

**Regular Meeting  
Council of the Village of Antwerp  
June 11, 2025**

Mayor Jan Reeb called the regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp Council to order at 5:30 P.M. Council members present: Dean Rister, Bill Boylan, Bryce Steiner, Jason Franks, John DeVore III and Bryan Smith

Also attending: Administrator Brian Davis, Fiscal Officer Kevin Hornish and Solicitor Brandon Grigsby.

Guests and observers: Gayle Rister and Tim Copsey

Council reviewed the May finance statements, bank reconciliation and R.I.T.A. report. Steiner asked about the increase on the R.I.T.A. report in comparison to previous years for the month of May. Hornish explained that it was due to the annual reconciliation deposit.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Franks to accept the May Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation statement as presented. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

**VISITORS**

Tim Copsey attended to thank the council for their support towards Paulding County Economic Development (PCED). Tim also updated the council on various projects, developments and property acquisitions that are currently being worked on by PCED.

**POLICE REPORT**

Clemens provided a written report showing fifty-four calls for service, twenty-six total offenses and twenty-five ticketed offenses for the month of May.

**EMS REPORT**

EMS Coordinator Ashley McDougall provided a written report that showed a total of 130 through the end of April and \$20,802.05 of deposit collections for the EMS Services.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

**EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2025-11:** A resolution authorizing the village administrator to apply for public works grants related to the Canal-Wentworth Waterline and Storm improvement project and declaring the same an emergency.

Administrator Davis informed council the reason for the large number of emergency resolutions/ordinances this month is merely in relation to timelines and deadlines.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Smith, to suspend the rules regarding three readings. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

Steiner asked that a correction to the spelling of "Wentworth" be made on page one of the Resolution prior to moving to adopt. Hornish will make the correction.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Franks, to adopt Resolution 2025-11. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

**EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2025-12:** A resolution authorizing the village administrator to apply for and enter into a water supply revolving loan account (WSRLA) agreement on behalf of the village of Antwerp, Ohio for planning, design and/or construction of water facilities, designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan and declaring the same an emergency.

- Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules regarding three readings. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.
- Motion made by Smith, seconded by Boylan, to adopt Resolution 2025-12. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

**EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2025-13:** A resolution authorizing the village to enter into a roadway maintenance agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation and declaring the same emergency.

Steiner asked about exhibit A that was cited in the resolution. Solicitor Grigsby had inadvertently omitted the exhibit when he sent the resolution to Hornish for council packets. Davis printed the exhibit and Hornish made copies for all council members to review prior to moving forward on the resolution.

- Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules regarding three readings. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.
- Motion made by Franks, seconded by Rister, to adopt R2025-13. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved

**EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2025-14:** A resolution authorizing the village to purchase Paulding County Auditor's Parcel No. 12-26S-011-00 from D&L Properties of Antwerp, Ohio, LLC and declaring the same an emergency.

Discussion took place on the timeline for the work on the reconstruction of SR-49 through the village as well as the CIC donation to assist with acquisition cost of the purchase of the property.

- Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Smith, to suspend the rules regarding three readings. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.
- Motion made by Rister, seconded by DeVore, to adopt R2025-14. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

**EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2025-15:** A resolution to proceed with submission of the question of levying a tax that is a replacement of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of maintaining and operating a cemetery and declaring the same an emergency.

Hornish explained the need for the emergency reading was to meet the deadline set by the election board for the submission.

- Motion made by Smith, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules regarding three readings. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried and approved.

Steiner clarified that the levy was the same millage as the previous levy but would be at the current property values if approved by voters at the election.

- Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Boylan, to adopt R2025-15. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

**EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-10:** An ordinance requiring proof of insurance be presented before village owned real property can be used for events hosted by third parties and declaring the same an emergency.

Grigsby spoke briefly on the ordinance and the need for an application to use village property for events.

Steiner presented information that this ordinance is already covered by the Ohio Basic Code 3602 which council approves annually at the beginning of the year. Steiner also presented an application permit that would require a signature from the event sponsor, stating they have provided proof of the required insurance and will hold the village harmless. Therefore, there is no need for an additional ordinance. Discussion took place on the issue. Administrator Davis will start utilizing the application for any future events and solicitor Grigsby is going to review the information Steiner presented and report back to council. O2025-10 was withdrawn at this time.

**1st Reading OF ORDINANCE 2025-08:** An ordinance amending section 2 of ordinance no. 2000-19 establishing a schedule of fees, charges, and expenses, and a collection procedure for zoning permits, amendments, appeals, variance, conditional use permits, and other matters relating to the administration and enforcement of zoning in The Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and regulating the fees paid to the zoning inspector for services.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-09:** An ordinance renaming a portion of Stone Street in The Village of Antwerp, Ohio, spanning from the intersection of Stone Street and South Main Street to the intersection of Stone Street and Erie Street, to Bourbon Street.

**1st READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-11:** An ordinance amending section 311 of ordinance no. 1976-16, the zoning ordinance of Antwerp, Ohio, to add further business classifications to the permitted, conditional, accessory use table.

Steiner asked if a date was scheduled for the public hearing in relation to O2025-11. Boylan explained that a hearing would be scheduled after the first reading and prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and council voting on whether to adopt.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Boylan asked about the ordinance that was presented last month from the zoning board in relation to idling parked vehicles/RVs and generators. Davis explained that following the meeting Police Chief Clemens informed him that if the Village would get signs to post at the locations in question regarding idling vehicles that stated "No Overnight Parking" then the issue could be enforced by the police department through the Ohio Basic Code and there is no need for an additional ordinance.

Rister asked about the Buffalo Street business. Hornish informed council that the certified letters had been mailed to the property owner and business operator. Both individuals have received the letters, and it is the belief of Admin Davis that the business has been relocated.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Steiner informed council that he had been questioned by a resident about the requirement to take written meeting minutes. Steiner has done some research and believes that there is a court case which shows that the requirement may still exist even if video recordings are taken at the meeting. Solicitor Grigsby will review his research on this matter but suggested that written minutes be maintained in the meantime until a definitive answer can be given to council.

Boylan asked Davis to post the public hearing on the village website regarding Ordinance 2025-11 and the additional business classifications to be added to the table in the zoning ordinance. The hearing will be held the same night as the normal zoning board meeting.

Reeb informed council that she had appointed Dan Lehman and Dereck Demongeot to the Zoning Board of Appeals and John Ganger to the Planning and Zoning Committee to fill the vacant seats.

- Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Smith, to approve Mayor Reeb's appointments to fill the vacant seats on each board/committee. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

Smith wanted to congratulate AC/DC on a job well done regarding Antwerp Days. It was another successful event.

Davis updated council on the revolving loan in relation to the water treatment plant. The loan has been granted in the amount of the full 8,000,000.00 needed to complete the project but unfortunately no debt forgiveness was awarded with the loan. Unfortunately, currently the village is not in a financial position to absorb the payment on a loan of this amount. Davis is going to seek other avenues for funding the project to assist in offsetting the loan amount.

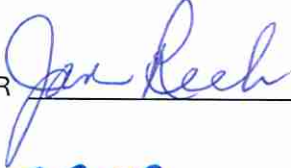
Davis informed council that the Canal/Wentworth Water and Storm line project will be put on the Paulding County CDBG critical infrastructure program for 2026. This program will cover a large portion of the project, but Davis will continue to seek other grant funding to assist with the cost.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**


Reeb gave the mayor's report. The Village received \$812.00, the County Indigent Driver Fund received \$25.50, and the State of Ohio received \$637.50 for a grand total amount collected through Mayor's Court of \$1475.00.

- Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Rister, to adjourn the meeting. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.  
Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:22.

MAYOR



FISCAL OFFICER



DATE

7-9-25