

APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002
September 27, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the September 27, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:32pm 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: Burman, Bluthardt, McNeill, Pierce, Macek and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Keim and Clerk Romine.

IV. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees attending remotely.

V. Mayoral Report –

1. Hispanic Heritage Month - Mayor Gartner announced that Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 through October 15.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Mr. Mike O'Mara, Village resident, asked the Village board for a waiver of permit fees for 23372 W Zelinger, the boat and pier area. They were provided a permit to do work to protect the shoreline, and asked the board to consider a waiver of fees as they are a non-profit organization.

VI. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of the September 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
2. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the partial closure of Toft Street on Saturday, November 11 for a Veteran's Day Ceremony - *Resolution No. 23-60*
3. Approval of a Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code - *Resolution No. 23-61*
4. Approval of a Resolution granting authority to submit the Local Limits Evaluation to the USEPA - *Resolution No. 23-62*

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Regular Business

5. Consideration and approval of payment of accounts payable as prepared by staff in the amount of \$820,207.64 – Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee McNeill, to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$820,207.64. Trustee Burman asked Administrator Keim to discuss the larger items. Administrator Keim reviewed payments exceeding \$10,000 up for approval.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration and approval of a Resolution granting a request to dedicate a park bench to the Lion's Club from the Antioch Garden Club – Trustee Burman moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to approve **Resolution No. 23-63** granting a request to dedicate a park bench to the Lion's Club from the Antioch Garden Club. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance adding one more Class "B" and Class "C" Tobacco License for R&D#12 Inc to be located at 320 E IL Route 173 – Trustee Pedersen would like the board to have sufficient information about what will be sold at this business.

Trustee Pedersen moved, seconded by Trustee Macek, to table **Ordinance No. 23-09-25** adding one more Class "B" and Class "C" Tobacco License for R&D#12 to be located at 320 E IL Route 173 to reflect a change in corporate ownership to no later than October 25, 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance deleting and adding one Class "C" Retail Package sales liquor license and one Class "A" and Class "C" tobacco license for KP Antioch Inc d/b/a Antioch Food and Liquor to be located at 354 North Avenue to reflect a change in corporate ownership – Trustee Pierce moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to table **Ordinance No. 23-09-26** deleting and adding one Class "C" Retail Package sales liquor license and one Class "A" and Class "C" tobacco license for KP Antioch Inc d/b/a Antioch Food and Liquor to be located at 354 North Avenue to reflect a change in corporate ownership to no later than October 25, 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance amending Section 4-2B-10 of the Antioch Village Code regarding classifications of liquor licenses within the Village of Antioch, Illinois (gas station on-premise consumption) – Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Bluthardt, to lay the question on the table until October 25, 2023 regarding **Ordinance No. 23-09-27** amending Section 4-2B-10 of the Antioch Village Code regarding classifications of liquor licenses within the Village of Antioch, Illinois (gas station on-premise consumption). Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

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Mr. Sonny Judge, business owner, said he is available to answer questions as to why this request is being made.

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10. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance amending various sections of the Antioch Village Code regarding Boards and Commissions of the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Residency Requirements and Compensation) – Trustee McNeill moved, seconded by Trustee Pedersen, to approve **Ordinance No. 23-09-28** amending various sections of the Antioch Village Code regarding Boards and Commissions of the Village of Antioch, Illinois (Residency Requirements and Compensation), waiving the second reading.

Trustee Burman asked about the veteran's committee being included in this amendment. Attorney Vasselli responded that it is not a village committee listed in the Village Code.

Trustee Macek said this will result in the removal of a Veteran serving on the Park Commission, which he thinks is not right. Trustee Pedersen is very grateful to this gentleman for his service, however, the Village of Antioch has residents that live in the Village and pay taxes within the Village. She thinks a resident living outside of the Village should not be making recommendations to spend taxpayer money they do not pay. Trustee Pierce said he salutes him for his service, but his Veteran status does not permit him under state law to serve on this commission. He said voters and taxpayers should be the ones making decisions. Trustee Burman said this should have been followed a long time ago. She commented on his service, and feels that this will be a loss. Trustee Bluthardt thinks residents should serve on boards that impact decisions of the Village. He asked that all appointments to any board are verified before they are made so the board is not put in the same position. Trustee Macek added that he thinks business owners should be allowed to serve on commissions as well.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Burman, Bluthardt, McNeill, Pierce and Pedersen.

NO: 1: Macek.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

11. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance amending Section 1-4-6 of the Antioch Village Code regarding electronic attendance of meetings for the Village of Antioch, Illinois – Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Pierce, to approve **Ordinance No. 23-09-29** amending Section 1-4-6 of the Antioch Village Code regarding electronic attendance of meetings for the Village of Antioch, Illinois, waiving the second reading. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Keim reported on work across the street at the open space project. He discussed the proposed changes coming, such as unanticipated foundation removal, and additional contaminated soil removal. Staff continues to seek credits for the project, but he is satisfied with the progress seen so far. He reported on the clarifier project, and the waiting period to test the final strength of the concrete. He reported that Lake County has submitted plans for the North Avenue railroad crossing, and the Village has not been approached to contribute any funds to the repair at this time. Trustee Pierce reported that he and Trustee Bluthardt met with representatives from ICC regarding the repair.

IX. Village Clerk's Report

Clerk Romine reported that Groot has set the schedule for the fall leaf vacuuming program, to begin October 30 and run for 4 full weeks.

X. Department Reports: Communications, Parks, Public Works

Mr. Jim Moran, Communications Manager, reported on the IML conference he attended, which was a great learning opportunity, as well as a luncheon with the Lake County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. He

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discussed advertising and media partnerships used for the wine walk, and upcoming events including the Vintage Shop Hop, Ghost Tours, Christmas Parade and Small Business Saturday.

Ms. Mary Quilty, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on the wine walk which included over 600 participants. They are hoping for 750 participants for the winter wine walk. She discussed some new programs available through the parks department, and adult fitness programs. She discussed a meeting with District 34 regarding the IGA for shared facilities for the Village sports programs. Finally, she said the Park Board is asking for another joint meeting with the Village Board.

Mr. Dennis Heimbrodt, Public Works Director, discussed directional boring starting across the street, alongside of the project. He stated the concrete lifting project has begun, and provided an update on well #9 repairs. He said the road program has started, but was delayed due to weather. He reported on where the crews will begin work, and the tasks they will be performing in those areas.

XI. Trustee Reports –

Trustee McNeill thanked the Village for the opportunity to attend IML and relayed some information she learned from the sessions.

Trustee Pierce discussed lights at the high school, and discussed businesses that don't conform to our existing sign code, including flag signs, banners and LED signs. Administrator Keim said the new code enforcement officer has reviewed the sign code, and is making lists and visiting businesses.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees regular meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk