



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2022

- 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, Highway Commissioner Ring, Assessor Perry, Clerk Dyer Dawe, and Attorney Jim Hartman.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** None
- V. **Minutes:** The minutes of the March 9, 2022 Antioch Township Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a voice vote. Yes: 4 – Turner, Shaughnessy, Davis, Smouse, No: 0, Abstain: 1 – Shepard.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$29,748.28, including \$1,435.61 in General Assistance. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Davis, Smouse, Shaughnessy, Shepard, Turner, No: 0.
 2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$40,164.34. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shaughnessy, Shepard, Turner, Davis, Smouse, No: 0.
 3. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported a correction to the EVA Civil Engineer contract amounts for Thelen park. Phase I is \$47,300.00 not \$52,500.00 and Phase II is \$30,020.00 not \$34,500.00. Motion to accept the correction on the EVA Civil Engineer proposal was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Turner, Smouse, Davis, Shepard, Shaughnessy, No: 0.
- VII. **Township Officials Report:**
 - A. **Supervisor:**
 1. Supervisor Shaughnessy addressed Resolution 413-22-01 for the Township to take over all Senior Services from the Village effective May 1, 2022. The Village Board is voting on the final Intergovernmental Agreement on April 27, 2022. The Senior Center building will continue to be maintained by the Village. Jennifer Tessman from the Village will stay on as the Senior Specialist. All current Village and Township Senior programs will remain, and both the Senior Center and Township building will continue to be used. The Senior Center will be closed the beginning of May until June 7, 2022 for painting and maintenance. Trustee Shepard made a motion to approve Resolution 413-22-01 the Village Senior Services IGA, seconded by Supervisor Shaughnessy. Trustee Smouse

inquired about Village funding. Supervisor Shaughnessy confirmed the Village will not provide funding, but will transfer the remaining Dolly Spiering fund of approximately \$100,000 to pay for Jennifer Tessman. The funds will last a year or more. The Village will pay for utilities at the Senior Center. Antioch Travelling Closet will continue to use the basement of the Senior Center. Courtney Kotloski's pay is being adjusted from hourly to annually. Trustee Davis inquired if the Dolly Spiering fund can go into an interest-bearing account. Supervisor Shaughnessy confirmed it will go into a separate interest-bearing account. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Smouse, Turner, Shepard, Shaughnessy, Davis, No: 0.

B. Clerk:

1. Statement of Economic Interests need to be completed by May 1, 2022.
2. The GoTo Meeting Video Conferencing contract ends July 6, 2022 and will auto renew 30 days prior. The contract is \$192 for video conferencing and \$60 for a toll-free phone number annually. A motion was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis to renew the current contract with GoTo Meeting. Supervisor Shaughnessy questioned if the toll-free number was necessary and the Board agreed. Clerk Dyer Dawe will confirm with GoTo Meeting if the video conferencing services can be used without the toll-free number, and if the toll-free number can be added back on later. Trustee Shepard made a motion to table the discussion for the May 11, 2022 Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a voice vote. Yes: 5, No: 0.

C. Assessor:

1. There is a new Illinois State Statute, 35 ILCS 200/18-233, that impacts the levying process, citizens, and the assessment staff. Previously, if a levying body requested a specific amount and the County Board of Review (BOR), State Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB), or any courts change the value during an appeal process the levying body had to reimburse the funds attributed to the assessment reduction. The levying body would have to come up with the money to reimburse that portion of assessment reductions. With the new statute, the Township (and all levying bodies) no longer has to have a reserve fund for this purpose and doesn't have to reimburse the previously allotted funds after tax reductions are made through the BOR, PTAB or courts processes. The new Statute allows the levying bodies to keep the difference in the funds from the appeals process without reimbursement, which the levying body will add on to the next year's budget. Since the levying body will no longer pay back the adjustment, it will result in the citizens/ individual property owners seeing adjustments in tax rates the following year to make up the difference. The new statute impacts the assessment staff because the levying bodies have no incentive to help pay for appraisals in the appeal process and the Assessor's budget would likely be the only source for the appraisals if needed. There is not a large impact on the Antioch Assessor's Office due to three appraisers on staff. In more complex properties and high value reduction requests, it is in the communities' best interest to hire an outside source to value properties. That provides more credibility to the assessor's value to not move the tax burden to the remainder of the local property owners.

D. Highway Commissioner: No Update.

E. Trustee Reports:

1. **Senior Services, Trustee Davis:**
 - a. 67 attended Badda Boom Badda Bingo on March 10, 2022. March 18, 2022 75 lunch and Magician Bill Cook at Dockers North. 23 attended Titanic on March 21, 2022 at

the Antioch Theatre and 19 for lunch at Oliverii North. 20 attended The Lost City on April 14, 2022 at the Antioch Theatre and 12 for lunch at Oliverii North. The movie was supposed to be Twister, but the new owner offers the option for the current new movie or scheduled movie. April 14, 2022 will be Badda Boom Badda Bingo from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. at the Township building. April 18, 2022 is Things Change (subject to change) at the Antioch Theatre and lunch at Oliverii North. The show, popcorn, and valet parking are free, and lunch at Oliverii North is \$11.00 per person. April 20, 2022 is Titanic the musical at Marcus Performing Arts Center in Milwaukee. Cost is \$50.00 per person, includes a boxed lunch on the bus.

2. Finance, Trustee Turner:

- a. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Lake County Sanitary Sewer Project. The County did a study approximately 25 years ago about putting sewers in around the Chain O'Lakes and it was too expensive. With technology changes it is now possible and the old study is being resurrected. Linda Pedersen from the Lake County Board and Austin McFarlane with Lake County Public Works have been involved. Congresswoman Underwood sent a letter about Community Project Funding requests for federal funding. Trustee Turner and Assessor Perry wrote letters of recommendations that the project should move forward with a summary of the possibility of losing a great natural resource if it isn't taken care of. Trustee Turner focused on the revenue from the Chain O'Lakes and Assessor Perry on the Equalized Assessed Value impact. Linda Pedersen received 90 letters in less than a week from Friends of Lake Catherine and Channel Lake.
- b. Trustee Turner confirmed the Human Services Capital Investment Grant does not meet the Township's demographics.

3. Parks, Trustee Shepard:

- a. A meeting was held with the Garden Club on the interpretive trails and garden beds at Osmond Park. 8 gardens are groomed, being planned by The Garden Club, and sponsors are being secured for each. The work will be done in phases. There will be an initial investment and then annual maintenance fees. The next meeting is with the Garden Club and Audubon Society. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared a Boy Scout working on their Eagle Scout is exploring wood duck boxes and bird feeders. The Garden Club is exploring flowers and plants to attract birds and butterflies. Plant and Lions Club information will be available through a QR code.
- b. Osmond Park Disc Golf feedback is the course is nice and fun. It is not the easiest, but not the most difficult.
- c. Hey and Associates is completing a wetland delineation for a cut through without using Rena Avenue. July 4, 2023 is the tentative ribbon cutting for phase I – everything South of the open areas. This includes basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and the Scout area. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared he is working with the bank for 10-year financing. Phase II will bring in top soil to spread and that is why a cut through is needed to avoid trucks on Rena Avenue. An estimated 25,000 loads of dirt over 3 years will be brought in through spoils and there will be a charge to dump there. The neighboring homeowners are unhappy with children using the park for off road vehicles. A fence or deterrent needs to be put up to prevent that.
- d. Northbridge Church has expressed interest in the park co-op. They have raised over \$170,000 for an individuals with disabilities park. A semi-professional football team,

Lake County Lightening, is using Osmond Park. Trustee Smouse asked if bee keeping hives have been explored. Trustee Shepard shared there is fear of liability.

4. Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse:

- a. Storm season is approaching and more Hyper-Reach alerts will be sent.
- b. Dial-A-Ride tentatively begins in early May with no set start date. Brochures with all pertinent information are being distributed. The IGA for the new service is in effect and as soon as the new service begins, the Lake County Paratransit Agreement ends along with the Township's \$2,000 quarterly bill. The Township will no longer pay, the new service is funded at the federal and county levels. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Tri-County bus will continue one day a week to Walmart.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Executive Session: None

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 8:31 P.M. Yes: 5, No: 0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe