

RESOLUTION 19-04

**A RESOLUTION CLOSING GRIMM ROAD
ON AN INDEFINITE BUT TEMPORARY BASIS**

WHEREAS, Grimm Road is a public street within the Village of Antioch, and

WHEREAS, Grimm Road was located in unincorporated Antioch Township and under the jurisdiction of the Antioch Township Highway Commissioner until approximately a year ago, and

WHEREAS, when the Village assumed control over Grimm Road and undertook responsibility to maintain it, it was obvious that the road was in exceedingly poor condition, with multiple potholes and it unfortunately has a highly dysfunctional layout resulting in an extremely dangerous intersection with Illinois Highway 173 on the eastern end of Grimm Road, and

WHEREAS, Grimm Road serves only a very few properties, and the traffic that primarily is on Grimm Road can use State Highways 83 and 173, which would not be overly inconvenient for most, and

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator obtained initial engineering estimates for realigning and improving Grimm Road to a greatly improved state of safety, but the expense of that is beyond the Village's ability to pay at the present time, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is primarily concerned with ensuring that roads under its jurisdiction are safe for vehicular traffic, but it is challenged with finding a way to finance and make the improvements which are reasonably required, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has also considered the possibility of performing a less complicated repair by restoring the existing pavement without realigning the road, but it is keenly aware of the dangerous history of serious accidents at the Highway 173 intersection and is unwilling to continue to keep this road open in an unsafe and dangerous configuration, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that it is a matter of genuine public safety which requires it to close Grimm Road on an indefinite, but temporary, basis while Staff and elected officials explore ways in which to fund the restoration and reconfiguration of Grimm Road,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Grimm Road is hereby closed on a temporary, but indeterminate basis from the westernmost private driveway to the Canadian National railroad tracks;

SECTION TWO: The Administrator is directed to continue exploring financing and engineering solutions for restoring and reconfiguring Grimm Road and to keep the Board reasonably apprised as more information is made available.

SECTION THREE: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIQCH, ILLINOIS,
ON THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.

ATTEST:


LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR


LORI K. ROMINE, VILLAGE CLERK

