



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 9, 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, Assessor Perry, Highway Commissioner Ring, Clerk Dyer Dawe, and Attorney James Hartman.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** Dawn Lacas and Loon Lake Homeowners addressed the board regarding low water levels. They have contacted Tom Weber, Army Corps of Engineers and Lake County Forest Preserve, and have not gotten assistance. The water table is down two to two and a half feet below lake level. Boats are stranded with eight feet of land behind them. The beavers, beaver dams and oak logs have been removed, and a beaver deceiver installed. It is unknown who was authorized to do that. There are dead fish, and all the turtles and frogs are gone. Loud booms are being heard in the middle of the night. It is not believed to be from the drought or evaporation, the lake went down 5 inches in one night. The problem began after Lake County Forest Preserve purchased the property off Grimm Road. The homeowners questioned if the issue is related to the work the Village is doing on the Pittman Property, they observed that Sequoit Creek and the Sawmill are both dry. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Township has no jurisdiction over the lake, but can help show support and provide letters of encouragement. Vince Mosca from Hey and Associates doesn't believe it was caused from the Village work since that is so far downstream and recommended they ask the Village for the engineering drawings to see the elevation. Beaver dams being removed and channels cleaned up to remove blockage during a drought could compound the issue. Dawn Lacas shared they need to determine who is doing it and why, and need help with escalation at a higher level. Supervisor Shaughnessy will assist contacting Jim Keim at the Village and Linda Pedersen and Kevin Hunter on the Lake County Forest Preserve Board. Trustee Shepard recommended they contact the Department of Natural Resources; their job is conservation. Trustee Turner noted the Township can't rectify the problem, but can help the homeowners connect with resources.
- V. **Minutes:**
 1. The minutes of the July 12, 2023 Antioch Township Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the amended minutes as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Davis, Smouse, Turner, Shepard, Shaughnessy, No: 0.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$81,208.87. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Trustee Smouse inquired if \$38,000 is a typical amount for fireworks. Supervisor Shaughnessy noted it was \$1,700 more than last year and that is the full total, the Village paid half. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Smouse, Shaughnessy, Davis, Turner, No: 0.

2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$97,034.80. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Turner, Shepard, Shaughnessy, Davis, Smouse, No: 0.

VII. Township Officials Report:

1. Supervisor:

1. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the strategic plan is moving along with the survey based on feedback. The next step is a meeting in January after the survey results are received.

2. Clerk: None

3. **Assessor:** The assessments for the quadrennial are complete and blue sheets will be coming out. When applying for exemptions the County shares with residents no news is good news. Assessor Perry would like to start sending letters when a decision is made.

4. **Highway Commissioner:** Payne and Dolan won the low bid for the resurfacing project and the roads are being prepared for the work. The roads are Lakeside Pl, Astor St, Bolton Pl, Woodland Ave, Benes Rd, Lincoln Ave, Washington St, Madison Ave, Lincoln Dr, Bayview Dr, Heart O Lakes Ave, Margaret St, and Ester St. \$350,000 is being received from the rebuild grant. The money is put into an account and overseen by Lake County. Antioch received the largest amount in all of Lake County.

5. Trustee Reports:

1. Senior Services, Trustee Davis:

- a. 65 attended Elvis at Antioch Theater on July 31, 2023 and 23 attended lunch at Oliverri North after. 20 attended a tour of Antioch Police Station on August 3, 2023. 36 attended 80 for Brady at Antioch Theater on August 7, 2023 and 11 attended lunch at Oliverri North after. Renee Mehring is doing a fantastic job getting different age groups together with different activities.

2. Finance, Trustee Turner:

- a. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the green light was received from OSLAD to start submitting invoices for reimbursement.

3. Parks, Trustee Shepard:

- a. The pond work at Osmond is done and grass seed has been spread around it. Disc Golf is being used and the park is in good condition.
- b. Thelen Park is still in the permitting process with the hope to receive them September 15, 2023 to begin work this year. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Township can also start getting spoils and money from them to pay for phase 2. Trustee Shepard noted the Township will need to make sure the spoils are clean. Trustee Smouse inquired if a road other than Rena was looked at for access to Thelen. Trustee Shepard shared it was and the cost was too astronomical.

4. Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse: None

- VIII. New Business:** Supervisor Shaughnessy shared a new ordinance needs to be passed for the general obligation bond. It will replace ordinance 412-23-02 passed by the board on April 12, 2023. The change is from 20 years to 30 years and it subsequently changes the dollar amounts and dates. The Township will also initially issue \$2.1 million of the possible \$3.5 million now rather than \$2.6 million previously discussed. Supervisor Shaughnessy read the title of Ordinance 809-23-03 - An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), of the Township in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of purchasing and renovating a township hall

building and improving the site thereof and improving the Township's existing parks and park facilities, prescribing the details of said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Motion to approve ordinance 809-23-03 as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustee Turner questioned why the ordinance reflected the cost of the township hall is not less than \$1 million and if this ordinance is obligating the Township for 30 years. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared he will get clarification why it was written that way. The Township doesn't have to issue the full \$1 million and the obligation will be for 30 years, but the bonds can be resold after 10 years. Trustee Smouse inquired if the board was approving the change to 30 years and questioned if it obligated the Township. Supervisor Shaughnessy confirmed that is the change on the table and it doesn't obligate the Township, but puts everything in place to issue the bonds. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Davis, Smouse, Turner, Shaughnessy, No: 0.

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 Davis. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Davis, Shaughnessy, Smouse, Turner, Shepard, No: 0. The board moved into executive session at 8:26 P.M..
2. Motion to move back into open session at 9:23 P.M. was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Davis, Shepard, Turner, Smouse, Shaughnessy, No: 0.

X. Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:

1. Motion to approve the July 12, 2023 executive session minutes as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Smouse, Shaughnessy, Turner, Davis, Shepard, No: 0.

- XI. Adjournment:** There was no further business to come before the board. Trustee Shepard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M. Yes: 5, No: 0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe