

# 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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July 13, 2022

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the July 13, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:38 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: Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vranjes, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee Pierce.

### III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

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

### IV. Mayoral Report

Acknowledgements: ACHS Softball Team – Mayor Gartner congratulated the team on their third place finish at the state championship.

Mayor Gartner asked for a moment of silence regarding the recent tragedy in Highland Park.

#### **1. Appoint Timothy Evans as Hearing Officer for the Village of Antioch Adjudication Hearings –**

Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to confirm the appointment of Timothy Evans as hearing officer for the Village of Antioch adjudication hearings. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Mayor Gartner read his statement into the record as follows:

*Dear Residents and Concerned Citizens,*

*Before we begin tonight's meeting, I would like to address what I perceive as an ongoing issue in our Village.*

*Since 2019 or 2020, there have been several Antioch-related Facebook pages that have been created, both for citizens as a whole, special interest groups, and individual pages that have repeatedly been used to sow discord, attack each other, and promote false information and national political agendas.*

*Over my first year in office, these posts and the reactions to them have divided our community.*

*The constant bantering on Facebook and requests for the Village to get involved in matters that are not under the control or jurisdiction of the Village have gone too far. It has taken up too much of my time, trustees' time, and village staff time due to the repeated and consistent request for the Village to get involved in these debates.*

*We, the Village are not the Facebook police. I have made the decision that I will no longer engage or be sucked into any faction's special interest or political agenda and make that Village business.*

*If there is a legitimate village issue involved, the appropriate staff member will respond. If you have an issue with me directly, a particular staff member, or a Trustee, you can take it up with that person. We are here to serve all all citizens and will not be referring disputes on Facebook.*

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*The items that Trustees, staff, and I will focus on are the things we can control such as: Village Capital Projects including the old Pittman property, the New Village Hall, and Public Works facility. Making sure you have police protection, public works projects, snow removal, parks activities, public events, safe water and sewer, recruiting and maintaining our Business Community, and citizen concerns directly related to any of the above. Anything not falling into these categories are outside of the scope and purview of the Village's legal authority.*

*One example of what the Village can't do is ban books from a local bookstore because of the content of books. Based on what I've read online, some individuals may be here tonight to ask that we force a local bookstore to not sell certain books. That action by the Village could be considered a violation of the First Amendment. It is not in the best interests of our community as a whole to pursue this matter. We need to respect each other's viewpoints and differences and work to promote an inclusive community.*

*On the other hand, and for the same reason, I cannot make elected members of this board act a certain way or ban them from saying certain things.*

*Now, the Village is here to help our citizens. I am not interested, nor are any of the members of our village board or village staff, in violating anyone's free speech rights or to make them uncomfortable to appear before our board.*

*Please know that we hope that each side of this debate tonight can understand that we will listen to concerns but will not engage in any of the national political debates at the Village level. This is a non-partisan body and should remain that way.*

*The good news is that we have elections coming up this Spring, so I encourage you to use your passion to run for office and debate these issues during your campaign, but my policy going forward is to not engage in this Facebook debate and drama.*

*With that being said, I have decided that all public comments will be at the end of our meeting tonight. Anyone who has signed up to speak will be given 3 minutes to do so. I would invite any Trustees to comment before we move on to Village business.*

Lia Neveu, Lindenhurst resident, created the District 117 petition regarding the removal of a book in the Antioch Community High School. She commented that the book does not meet the definition of pornography, and that she struggled with adults that do not support the LGBTQ community.

Nick Pearce, Lindenhurst resident, discussed the book Gender Queer, and doesn't feel as though it's presence on a bookshelf should be discussed. She discussed censorship and believes the book only provides guidance and support.

Mike O'Mara, Antioch resident, said he has no interest in banning books or closing stores. He asked the Village to enforce their own ordinance regarding morals and decency. He cited Village Code section 6-2-2. and asked that any books not age appropriate be placed out of the view of minor children.

Ms. Sue Dickson, Lindenhurst resident, commented on children and the importance that this literature be accessible. She asked that children are supported, and asked the board to support their residents and local businesses.

Mr. Devon Moore, Antioch resident, discussed the food truck ordinance and asked the board to reconsider the ordinance.

### **V. Regular Business**

**1. Consideration and approval of the June 22, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes as presented** – Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt to approve the June 22, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.

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**2. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$441,589.28** – Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Burman, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$441,589.28. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Consideration and approval of a Resolution concerning a hearing required to be held pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois prior to the sale of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022 of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois** – Trustee

Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Resolution No. 22-54** concerning a hearing required to be held pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois prior to the sale of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022 of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.

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**4. Consideration and approval of a Resolution approving the artwork for the Village Placemaking Proposal – Ghosted: Bringing History to Downtown Antioch** - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to approve **Resolution No. 22-55** approving the artwork for the Village Placemaking Proposal – Ghosted: Brining History to Downtown Antioch.

Trustee Pedersen expressed concern with the postcard on the side of the Little Bean Bookstore building, and asked that be excluded if the costs come in over budget for all of the paintings. She likes the “Welcome to Downtown” over the Village Hall as opposed to the painting on Little Bean.

Trustee Bluthardt likes these versions more than what was previously presented, but agreed to hold off on the postcard option for now.

Trustee Dominiak asked if the green on the Gambles sign could be tweaked to be made more historical. Ainsley Wonderling, Antioch Historical Society, said the original sign was more of a turquoise, and this color more resembles what was there. The building owner wanted this design and color. Trustee Dominiak asked if there was a way to box in the “Welcome to Antioch” sign and include the word historic. Rachel Aziz from All Together said that may require power washing, but she could bring it up with the painting company.

Those present agreed with approving the artwork with recommended changes to remove the postcard sign. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.

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**5. Consideration and approval of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**– Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve the Annual Appropriation **Ordinance No. 22-07-36** for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.

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**6. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to execute a 2-year contract with Independent Contractor, Hughes Environmental, Inc. as the Village of Antioch's Water Operator in Charge** - Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Resolution No. 22-56** authorizing the Village Administrator to execute a 2-year contract with Independent Contractor, Hughes Environmental, Inc. as the Village of Antioch's Water Operator in Charge. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.

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**7. Consideration and approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Certain Memorandum of Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police** - Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak, to approval **Resolution No. 22-57** Authorizing and Approving a Certain Memorandum of Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.

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**8. Consideration and approval of an Emergency Ordinance ratifying the Mayoral declaration of Emergency relating to Coronavirus** - Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Dominiak to approve **Ordinance No. 22-07-37** ratifying the Mayoral Declaration of Emergency relating to Coronavirus, waiving the second reading.

Trustee Macek asked if this could be approved in order to obtain funding, but not to allow continued remote attendance. Attorney Vranjes discussed the requirements needed to allow remote attendance without a physical quorum present, and will do some research on approving the emergency declaration for funding, but not to allow remote attendance.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. Consideration and approval of a Resolution accepting an engagement letter with Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg and Castaldo, Ltd. Related to the issuance of Alternate Revenue Source General Obligation Bonds to Fund Capital Projects** - Trustee Dominiak moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approval **Resolution No. 22-58** accepting an engagement letter with Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg and Castaldo, Ltd. Related to the issuance of Alternate Revenue Source General Obligation Bonds to Fund Capital Projects. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**YES: 5:** Macek, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

**NO: 0.**

**ABSENT: 1:** Pierce.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **VI. Administrator's Report**

No report.

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

**ILEPA Annual Facility Inspection Report for NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)** – Clerk Romine advised the Board that one of the annual tasks recommended by the IEPA and included in the Village of Antioch Stormwater Management Protection Plan is

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to present this annual report at a public meeting. No action is required, and any questions on the report may be directed to the Village Administrator.

### **VIII. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Pedersen commented that she received a phone call regarding downtown parking, and said some businesses would like to see the parking spots set aside for pickup be made available again. She asked that it be discussed at a future meeting. Trustee Macek commented on the available parking for different businesses downtown. Mayor Gartner said this was discussed at staff and a previous meeting. Director Garrigan said formal correspondence was provided to all those granted temporary parking during Covid, advising that they cease and desist and remove their curbside parking. One individual may be coming to a future meeting to request relief from this order. Director Garrigan will follow up with another letter.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC  
Village Clerk