

Regular Meeting
Council of the Village of Antwerp
~~November 12, 2025~~
December 10,

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 and Fiscal Officer Kevin Hornish

Guests and observers: Gayle Rister, John Ganger, Derek Demongeot and Barry Hook

Council reviewed the November regular meeting minutes.

- Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Steiner, to approve the minutes as presented. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

Council reviewed the November finance statements, bank reconciliation and R.I.T.A. report.

- Motion made by Franks, seconded by DeVore, to approve the Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation as presented. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

VISITORS

Mayor Jan Reeb swore in newly elected council members John Ganger and Dereck Demongeot who will take office starting in January of 2026.

POLICE REPORT

Clemens provided a written report for council to review.

EMS REPORT

McDougall provided a written report for council to review.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

3rd READING OF RESOLUTION 2025-19: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ALL APPLICABLE STATEMENTS ATTACHED THERETO, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

- Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Smith, to adopt R 2025-19. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved

3rd READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-18: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Boylan, to adopt O2025-18. 5 yeas, 1 Nay. Motion carried and approved.

3rd READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-19: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

- Motion made by Smith, seconded by Devore, to adopt O2025-19. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

3rd READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-20: AN ORDINANCE SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2026 WHICH SHALLE BE IN EFFECT UNTIL PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ARE SET OR APRIL 1, 2026, WHICHEVER SHALL OCCUR FIRST

Councilman Steiner asked what happens if no permanent appropriations are set prior to April 1, 2026, and was informed that until permanent appropriations are set the village will not be able to pay bills or payroll after the April 1 deadline.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Franks, to adopt O2025-20. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-23: AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE COMPOST FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO VIA RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 AND DECLARING THE SAME AND EMERGENCY.

Councilman Steiner asked what happens following the 1-year suspension and was informed if no action is taken by council the compost fee will begin again starting in 2027.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Boylan, to suspend the rules of three readings. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved
- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Steiner, to adopt O2025-23. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

Prior to the emergency reading of the next two ordinances and resolution Administrator Davis informed council that the reason for each being considered an emergency is due to time frames required to be able to apply for a grant.

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-24: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE "ANTWERP SQUARE HOUSING DISTRICT" AND ADOPTING PRO-HOUSING DEVELOPMENT POLICIES TO ACCELERATE RESIDENTIAL GROWTH AND DECLARING THE SAME AND EMERGENCY

- Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Smith, to suspend the rules of three readings. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.
- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Franks to adopt O2025-24. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2025-21: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS FROM THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF ANTWERP, OHIO FOR USE AS MATCHING FUNDS REPRESENTING LOCAL SUPPORT OF THE ANTWERP SQUARE PROJECT, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY

- Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules of three readings. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.
- Motion made by Steiner, seconded by DeVore, to adopt R2025-21. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2025-22: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE RESIDENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (REDD) GRANT AND COMMITTING LOCAL MATHCING FUNDS FOR THE ANTWERP SQUARE PROJECT AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY

- Motion made by Franks, seconded by Steiner, to suspend the rules of three readings. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.
- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Boylan, to adopt R2025-22. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

Following the Fiscal Officer report Boylan asked about swearing in re-elected councilman DeVore and Franks. Mayor Reeb swore in DeVore and Franks for their next term as councilman.

OLD BUSINESS

Admin Davis informed council that the only update he had on ongoing village projects was that at the previous meeting, council had tabled the ordinances for proposed increases to water and sewer rates until the village could engage with Bowling Green State University to conduct a comprehensive rate study. Davis spoke with and provided BGSU detailed items we would like addressed in the study. A cost estimate for completing the study is expected within the next couple of weeks.

Hornish updated council on the health insurance quote for 2026. There will be as a savings of \$40,627.20 in annual premium by removing Medicare eligible employees following the annual rate increase of 11.65%. Considering the HRA contribution maximum for Medicare eligible employees, the Village net savings for 2026 will be \$20,627.20 in health insurance costs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bill Boylan updated council on a Zoning Board meeting that was held to discuss the Antwerp Square project. He also informed council that Zoning Inspector Daniel Dunlap had resigned his position and therefore the personnel committee and Mayor will need to work on a plan to replace the Zoning Inspector.

NEW BUSINESS

Hornish asked to open nominations for President Pro Tempore for the 2026 year. Rister informed Hornish that this action should take place at the January council meeting so the new council can make the nominations and election.

Steiner asked if Davis was able to work with Carl Kortokrax on an issue with the repair work on his driveway following a watermain break. Davis informed Steiner the utility employees had fixed the issue.

Steiner asked about the snow plowing and if the village could prioritize areas with heavy use following snowfall. Discussion took place on the reason that plowing had been delayed and the possibility of contracting the snow plowing out in the future.

Steiner asked about street signage for pedestrian crossing along main street. Davis will investigate getting signs.

Hornish asked council if they wished to continue the support of Paulding Economic Development. Following discussion:

- Motion made by Franks, seconded by DeVore, to continue the same \$2000.00 contribution to the Paulding County Economic Development for 2026. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

Smith asked about getting a couple electrical outlets next to the tennis/pickle ball court next to town hall. Davis had previously investigated this, but the Village does not own the electric poles or meters next to the court. Steiner asked if it would be possible to add a box on the exterior of the town hall building for this purpose. Davis will contact Schweller Electric to see if this can be done.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Reeb gave the Mayor's Court report for the month of November; \$1172.00 paid to the Village, \$450.00 paid to the State of Ohio and \$18.00 to the County Indigent Driver fund for a total of \$16,40.00.

Following her mayor's court report. Mayor Reeb informed council that effective December 31, 2025, she has made the decision to officially retire and resign her position as Mayor. She appointed current council President Pro Tempore Bryan Smith as acting mayor effective January 1, 2026.

- Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Rister, to adjourn the meeting. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:07.

MAYOR

Bryan A. Smith

FISCAL OFFICER

John Rister

DATE

11/14/26

****Please see the video available on the village website for a full recap of the meeting.**