

**Regular Meeting
Council of the Village of Antwerp
January 14, 2026**

Mayor Bryan Smith called the regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp Council to order at 5:30 P.M. Council members present: Derek Demongeot, Bill Boylan, John Ganger, Jason Franks and John DeVore III.

Also attending: Administrator Brian Davis, Police Chief George Clemens, Solicitor Brandon Grigsby and Fiscal Officer Kevin Hornish

Guests and observers: Mark Greenwood-Antwerp Ball Association

Mayor Smith asked Solicitor Grigsby to update and inform council on changes/impact to council with Jan Reeb's resignation from Mayor on 12/31/2025. Council will need to appoint a new council member to fill the vacant seat created when Bryan Smith ascended to the position of Mayor following Jan's resignation. Boylan suggested an executive session at the end of the meeting for employment of personnel.

Following the update Mayor Smith asked to open nominations for the 2026 Council President Pro Tempore. Bill Boylan nominated Jason Franks, John DeVore seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

- Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Ganger, to close nominations and vote on making Jason Franks the 2026 Village Council President Pro Tempore. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Jason Franks elected as President Pro Tempore for 2026.

Council reviewed the December regular meeting minutes.

- Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Ganger, to approve the minutes as presented. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

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

- Motion made by Franks, seconded by Boylan, to approve the Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation as presented. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

VISITORS

Mark Greenwood spoke to council about a possible grant for playground equipment at the Antwerp Ball Association property. The Ball Association will need a Joint Use Agreement completed by council prior to finalizing the grant process. The Ball Association has a timeline to complete the grant process so Greenwood asked if council could expedite the process if possible. Council asked Solicitor Grigsby to review the agreement and if it does not create an issue for the Village to draft an emergency legislation authorizing the signing of the agreement for the next council meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Clemens provided a written report for council to review.

EMS REPORT

McDougall provided a written report for council to review.

ADMIN REPORT

Davis provided a written report for council to review. Davis also updated council on Resolution 2026-02 prior to its first reading. Ganger asked for an update on the water rate study, Davis updated council on the process of the rate study.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jason Franks updated council on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on 01/12/2026 regarding permanent appropriations for 2026. Franks informed council that the finance committee supports the passage of R2026-01 following its 3rd reading in March.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-24, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-17, AN ORDINANCE INCREASING WATER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 5 OF THE ORDINANCE NO. 2018-17 TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT MINIMUM CHARGE FOR EACH TAP EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY.

- Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Ganger, to suspend the rules of three readings regarding O2026-01. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved
- Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Ganger, to adopt O2026-01. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved.

1st READING OF RESOLUTION 2026-01: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SETTING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2026

1st READING OF RESOLUTION 2026-02: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO MAKE A TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF \$75,000.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE NEW VILLAGE PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN TO THE MAUMEE RIVER FOR THE VILLAGE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

1ST READING OF RESOLUTION 2026-03: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$100,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND

1ST READING OF RESOLUTION 2026-04: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$10,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET LIGHTING FUND

1ST READING OF RESOLUTION 2026-05: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$250,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SEWER OPERATING FUND.

1ST READING OF RESOLUTION 2026-06: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$30,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE FUND.

OLD BUSINESS

Boylan asked Solicitor Grigsby for an update on possible ordinances for council from the zoning committee. Grigsby updated Boylan on the process and review as well as the need for council to employ or contract with a zoning inspector/code enforcement officer before he can finalize the legislation. Council briefly discussed the need for a new zoning inspector. Mayor Smith said he would shift that task to the personnel committee once the committee is in place.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Smith gave the Mayor's Court report for the month of December; \$2224.00 paid to the Village, \$712.50 paid to the State of Ohio and \$28.50 to the County Indigent Driver fund for a total of \$2,965.00.

- Motion made by Boylan, seconded by Franks, to move to executive session under O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) for employment of personnel. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Council entered executive session at 6:06 p.m.

Council returned from executive session at 6:14 with action regarding nominations to fill the vacant council seat. Jason Franks nominated Dean Rister to fill the vacant council seat. Bill Boylan seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

- Motion made by DeVore, seconded by Boylan to close nominations regarding the vacant council seat. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Roll call was taken regarding the nomination of Dean Rister to fill the vacant council seat. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Dean Rister was appointed to fill the vacancy.

- Motion made by Franks, seconded by DeVore, to adjourn the meeting. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:15.

MAYOR Ben A. Smith

FISCAL OFFICER Jim A. Frank

DATE 2/11/2026

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