



## ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Shaughnessy.
- II. **The Pledge of Allegiance:** Supervisor Shaughnessy led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call:** Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Shepard, Turner, Davis, and Smouse. Also present were Supervisor Shaughnessy, Clerk Dyer Dawe, and Attorney James Hartman.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** Carol Prebianca voiced concerns over her assessed value on her property going up over 756%. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared she should contact the Assessor's office with questions and follow the appeal process instructions on the card if desired. She also questioned the outcome of her previous garbage question. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the answer was provided by Groot in August that the service is required for full time residents.
- V. **Minutes:**
  1. The minutes of the August 9, 2023 Antioch Township Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Smouse, Davis, Shaughnessy, Turner, Shepard No: 0.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:**
  1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$90,473.23. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Trustee Turner inquired about line item 101-539 a meeting expense. Supervisor Shaughnessy clarified the Township sponsored a \$500 lunch fee for the Northern Illinois Mayor's Cup golf outing. Line item 303-000 was questioned if Greg Nerroth was written two different checks for \$35,000 and \$5,000 and how close the cost came to the quote. Supervisor Shaughnessy confirmed two checks were written, one for the north duck pond and the other to level the ice rink, at the cost of the quoted amount. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Smouse, Turner, Davis, Shaughnessy, No: 0.
  2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$88,471.87. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Trustee Turner questioned the amount required for bids. Attorned Hartman confirmed \$30,000 and Supervisor Shaughnessy noted a Township purchasing policy was not approved and will be looked at. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shaughnessy, Smouse, Shepard, Davis, Turner, No: 0.
- VII. **Township Officials Report:**
  1. **Supervisor:**
    1. The strategic plan meeting will be December 9, 2023 from 9:30 A.M. to 4 P.M..

2. The general obligation bond funds for \$2,156,644.95 were deposited on September 12, 2023. \$171,750 is already being submitted for reimbursement on money already spent. Accounting procedures will be followed.

2. **Clerk:** None

3. **Assessor:** None

4. **Highway Commissioner:** Supervisor Shaughnessy shared Bill Sternberg called to commend Alyssa Streicher in the Highway Department on what a great job she is doing.

5. **Trustee Reports:**

1. **Senior Services, Trustee Davis:**

- a. 40 attended Mary Poppins with lunch at Fireside theater on August 11, 2023. 21 attended Badda Boom Badda Bingo on August 17, 2023. 80 attended the luau on August 18, 2023 and \$500 was collected for Hawaii fire victims. 30 attended Where the Crawdads Sing at Antioch Theater on August 28, 2023 and 10 attended lunch at Oliverri North after. August 29, 2023 was a Reclaim Your Body tour. 54 attended a Lake Geneva Boat Cruise with lunch at Baker House on September 12, 2023.

2. **Finance, Trustee Turner:**

- a. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the grant writer asked for parents, Grass Lake School, and kids to write letters for the safe route to schools (Grass Lake School to Thelen Park) grant. The grant is for \$250,000 and estimates are a little less than that. The next step is meeting with the Superintendent and giving information to the grant writer. Hey and Associates will be needed for a wetland delineation.

3. **Parks, Trustee Shepard:**

- a. Site approval was received at Thelen and building permits can be applied for now.
- b. National Fitness Campaign isn't going to happen at Osmond, but is an option for Thelen. The obstacle course and track with a \$200,000 estimate might never happen. Boller construction and Raymond are committed, Boller will put down the concrete pad, and there is the \$50,000 grant. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared 50% wasn't received as discussed, but money can be generated by an art contest, selling paver bricks as an extension off the Eagle Scouts, and getting more contributions from civic organizations. Trustee Turner questioned why the topic was being discussed again outlining several board meetings where the board agreed on timing to obtain sponsorship by to support the project without use of taxpayer funds or OSLAD grant money with the stipulation that if the sponsorship was not obtained by the agreed upon date, the concept would not be pursued. The board also voted to not put NFC at Thelen and only pursue it for Osmond. Supervisor Shaughnessy still submitted a grant application in November 2022 and only included Osmond at that time, not Thelen. Trustee Turner voiced concern with discussing the topic again if the board indicated they don't want it, and the Village, Vikings, and AYLL don't want it. Supervisor Shaughnessy clarified there have been multiple extensions on the application and Thelen has been added to it since. The National Fitness Campaign equipment could fill a void at Thelen for the alternat obstacle course. Trustee Turner indicated the board already squashed the concept with previous votes.
- c. The North pond is done and an aerator is being looked into, Boller is looking to move dirt to Thelen, the ice rink was leveled, and a camera was added. Trustee Turner questioned if the dirt pile was being removed for parking. Supervisor

Shaughnessy confirmed it was and would provide approximately 80 additional parking spots and another diagonal parking lot is being explored to add 82 more.

- d. A boat race is coming to Lake Marie September 23 and 24, 2023.
- e. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Village hosted a successful laser light show at Osmond. Osmond was filled with cars and the company did a great job cleaning up.
- f. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported Fox Waterway brought Congressman Schneider, Linda Pedersen, Kevin Hunter, and Paul Frank on the chain to try and get help with dredging as some had never been on it.

**4. Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse:**

- a. The Grass Lake siren had an issue the last test. It is temporarily running off electric from a storage unit and will be fixed this week.
- b. There was a fire in Channel Lake at a 92 year old woman's home. The Grandson was instructed to call the Township if assistance was needed.

**VIII. New Business: None**

**IX. Executive Session:**

- 1. Motion to suspend the open meeting to go into executive session to discuss real estate was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Turner, Shaughnessy, Davis, Smouse, No: 0. The board moved into executive session at 8:03 P.M..
- 2. Motion to move back into open session at 8:41 P.M. was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shaughnessy, Turner, Davis, Shepard, Smouse, No: 0.

**X. Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:**

- 1. Motion to table the approval of executive session minutes was made by Supervisor Shaughnessy, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Turner, Shaughnessy, Davis, Smouse, No: 0.

**XI. Adjournment:** There was no further business to come before the board. Trustee Smouse made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M. Yes: 5, No: 0.

**Meeting place:** Antioch Township Hall, 1625 Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa, IL 60046

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe