

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-10

AN ORDINANCE TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF BRANDON GRIGSBY WITH THE LAW FIRM OF HOPKINS, SCHROEDER & VON SOSSAN LLC, OTTAWA, OHIO AS SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio (the "Village") is authorized by law to retain the services of legal counsel to be known as the Village Solicitor; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village deems it necessary to retain the services of legal counsel to act as Solicitor for the Village in civil, contract, and criminal matters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio as follows:

Section 1. Legal counsel shall be provided to act in civil, contract, and criminal matters for the Village, and the person retained as such counsel shall be known as the Solicitor of the Village of Antwerp.

Section 2. The Village will employ Brandon Grigsby as Solicitor for legal services rendered on behalf of the Village at the rate of \$1735.00 per month plus benefits of OPERS and Medicare match resulting in a gross benefit package of \$2003.06 per month, which allows for 20 billable hours of work in the month. Any work performed over the 20 hours would be performed at \$200 per hour, plus legal support staff used by the Solicitor and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing such legal services, including but not limited to postage and photocopying at the rate of No Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$0.15) per page. Mr. Grigsby will be eligible for OPERS and will contribute the appropriate village contribution. This Ordinance to retain the legal services of a Solicitor shall be in force and effect for a period not exceeding two (2) years commencing on September 11, 2024.

Section 3. Brandon Grigsby, an attorney at law, is licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio and is hereby appointed as Solicitor for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio.

Section 4. In any matter where litigation is involved, the Village of Antwerp will separately contract to pay the firm of Hopkins, Schroeder & Von Sossan, LLC at a rate as agreed upon by the administration of the Village.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including all lawful ordinances and any applicable provisions of S 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public health, safety, and welfare, and for the further reason that the Village needs to be represented by legal counsel. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Section 7.

This ordinance supersedes Ordinance 2023-21.

Passed this 11th day of September 2024.



Jan Reeb
Mayor, Village of Antwerp



Kevin Hornish
Fiscal Officer