



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 8, 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, Highway Commissioner Ring, Clerk Dyer Dawe, and Attorney James Hartman.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** None
- V. **Public Hearing:**
 1. Supervisor Shaughnessy conducted a public hearing concerning the intent of the Township board to sell not to exceed \$3,500,000 general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source). This is for matching funds for the OSLAD grant and repurposing costs for a potential new Township building. The public hearing is pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act (BINA) of the state of to receive public comments on the proposal to sell general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) (i) in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,000 for the purpose of purchasing and renovating a township hall building and improving the site thereof (the "Township Hall Project") ad (ii) in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the purpose of improving the Township's existing parks and park facilities (the "Parks Project"). Trustee Shepard made a motion to open the hearing for discussion, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor. Yes: 5, No: 0. The discussion regarding issuance of bonds for the Township Hall Project was opened. Trustee Turner questioned if the Township has to use any or all of the bond money. Supervisor Shaughnessy confirmed the Township does not have to, but the park bond will likely be used in the next several years for OSLAD matching grants. Supervisor Shaughnessy asked for submissions of written testimony and none were received. No oral testimony or public comments were received either. All persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony. Supervisor Shaughnessy opened the discussion regarding the issuance of bonds for the Parks Project. Trustee Turner questioned if this was for phase I funding. Supervisor Shaughnessy clarified \$2,500,000 is for the total project. \$1,600,000 for phase I and the balance is for phase II. To receive the OSLAD Grant, the Township had to show matching funds. Supervisor Shaughnessy asked for submissions of written testimony and none were received. Carol Prebianca provided a public comment inquiring if anything was being voted on this meeting and if the public would be voting on it. Supervisor Shaughnessy confirmed no and that the money is not being spent as of now. It is for the OSLAD 50% matching grant if needed and possibly for remodeling costs if a new Township hall is repurposed. The Township has worked with a bond financial institution and the bank to understand what could be afforded. Trustee Turner shared the Township was just awarded close to \$600,000 through an OSLAD matching grant and more grant money is being looked for. The Township is looking for monetary sources rather than going

to the taxpayers. All persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the issuance of the bonds. Motion to adjourn the BINA was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 - Shepard, Smouse, Davis, Shaughnessy, Turner, No: 0.

VI. Minutes:

1. The minutes of the February 8, 2023 Antioch Township Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Davis, Turner, Shepard, Shaughnessy, Smouse, No: 0.

VII. Treasurer's Report:

1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$95,656.30, including \$2,345.71 in General Assistance. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Trustee Smouse inquired what happens to unspent money from the beginning of the year with the Township on a different fiscal year than budget approval. Supervisor Shaughnessy confirmed \$240,000 is allocated for first quarter expenses and anything left goes into reserve or capital expenses. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Smouse, Davis, Turner, Shepard, Abstain: 1 – Shaughnessy, No: 0.
2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$69,109.88. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 - Shaughnessy, Turner, Davis, Smouse, Shepard, No: 0.
3. The general assistance minimum monthly payment requirement raised to \$319 from \$304.

VIII. Township Officials Report:

1. Highway Commissioner:

1. Karolina Cho with Gewalt Hamilton provided a presentation on Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The IRL 10 permit covers a 5-year span. It was supposed to be renewed in 2021, but the EPA is behind. The intent is to prevent water pollution from water running through impervious surfaces into nearby water. Gewalt Hamilton tests 20% of outfalls and catch basins for suds, oil sheen, blockage, and erosion. Streambanks are broken into 5 sections, so over 5 years 100% will be reviewed. There is a potential new requirement to be part of a watershed workshed group. Antioch is within Des Plaines and Fox watersheds, it is unclear if the requirement will be to be in one or both. Work groups monitor rivers for pollutants. Gewalt Hamilton completes the yearly report for the EPA. Highway commissioner Ring clarified the Township consists of 86.4 miles of roads, 411 roads, and 100s of catch basins and the Lake County Health Department is relied on for septic issues

2. Supervisor:

1. Resolution 0308-23-01 NFC Outdoor Fitness Court was raised. Trustee Shepard made a motion to approve Resolution 0308-23-01 as presented, seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Smouse and Turner inquired if all the sponsorship spots were secured, that previously it was determined the Township would back out without enough sponsors by march 15, 2023. Supervisor Shaughnessy indicated all sponsors weren't obtained yet, but the Township and Lions club are committed. The Village is voting tonight to sponsor \$20,000 and the Township will only move forward if that is approved. The cost is \$155,000 minus the \$50,000 grant. The goal is to obtain \$105,000 in sponsorships.
2. Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 12:30 P.M. is a 90 minute strategic plan kick-off Zoom call with Northern Illinois University.

3. Leisure Village is hosting a 70s prom on March 25, 2023 for their 50th anniversary. Politicians were asked to write letters for the 50th anniversary. Renee Mehring will present a scroll for the Township.
4. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a state of Antioch at Rivalry Alehouse on March 22, 2023 at 11:30 A.M.
5. Mike Elliott left Kluber Architects and Chris Hansen will now be completing the repurposing study for the Township. He will begin in the next couple of weeks.

3. Clerk:

1. Budget hearings are April 12, 2023. The Township hearing is at 6:30 P.M. and the Road District is at 6:45 P.M.
2. The Annual Meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.
3. Statement of Economic Interests need to be completed by May 1, 2023.
4. Early Voting at the Township is March 20, 2023 through April 1, 2023. Hours are Monday through Friday: 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Saturday: 9 A.M. to 2 P.M., Sunday: closed. Election day voting is April 4, 2023. Polls are open 6 A.M. to 7 P.M..

4. Assessor: None

5. Trustee Reports:

1. Senior Services, Trustee Davis:

- a. 25 attended An Affair to Remember at Antioch Theater on February 13, 2023 with 9 attending lunch at Oliverri North after. 30 attended Badda Boom Badda Bingo on February 16, 2023. 38 attended Music Man at Fireside Theater. 24 attended Rooster Cogburn at Antioch Theater on February 27, 2023 with 9 attending lunch at Oliverri North after. 25 attended Baby Boom at Antioch Theater on March 06, 2023 with 14 attending lunch at Oliverri North after.
- b. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Mayor is providing a senior update at the Township at 10 A.M. on March 10, 2023.

2. Finance, Trustee Turner:

- a. The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant was approved. The Township was awarded \$599,823.50 and it is matching. The grant writer was previously given an \$8,000 retainer and the Township only got 6 laptops and 4 iPads from it. With grants opportunities, a grant writer is needed. The grant writer wants a \$12,000 retainer or \$5,000 per grant. He received \$5,000 for the OSLAD grant. The safe route to school and ComEd Green Region grants were also applied for.

3. Parks, Trustee Shepard:

- a. Weather is not cooperating for the ice rink and sled hill at Osmond Park.
- b. Proposals will be received for the comfort station and maintenance building at Thelen Park. Bi-weekly project meetings are occurring. There is a meeting with Mellen and W D Blake and Sons for the well and septic. Trustee Turner recommended SOS be contacted to keep bidding competitive. The prequalification process continues for Thelen Park work and local companies were notified in an effort to try to keep taxpayer money in town. The companies selected from prequalification will have an opportunity to submit a bid. With warmer weather the ATVs are back at Thelen park. The process to move dirt needs to be confirmed.

4. Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse:

- a. PACE was able to assist a blind resident with a ride subscription that requires shifting times due to changing class schedules.
- b. There has been an increase in cars being broken into in Antioch. All the cars have been unlocked.

IX. New Business:

1. Trustee Smouse made a motion to approve the April 11, 2023 Annual Meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 - Shaughnessy, Davis, Turner, Smouse, Shepard, No: 0.
2. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Township website needs to be ADA accessible. It is being reviewed for the four levels of compliance to determine what changes are required.

X. Executive Session: None

- XI. 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 8:16 P.M. Yes: 5, No: 0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe