

APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002
November 13, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the November 13, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 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 Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving, Native American Heritage Month, Library & Information Services Month and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Appoint Nicholas Piccard to the Police & Fire Commission with a term ending 2025 - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Burman, to confirm the appointment of Nicholas Piccard to the Police & Fire Commission with a term ending 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Following his appointment, Clerk Romine administered the oath of office to Commissioner Piccard.

Pawfficer Flo – Chief Guttschow introduced the Village’s new comfort dog Flo and welcomed her to the team. Following introductions, Clerk Romine administered the oath of office to Flo.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Mr. Rob Heywood discussed the noise concerns he’s had over a neighborhood restaurant abutting his property. He expressed concern with the potential of volleyball courts being placed at this business.

VI. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of the October 9, 2024 Village Board Meeting Regular Meeting Minutes as presented

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

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VII. Regular Business

2. Consideration and approval to ratify payment of the October 23, 2024 accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$635,911.03 – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to ratify payment of the October 23, 2024 accounts payable in the amount of \$635,911.03. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$553,642.98 – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$553,642.98. Larger expenses include ComEd, engineering services, utility repair and fuel. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Gartner announced that items #4 & 5 will be placed on the next Village Board agenda.

Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to remove the following items from the agenda:

4. Consideration and approval of a Resolution accepting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024

5. Consideration and approval of a Resolution accepting the Village of Antioch Police Pension Fund Municipal Compliance Report for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024 -

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. 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 2024 (collected in 2025) upon the taxable property in the Village of Antioch, pursuant to Section 18-60 of the Truth in Taxation Law - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Burman, to approve **Resolution No. 24-91** for the Determination of the Amounts of Money Estimated to be Necessary to be Raised by Taxation for the Year of 2024 (Collected in 2025) Upon the Taxable Property in the Village of Antioch, pursuant to Section 18-60 of the Truth in Taxation Law.

Director Torres provided an overview of the tax levy, its estimate, PTELL limitations, new construction estimates, historical data, and distribution of property taxes among taxing bodies. She presented the funds receiving revenue from property taxes. Director Torres advised that a public hearing will not be necessary since the tax levy is under 5%.

Trustee Macek asked that this presentation be placed on the website, and make the sample tax bill more realistic to the homes in Antioch.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

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7. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Dodge Durango Police Pursuit Vehicle from Sunnyside Company of McHenry in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 – Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve **Resolution No. 24-92** authorizing the purchase of one (1) Dodge Durango Police Pursuit Vehicle from Sunnyside Company of McHenry in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

Chief Guttschow announced that this was an unbudgeted purpose in order to replace a vehicle totaled due to a vehicle accident. He discussed the funding for the purchase including an insurance reimbursement, and vehicle fund.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Guttschow relayed that Antioch Township committed to the return of the Bitner property to the Village. They also agreed to bring resolutions to their respective boards to repeal the co-op resolution for Osmond sports park. He said the Township has worked with Lake County Workforce Development to hire someone to assess the potential of a parks cooperative. He discussed the search for the finance director, and said initial phone screenings are being conducted. The Village is currently accepting applications for the Community Development Director position. Administrator Guttschow continues to attend Lakecomm board meetings as they work toward a new 911 center, and they are still searching for a new executive director. He provided an update on the Village Hall project, and said the Mayor directed the consultants to begin the design and bid documents for a bid opening in mid-January.

IX. Village Clerk's Report

Clerk Romine announced that the leaf vacuuming schedule has gone well, and they are completing the third pass this week. There have been very few issues aside from parked vehicles in the way, and they anticipate finishing by November 22. Residents missing the final leaf vacuuming service are able to place all landscape waste in biodegradable paper bags or marked containers before November 30.

Clerk Romine announced that the petition filing period is underway, and the final day to file petitions to be placed on the ballot for the April 1 Consolidated election will be Monday, November 18. Filing will close at 5pm that day.

X. Trustee Reports

Trustee Macek asked for an update on the Veteran's Memorial and discussed concerns and issues that have been brought to his attention. Administrator Guttschow said staff has attempted to work with all groups, and there have been disagreements related to previous fundraising attempts. The Veterans Commission is on the Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion later in the evening, and will be an important part of moving the process forward. Mayor Gartner said this is on Village property, and various groups have been involved in seeing it move forward.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk