



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 13, 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, and Smouse. Also present were Supervisor Shaughnessy, Highway Commissioner Ring, Assessor Perry, Clerk Dyer Dawe, and Attorney James Hartman. Trustee Shepard attended remotely. Trustee Turner made a motion, seconded by Trustee Goeckner to allow Trustee Shepard to join the meeting remotely due to illness per the Township Remote Meeting Policy. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor. Yes: 5, No: 0.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** None.
- V. **Minutes:**
 1. The minutes of the October 9, 2024 Antioch Township Regular Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, 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 \$76,037.30. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Goeckner. Trustee Goeckner inquired what CCS Difference was and Supervisor Shaughnessy shared it is the owner's representative for Vern Thelen Park. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Goeckner, Turner, Shaughnessy, Smouse, Shepard, No: 0.
 2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$172,371.76. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Goeckner. Trustee Goeckner questioned what the Proline Fence bill was for and Highway Commissioner Ring clarified it was for the new fence with an electric gate around the building and supplies. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Smouse, Shaughnessy, Turner, Goeckner, No: 0.
- VII. **Township Officials Report:**
 1. **Supervisor:**
 1. Supervisor Shaughnessy addressed Ordinance 1113-24-01 Rules for Public Participation in Public Meetings. It is needed due to other Townships and Municipalities having issues with unruly participants. It reflects 5 minutes per person, 30 minutes total, and each person can only speak once. Motion to approve as presented was made by Trustee Goeckner, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shaughnessy, Smouse, Goeckner, Shepard, Turner, No: 0.
 2. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the 2025 tax levy drafts are available and nothing has been increased beyond 4.99%. Motion to approve the 2025 Township Tax Levy

Ordinance as presented was made by Trustee Goeckner, seconded by Trustee Turner. Trustee Smouse questioned if the number is higher than 4.99%. Supervisor Shaughnessy confirmed it is exactly 4.99%. Trustee Goeckner inquired if Lake County determines the amount received. Highway Commissioner Ring confirmed the Township requests the amount and Lake County decides what will be received. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Turner, Smouse, Goeckner, Shaughnessy, No: 0.

3. Motion to approve the 2025 Road District Tax Levy Ordinance as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Turner. Trustee Goeckner questioned if the 4.99% was enough. Highway Commissioner Ring confirmed it was. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Turner, Goeckner, Smouse, Shepard, Shaughnessy, No: 0.
4. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared Thanksgiving baskets with the Lions and Rotary Clubs will be put together on November 22, 2024 and distributed November 23, 2024.
5. Supervisor Shaughnessy proposed the 2025 board meeting calendar be changed to the second Monday of the month at 6:00PM to avoid conflicts with the Village meetings in order to have representatives at each other's meetings for open communication and understanding. The board agreed on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. Trustee Turner wants to ensure the change does not impact bill payment.
6. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Blue Cross Blue Shield 2025 renewal is under consideration. Blue Cross is trying to keep rates down by increasing deductibles.

1. **Clerk:** The petition filing period for Township elected officials is November 12 through November 15 from 8:30 to 11:30AM and on November 18, 2024 from 1:00 – 5:00PM.

2. **Assessor:** Appeals have closed, hearings are beginning, and evidence is being finalized. A welcome letter is sent to anyone that purchases a home in the Township telling them about available exemptions. The purchase price will be honored for the prior tax year if the assessed value is higher. The window to do that for 2023 and 2024 purchases is closing.

3. **Highway Commissioner:** The resurfacing project is being finished. The mechanics are getting equipment ready for winter.

4. **Trustee Reports:**

1. **Senior Services, Trustee Goeckner:**

- a. 20 attended a GenLink event hosted by high school students on October 11, 2024. On October 22, 2024 Jim Moran provided a private tour of Sequoit Creek Park. 30 attended trivia on October 24, 2024. A large group participated in writing holiday cards for military troops, families, and veterans on November 11, 2024. Renee Mehring visited Grass Lake School to start an intergenerational program.
- b. A \$5,000 donation to the Antioch Senior Friends senior program was received by the Georgia Bookwalter Trust.

2. **Finance, Trustee Turner:**

- a. The Rebuild Downtown and Main Street grant was denied due to the building predominantly being government use.
- b. \$50,000 was awarded from the DCEO grant.
- c. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared a District 34 Term Sheet Proposal where the district is asking for the Township's support. District 34 is proposing the surplus be dispersed among all taxing bodies. Trustee Turner made a motion, seconded by

Trustee Goeckner to support the term sheet as presented by District 34. Motion carried with a voice vote. Yes: 4, No: 1 - Shepard.

3. Parks, Trustee Shepard:

- a. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the pickleball courts are up at Vern Thelen Park and water hookup is going in the bathrooms. There will be a soft opening for neighbors. The grand opening will be around Arbor Day, the Thelen Family is being consulted.
- b. Marcia Linderman is beginning as the Park Cooperative Manager on November 14, 2024 through an internship paid by Lake County Workforce for 5 to 6 months.

4. Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse:

- a. Homeland Security and FBI have no alerts, but heightened sense through January.
- b. There is an app for phones where buses can be watched real time. This could be explored for an individual in town having difficulties getting home from meetings.

VIII. New Business:

1. Trustee Souse made a motion, seconded by Trustee Goeckner to approve Resolution 1113-24-02 termination of the 2004 Township Parks Cooperative as presented. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared he spoke to Administrator Guttschow and Mayor Gartner. A rewrite has unsuccessfully been tried multiple times. Travel sports grew and are not charged to use or maintain fields. Marsha Linderman will handle 501c3 paperwork. There would be a board with representatives from the Township, Village, and community. Trustee Turner inquired why this must be terminated before something new is in place or why it must be if it is expired. Noting if the 501c3 is not successful the Township will have to write a new IGA. Supervisor Shaughnessy noted it was not followed and is not enforceable. This is in cooperation with the Village, who will also terminate on their side, and it is good for taxing bodies to work together. Trustee Goeckner questioned who has authority over the park. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Township owns the bottom 30 acres that has been developed and is in charge of the park. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Smouse, Shepard, Goeckner, Shaughnessy, No: 1 – Turner.
2. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared in April 2023 the board approved \$3.5 million in general obligation bonds. \$2.1 million has been issued. The additional \$1.4 million is needed to complete projects. \$900,000 for the building with \$500,000 for ADA accessibility and Assessor entrance of the building, and approximately \$150,000 towards other proposals. \$500,000 is to complete the end of Vern Thelen Park. Trustee Goeckner questioned the rate and Supervisor Shaughnessy noted it will be determined at issuance. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 3 – Shepard, Shaughnessy, Goeckner, No: 2 – Smouse, Turner.
3. Supervisor Shaughnessy discussed returning the Bitner property to the Village since the Township does not have a need for it anymore. Trustee Smouse indicated the Township needs to recuperates money invested into the property. Supervisor Shaughnessy is looking into records to determine what makes sense to ask for.

IX. Executive Session: None.

- X. Adjournment:** There was no further business to come before the board. Trustee Smouse made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Goeckner. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M. Yes: 5, No: 0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe