contract, leaf collection will be done during the first full four week in November. Leaf vacuuming services are at the curb and residents are expected to rake the leaves to within 3 feet of the edge of the road, not in ditches. Residents concerned with weather affecting leaf vacuuming services are able to place all landscape waste in biodegradable paper bags or marked containers between April 1-November 30.

X. Trustee Reports

Trustee Pierce noticed Public Works working hard at Centennial park to repair a leaking hydrant valve.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk