



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 14, 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 were Supervisor Shaughnessy, Assessor Perry, Highway Commissioner Ring, Clerk Dyer Dawe, and Attorney Hartman.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** None.
- V. **Minutes:**
 1. The minutes of the June 10, 2024 Antioch Township Regular Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Goeckner, Turner, Shaughnessy, Shepard, Smouse, No: 0.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$203,040.66. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Trustee Smouse inquired about two bills for Kotloski and the use of funds for a golf outing. Supervisor Shaughnessy clarified the Kotloski bills were two separate line items for two purposes - village meetings and website support, and the golf outing was a Municipal League event that the Township is a member of and expected to participate in events. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Smouse, Shepard, Shaughnessy, Turner, Goeckner, No: 0.
 2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$141,613.26. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Shaughnessy, Shepard, Turner, Goeckner, Abstain: 1 – Smouse, No: 0.
- VII. **Township Officials Report:**
 1. **Supervisor:**
 1. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the resolution for elected official compensation for 2025 – 2029 and the only change from the discussion two months prior was the wording for Trustee pay. A motion to approve Resolution 0814-24-01 was made by Trustee Goeckner, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Trustee Turner questioned if elected officials pay would increase after two years and Supervisor Shaughnessy confirmed 2.5% after two years and no increase the fourth year. For Trustee pay, meetings outside board meetings that Trustees attend would be presented to the board for approval of payment prior to the meeting with defined restrictions on what meetings and the number of meetings pay applies to. Trustee Turner noted that change turns the Trustee

position more into hourly employees than elected officials and worries about the legalities of it. Supervisor Shaughnessy noted paying one Trustee for a meeting versus paying all by making it a posted meeting with a quorum will save tax dollars. Attorney Hartman noted this needs to have clearly defined rules to avoid the potential for abuse. The payment for a meeting requiring full board buy in provides a level of protection. Trustee Turner noted the board and tax payers need to be protected to prevent a slippery slope. People do not run for Trustee for the money. Trustee Goeckner noted it will be important to have the approval of any payment in a public meeting. Supervisor Shaughnessy noted the board would know what the meetings are for and the payment amounts prior to approval, no approvals after meetings occur. If there are 24 scheduled meeting only 5 might get approved for payment or none or this line can be removed from the resolution all together. Attorney Hartman noted the biggest concern is there is not much case law around this with the statute requiring compensation being set for the next term, does this comply with that. Supervisor Shaughnessy recommended the Trustee line be revised and presented in a new resolution next meeting. Motion failed with a roll call vote. Yes: 0, No: 5 – Turner, Smouse, Goeckner, Shaughnessy, Shepard.

2. **Clerk:** Clerk Dyer Dawe shared the consolidated election for Antioch Township is April 1, 2025. Petitions can be circulated beginning August 20, 2024 and the filing period will be November 12 through November 18, 2024. Packets will be available at the Clerk's office.
3. **Assessor:** Assessor Perry shared the tax bill shows the amount going to all levying bodies. If the equalization goes up 12%, it does not mean taxes go up 12%. The rate should go down, but that depends on levying bodies. If the tax rate stays the same, taxes would go up 12%
4. **Highway Commissioner:** Highway Commissioner Ring shared the department is in the middle of road reconstruction projects in anticipation of resurfacing. The crew is working hard from storm clean up and is on track for fall resurfacing. Peter Baker won the July 9, 2024 bid with \$764,505.95. The roads to be paved are 1st St, 2nd St, 3rd St, Janette St, Lenora St, Park St in Warriner's Subdivision. Linden Ln, Witt Rd, Fredrick St, Lake St, Orchard St. Also, Lake Dr, Fox Ave, Petite Ave, Catherine Ave, Crawford Ave, C-Lane, Edgar Ave in Felter's Subdivision.
5. **Trustee Reports:**
 1. **Senior Services, Trustee Goeckner:**
 - a. 50 attended Beehive the 60's musical, 50 attended Million Dollar Quartet, 80 attended the ice cream social, and 80 attended Pizza with Chicago's Own Piano Man. Supervisor Shaughnessy Shared he is receiving positive feedback on Renee Mehring and people coming into the new building.
 2. **Finance, Trustee Turner:**
 - a. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the free trees are still being worked on. Lake County Arborists will help plan the next couple years to determine what free trees the Township can get and when.
 - b. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared there is a good opportunity for the new building with the Rebuilding Main Street grant.
 3. **Parks, Trustee Shepard:**

- a. Thelen Park has a lot going on. Floors for the buildings were poured, pole bases for lights have been poured, and grades for the detention ponds are being fixed. The November opening date will likely not be hit due to setbacks from weather.

4. Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse:

- a. The Democratic National Convention is starting in Chicago. There is worry about protests spilling this way.

VIII. New Business: None.

IX. Executive Session: None.

X. Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:

- 1. Motion to approve to approve the July 10, 2024 executive session meeting minutes as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Goeckner, Shepard, Shaughnessy, Smouse, Turner, No: 0.

XI. Adjournment: There was no further business to come before the board. Trustee Shepard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M. Yes: 5, No: 0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe