



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2024

- 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: Goeckner, Turner, Shepard, and Smouse. Also present was Supervisor Shaughnessy, Clerk Dyer Dawe, and Attorney Hartman.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** Mark Hauffe, a 23 year resident, introduced himself and shared he will be a running for Township Trustee.
- V. **Minutes:**
 1. The minutes of the September 11, 2024 Antioch Township Regular Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a voice vote. Yes: 5, No: 0.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$739,093.80. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Goeckner, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Trustee Smouse inquired about the bill for accident damage and how many Township credit cards there are, and the limit on them. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared Bill Fick was rear ended and a hitch was damaged. There is one credit card account with three or four cards on it with a \$5,000 limit on each. Trustee Goeckner questioned the total for the Boller expense and if there is money to move into the account for it. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared it is awaiting where Boller comes in at and then funds will be adjusted between the building and parks, and that there is money for it. Additional general obligation bonds could be issued. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Goeckner, Turner, Shaughnessy, Shepard, Smouse, No: 0.
 2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$66,143.59. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Smouse, Shepard, Shaughnessy, Turner, Goeckner, No: 0.
- VII. **Township Officials Report:**
 1. **Supervisor:**
 1. Trustee Shaughnessy addressed resolution #1009-24-01 Elected Officials Compensation 2025 – 2029. Motion to approve as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Goeckner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Shaughnessy, Shepard, Smouse, Goeckner, Abstain: 1 – Turner, No: 0.
 2. Trustee Shaughnessy shared resolution #1009-24-02 a procedural request for the IL transportation improvement plan grant to request funds from the Clinton foundation. If

granted, the Township would be required to supply 20% of the parking lot, sidewalks, and ADA compliance cost. The total grant application is for \$465,385 and the Township would be responsible for \$93,077. Trustee Smouse confirmed if the Township did not get the grant, then no money would be spent. Supervisor Shaughnessy confirmed that was the case. Motion to approve as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Turner, Shaughnessy, Smouse, Goeckner, No: 0.

3. Clerk Dyer Dawe shared Supervisor Shaughnessy and Clerk Dyer Dawe were submitted to the Attorney General's office as the Open Meetings Act officers for the Township.
4. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared effective October 9, 2024, the Township will adopt the minimum monthly general assistance payment requirement of \$439.00, as established by the Supervisors Division of the Township Officials of Illinois. Merry Ladewig does a good job of helping residents obtain funds other ways.

2. Clerk:

1. Early voting began at the Lake County courthouse on September 26, 2024 and additional locations, including the District 117 office, open for early voting on October 21, 2024.
2. Nominating petitions for Antioch Township elected officials can be filed November 12 through November 15 and on November 18, 2024.
3. The updated website is progressing and the sitemap work is complete. Revize will now build the Township's site and begin migrating data over.
4. The Township does not have a formal public comment policy and it is recommended. A policy will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

3. Assessor: None.

4. Highway Commissioner: Paving preparation is being done on select roads.

5. Trustee Reports:

1. Senior Services, Trustee Goeckner:

- a. 15 attended Check It Out, Antioch featuring Papa's Sweet Shoppe. 80 attended Lucille Ball on September 20, 2024. Senior center furniture was moved to the new Township building where multiple daily programs occur. Throughout October, local businesses are donating food and giveaways to help with the new building transition. There has been a large increase in memberships since moving to the new building. Supervisor Shaughnessy thanked Marshall furniture, a local business, who donated multiple pieces of custom furniture.

2. Finance, Trustee Turner:

- a. There are multiple pending grants – Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program and the Clinton foundation, rebuild main street and downtown, and Lake County 2025 free tree program. 55 trees are being received for Vern Thelen Park. An application for OSLAD Phase II for Vern Thelen Park was also entered.

3. Parks, Trustee Shepard:

- a. A video of the Vern Thelen Park progress was shared. The grand opening might be mid-April. Spoils will be used for the sled hill, berms, and other grading items. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared several companies will pitch their offers for spoils and one will receive exclusivity.

4. Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse:

- a. Lake County is providing free gun locks and some have been provided to the Township to pass out.
- b. The bus service is going well.
- c. Hurricanes on the East coast are disrupting truck traffic. There is worry about public safety before and after the election, it is advised to stay alert and have two weeks of food and water ready. A level 4 or 5 geomagnetic storm might occur on October 10, 2024 that could disrupt power and pipelines depending on how it hits.

VIII. New Business:

1. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Phase 1 site plan for the new building. Temporary occupancy is being used and it will change the front end of the building with a ramp system. A free estimate from Boller Construction came in at \$465,385. Trustee Turner inquired if the project would only be done if the Illinois Department of transportation grant was received or if there is other money to cover the expense. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared it must be done due to ADA compliance. Money from the building sale, the General Obligation bond, grant money, and possibly a construction loan from State Bank of the Lakes are being explored. The main and lower level estimate is \$3.8 million. The next step is to sign a \$57,700 proposal from David Choi for design and development and a \$20,000 to \$25,000 proposal from EVA to construct documents to go out for bid. Trustee Turner questioned how much money should remain in reserves. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the \$250,000 to \$500,000 a target of approximately 35%, and there should be around \$500,000 after the end of the year.

IX. Executive Session:

1. Motion to suspend the open meeting to go into executive session to discuss real estate and personnel was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shaughnessy, Shepard, Smouse, Turner, Goeckner, No: 0. The board moved into executive session at 8:30 P.M..
2. Motion to move back into open session at 8:57 P.M. was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Goeckner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Smouse, Shepard, Shaughnessy, Turner, Goeckner, No: 0.

- X. Adjournment:** There was no further business to come before the board. Trustee Shepard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M. Yes: 5, No: 0.

Meeting place: Antioch Township Hall, 1275 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe