

# APPROVED MINUTES

## VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois

Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002

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June 8, 2022

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Romine called the June 8, 2022 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 Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Pierce\*, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak. Also present were Attorney Vranjes, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustees Macek and Burman and Mayor Gartner.

*\*indicates attendance via Zoom*

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to appoint Trustee Dominiak as Mayor Pro-Tem for the meeting.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

No approval is needed for remote participation pursuant to the Governor's order.

### V. Mayoral Report

Mayor Pro-Tem Dominiak read aloud the following statement from Mayor Gartner:

*I am sorry I cannot attend tonight's important village board meeting. As this note is being read to you, my oldest daughter is participating in her 8th grade graduation.*

*It is important for me to include my voice of support with tonight's board reaffirmation of the Resolution to Support the Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge No. 17-17, which was originally approved on March 20, 2017.*

*It is important for all residents of our town to feel like their voices will be heard. As a village board, we need to take a proactive responsibility of ensuring that no one feels targeted or excluded just because of who they are.*

*Antioch is a welcoming community and tonight's actions serve as an important message.*

*Thank you,*

*Scott J. Gartner*

She further acknowledged Pride Month, Juneteenth, Father's Day and Flag Day, and the success of the ACHS Softball Team headed to State.

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## **Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

Mr. Michael O'Mara questioned whether there was a legal quorum for the meeting. Attorney Vranjes discussed the Open Meetings Act and the quorum requirements listed under the State Statute. He advised there is currently an emergency declaration in place that provides for a quorum.

## **VI. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approval of the May 25, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
2. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the closure of Toft Street throughout the summer of 2022 for Village events and festivals - Resolution No. 22-41
3. Approval of a Resolution approving a special event liquor license for the Lodge of Antioch for the Chamber of Commerce Taste of Summer held July 14-17, 2022; waiving all fees - Resolution No. 22-42
4. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the ACHS Annual Homecoming Parade to be held on September 22, 2022 - Resolution No. 22-43
5. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County, Illinois for the Collaborative Use of the Lake County Law Enforcement Records Management System - Resolution No. 22-44
6. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County, Illinois for the Collaborative Use of the Lake County Mobile Citation System (BRAZOS) - Resolution No. 22-45

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## **VII. Regular Business**

**7. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$361,465.95 –** Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$361,465.95. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. Consideration and approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Antioch Library use of William Brook Entertainment Center and Closure of Skidmore Drive –** Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve **Resolution No. 22-46** Authorizing the Antioch Library use of William Brook Entertainment Center and Closure of Skidmore Drive. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. Consideration and approval of an Emergency Ordinance ratifying the Mayoral declaration of Emergency relating to Coronavirus -** Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve **Ordinance No. 22-06-32** ratifying the Mayoral Declaration of Emergency relating to Coronavirus, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

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**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. Consideration and approval of a Resolution approving a façade grant request for 900 Main Street in the amount of \$2,654** – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve **Resolution No. 22-47** Approving a façade grant request for 900 Main Street in the amount of \$2,654.

Director Garrigan reviewed the request for a façade grant for one of the most historical buildings on Main Street, which has been identified as a potential landmark. Staff is making a favorable recommendation to approve the façade grant.

Trustee Pierce asked that future façade grants include the generic name of the building or business. Trustee Bluthardt asked about the box sign on the building. Ms. Quinta Untermeyer, business owner, said the box sign will not be illuminated and will not be removed because it may create additional building damage.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 3, Section 1-3-1 and Title 7, Chapter 3, Sections 7-3-5 and 7-3-18 of the Antioch Village Code Regulating Handicapped Parking and Imposing Fines for Violations** - Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve **Ordinance No. 22-06-33** Amending Title 1, Chapter 3, Section 1-3-1 and Title 7, Chapter 3, Sections 7-3-5 and 7-3-18 of the Antioch Village Code Regulating Handicapped Parking and Imposing Fines for Violations, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution to Support the Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge and Re-Affirming Resolution No. 17-17 Approved March 20, 2017** - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Resolution No. 22-48** to Support the Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge and Re-Affirming Resolution No. 17-17 Approved March 20, 2017.

Ms. Susan McCuiston, Antioch resident, read aloud the following statement:

*The Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge consists of simple statements directed toward creating a world that I would hope all of us want – a world of love, respect, and belonging for ourselves and our fellow human beings.*

*Throughout the course of this week, I've changed my mind many times about what I wanted to say. I've come to the conclusion that 3 minutes is not going to change anyone's mind who already has it made up.*

*What I do know is that if we could stop the extremist arguments on both the left and the right, we might see that diversity is simply difference, and we are all different. And we might discover that inclusion means everyone, regardless of their differences. It means accepting these differences, even though we might not agree with them.*

*It's important all people feel welcome and safe in our Village. We are all human. We all want to be respected.*

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*We all love our families. Let's use these things we have in common to connect us, while also honoring the many differences that make each of us unique.*

*I wish to express "Thank you" in advance to the Trustees who vote "yes" to support this pledge.*

There were no objections to include the verbatim comments made by Ms. McCuistion in the meeting minutes.

Mr. Stevan Cooper, Antioch resident, asked the Village Board to vote against the resolution based on its premise that the board is guilty of the statements made in the resolution. He commented on social media comments related to this issue, and said the resolution is political in nature.

Mr. Paul Blue, Antioch resident, has read the statement, the pledge, and voiced support for the resolution.

Trustee Pierce said this pledge is not about proving political points, but saying what he thinks is right. He said we are all humans and need to accept each other as we are. He fully supports this pledge and is proud to be part of diverse Lake County.

Trustee Pedersen said this is not political theater, but only tells the people that live here we are all in this together and that we care about each other's children and families. She said it is her honor tonight to vote for this resolution.

Trustee Bluthardt commented that good comments were made by all, and said there's nothing in the pledge that he disagrees with so it's an easy vote for him. He added that decisions made by the board are done with what is in the best interest of the community.

Trustee Dominiak supports this resolution just as she did in 2017 and thinks that we should be welcoming. She added that she would be very disappointed if there are Facebook comments disparaging any trustee regarding this issue.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**13. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution awarding a contract to Payne & Dolan for the 2022 Road Program in the amount of \$844,675.07** - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Resolution No. 22-49** awarding a contract to Payne & Dolan for the 2022 Road Program in the amount of \$844,675.07.

Administrator Keim relayed that the bids came in over the budgeted amount of \$700,000, so some general funds will likely need to be used for any amount over budget. He added that road programs typically cost less at the end of the project, so expects the full cost may not be the total bid amount.

Trustee Pierce asked that the roads be read into the record. Administrator Keim indicated that the roads include the following: Hillside, Poplar Ave, Summerlyn Drive, Meridian Way, Picadilly Lane, Turnburry Lane, Phillips Circle, Alima Terrace and Blackman Terrace.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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**14. Consideration and approval of a Resolution accepting an Engagement Letter with Miller Canfield related to the Issuance of Alternate Revenue Source General Obligation Bonds to fund Capital Projects** - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve **Resolution No. 22-50** accepting an Engagement Letter with Miller Canfield related to the Issuance of Alternate Revenue Source General Obligation Bonds to fund Capital Projects. Upon roll call, the vote was:  
**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.  
**NO: 0.**  
**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.  
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**15. Consideration and approval of a Resolution Accepting an Underwriting disclosure letter from Robert W. Baird related to the issuance of Alternate Revenue Source General Obligation Bonds to Finance Capital Projects** - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Resolution No. 22-51** Accepting an Underwriting disclosure letter from Robert W. Baird related to the issuance of Alternate Revenue Source General Obligation Bonds to Finance Capital Projects.

Administrator Keim said these are the engagement letters to obtain the appropriate bond team to represent the Village for the bond issue.

Upon roll call, the vote was:  
**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.  
**NO: 0.**  
**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.  
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**16. Consideration and approval of AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022 of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$25,000,000 to finance (i) the costs of the redevelopment plan and project in connection with the Village's Route 83 Redevelopment Project Area, (ii) the costs of the business district plan and project in connection with the Village's East Business District and, (iii) the costs of the business district plan and project in connection with the Village's Central Business District namely, the costs of land acquisition and the construction of public works and improvements, being municipal public buildings, public roadway, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk, parking, park, recreation, flood mitigation and drainage and utilities improvements, together with related appurtenances, all electrical, professional, financial, bond registrar, legal, mechanical and other services necessary, useful or advisable to such acquisition and development and, incidental to said improvements, to pay bond discount, bond interest, financing, and administrative expense** - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Ordinance No. 22-06-34** authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022 of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$25,000,000 to finance (i) the costs of the redevelopment plan and project in connection with the Village's Route 83 Redevelopment Project Area, (ii) the costs of the business district plan and project in connection with the Village's East Business District and, (iii) the costs of the business district plan and project in connection with the Village's Central Business District namely, the costs of land acquisition and the construction of public works and improvements, being municipal public buildings, public roadway, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk, parking, park, recreation, flood mitigation and drainage and utilities improvements, together with related appurtenances, all electrical, professional, financial, bond registrar, legal, mechanical and other services necessary, useful or advisable to such acquisition and development and, incidental to said improvements, to pay bond discount, bond interest, financing, and administrative expense, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:  
**YES: 4:** Pierce, Pedersen, Bluthardt and Dominiak.  
**NO: 0.**  
**ABSENT: 2:** Macek and Burman.  
**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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### **VIII. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Keim provided an update on the treatment plant, and the authorization of ground water monitors being installed around the tanks. They are currently dewatering the site as a temporary solution. The expenditure so far is approximately \$5,000.

Village Communication Specialist, Jim Moran, discussed the marketing plan for the Village and the creation of a hub/destination and tourism website. He sent an email to the board with the link to the website, and asked the Village Board for their feedback on the site, particularly in giving priority to Antioch businesses, or to take regional approach for the upper Channel Lakes region. He expects to launch the site once he gets clarification from the Village Board.

### **IX. Village Clerk's Report**

No report.

### **X. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Pierce provided an update on Public Works and said they did a lot of work at the Senior Center before its reopening. The crews have been working on cleaning up downtown and had the streets swept last week. He also said they have put out a bid for concrete lifting of sidewalks.

Trustee Dominiak congratulated the FOP on a successful golf outing and applauded the police department in their continuing efforts to remind residents to lock their cars at night. She commented on the board and their votes that are in the best interest of the community.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel and Pending Litigation, Lease of Village Property, Collective Bargaining – Property Disposition/Acquisition and Personnel and Consultants** – The Mayor and Board of Trustees did not go into executive session.

### **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC  
Village Clerk