

APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002
February 22, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the February 22, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30pm 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: Pierce, Macek*, Pedersen, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak*. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine.

**indicates attendance via Zoom*

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no objections to Trustees Macek and Dominiak attending remotely.

V. Mayoral Report

1. Acknowledgements – Mayor Gartner acknowledged Ash Wednesday commented on the recent increased car break-ins and police involvement.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Mr. Mark Tarkowski discussed license plate readers, and asked for updates. He said everyone is using the Flock system. He discussed expenses made by the Village, and asked that the board does a trial period in Neuhaven subdivision. He thinks this will keep getting worse, and something needs to be done.

Mr. Evan Black, Neuhaven resident, expressed concern with the recent video posted online related to car burglaries, and thinks the Village is in a phase where they can be proactive.

Mr. John Mathalas discussed his decision to move to Antioch, and said he would like to see a Veterans Memorial in town.

Mayor Gartner discussed police policy regarding the home burglaries and license plate reader programs which will be discussed at future meetings.

Chief Guttschow said the Antioch Police Department is keenly aware of their concerns. He discussed the technology for the license plate cameras, and said they are trying to determine which product is the best fit for the Village of Antioch. He added that most gateways into the community are state routes, and in order to place a license plate reader camera on state routes, they need permission from the State of Illinois. He discussed other programs being reviewed and the robust integrated system across the state. In conversations with other police departments that have these programs, they find it a valuable resource, but it doesn't result in a crime reduction. He discussed the 9pm routine, and said they will continue to try and educate the community.

VI. Consent Agenda

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

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1. Approval of the February 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
2. Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving a Health Insurance Benefits Agreement for the Village of Antioch, Illinois – *Resolution No. 22-07*

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Regular Business

3. Consideration and approval of an ordinance authorizing the purchase or acquisition of certain real property located within the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois – *Trustee Pedersen left the room at 6:53pm.*

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve **Ordinance No. 23-02-04**, authorizing the purchase or acquisition of certain real property located within the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, waiving the second reading.

Attorney Vasselli stated this is in reference to the Pedersen property at Route 59 and Route 173. All requirements have been satisfied.

Trustee Macek said this is long overdue and a good deal for Heron Harbor. Mayor Gartner commented on the grant from the State for this property.

Trustee Dominiak asked that the board give consideration to the recent golf cart ordinance, as well as the installation of sidewalks at that property. She discussed access to town, and also requested those things be considered when planning for access on the east side of Route 59 as well.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Macek, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: Pedersen.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Pedersen returned at 6:58pm

4. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$1,784,105.21 – Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$1,784,105.21.

Administrator Keim relayed that the larger costs include the purchase of the Centegra building, and the purchase of the Pedersen property.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Pierce, Macek, Bluthardt, Burman and Dominiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

ABSTAIN: 1: Pedersen.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Administrator's Report

No report.

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IX. Village Clerk's Report

No report.

X. Trustee Reports

Trustee Pierce commented that Public Works is out working salting roads and clearing branches.

Trustee Dominiak announced that she attended the District 34 meeting, where their strategic plan was approved, and next week is D34 week. She commented on the mid-block crosswalk on Main street, and Sequoit pride event at the VFW next week.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk