

APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002
January 29, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the January 29, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:13 pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL and via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Burman, Bluthardt, McNeill, Pierce, Macek and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Guttschow and Administrative Assistant Alcozer.

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

IV. Mayoral Report –

None.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None.

V. Regular Business

1. Approval of the January 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve the January 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole 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.

2. Review Antioch Chamber of Commerce Events for 2025 – Chamber Director Barbara Porch referred to the list of events in the Board's packet. She discussed a new event called, "The Wall that Heals" which is a Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and Education center. It will be at Osmond Sports Complex from July 17-20, and will be open 24 hours a day, closing at 2pm on July 20. The Chamber will be working with the Village and Township on the event as there will be a need for 150 volunteers. This item will be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

3. Tobacco License request from the Tobacco Hub for property at 320 Route 173 – Applicant Zia Siddiqui presented the request to open a tobacco shop at 320 Route 173. He stated that he already owns several stores and is aware that the Village does not allow the sales of Kratom and Delta 8. He further stated that he has no intention of selling those items. Mr. Siddiqui said his shops have never been ticketed for underage sales, and since the liquor store next door already sells cigarettes and cigars he would not sell those items. His sales would include vapes, tobacco bags and gummies.

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Trustee Macek explained that the Board just passed an ordinance amending the Village Code to prohibit the sales of products containing tetrahydrocannabinol. The applicant said he was not aware of that. This item will be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

4. Discussion regarding the Planning & Zoning Board recommendation on a variance for an electronic message board sign at 1133 Main Street – Director Coppari read a statement saying the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously denied the request for a variance for an electronic message board sign. This item will be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

VI. Other Business

None.

VII. Department Reports –

Assistant Village Administrator (AVA) – AVA Jim Moran announced that interviews for the Parks Director position have begun, and he is very excited about the pool of candidates. He relayed that a 6-month meeting with DeKind went very well, and IT Manager Pisciotto is working on an RFP for the phone system for the new Village Hall. He discussed upcoming events including the town hall meeting, Princess Dance, Hot Chocolate Walk, St. Patrick's Day event and the concert series lineup for 2025.

Public Works – Director Heimbrodt said staff has been very busy with 7 snow events, and 6 watermain breaks. They have been updating signage, and installed new handles at the Sequoit Creek Park playground. He said they are currently down 2 employees due to injuries. They plan to have MS4 training on February 11 as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). He added that staff is looking to get bids late February/early March in order to use RBI funds which is required to be under contract by May.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to enter into executive session at 7:33pm to discuss personnel and probable litigation.

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to exit from executive session at 8:25 pm with **no action taken**.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk