



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 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, Clerk Dyer Dawe, and Attorney James Hartman.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** None
- V. **Minutes:**
 1. The minutes of the October 11, 2023 Antioch Township 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 – Smouse, Davis, Shaughnessy, Turner, Shepard No: 0.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$60,651.65. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustee Davis inquired what the VFW Mannequin donation and Rings Radiator red truck repair were for. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the mannequins were donated to the VFW to display uniforms for the five branches and the truck repair was putting on more band aids. The Township is possibly looking into a used truck coming up in auction. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Shepard, Davis, Shaughnessy, Turner, Abstain: 1 – Smouse, No: 0.
 2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$91,237.12. 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.
- VII. **Township Officials Report:**
 1. **Supervisor:** There is a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Tank on Toft on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 11 A.M.
 2. **Clerk:** Levy approval will be in the December 2023 board meeting.
 3. **Assessor:** None
 4. **Highway Commissioner:** None
 5. **Trustee Reports:**
 1. **Senior Services, Trustee Davis:**
 - a. 30 attended Haunted Mansion at Antioch Theater on October 16, 2023 and 10 attended lunch at Oliverri North after. 26 attended Badda Boom Badda Bingo on October 19, 2023. 18 attended a tour of Horvat Nursery on October 20, 2023. 83

attended the Township Health Fair on October 26, 2023. 50 attended Reflections restaurant on November 2, 2023. 34 attended The Age of Adeline at Antioch Theater on November 6, 2023 and 14 attended lunch at Oliverri North after.

- b. Supervisor Shaughnessy read a letter dated October 26, 2023 – Dear Mr. Shaughnessy, I have read numerous news stories and opinion columns about the issue of elder loneliness in our culture. Many older folks are suffering from the lack of contact with other people on a regular basis to the disadvantage of their own health status. You have sponsored day trips (a recent one was to Chicago, others to Geneva Lake), movies, luncheons with entertainers, and other events. It allows folks a chance to look forward to an outing, to see new experiences, to meet new folks and build a friendship if so inclined, and to just have an excuse to get out of the house with a day or hours of exercising movement. The public safety (fewer folks) and health benefits (stronger bodies and mental acuity) are not to be considered marginal in my opinion. Your motivations to host these types of events are multiple, I am sure, but I do think one of the most underrated is to help reduce elder periods of loneliness. This is a great benefit. The Township has a beautiful role to play in providing this service for the public. I hope families and voters are grateful you all do this. It is my understanding that Renee Mehring is the person who organizes these events and outings. The feedback I have heard is that they are considerably thought out and the perspective of participant needs is part of the attraction for participation. You provide other important services to all residents, but I wanted to take a few moments to highly praise this one in particular. I'm afraid that maybe it flies under the radar and does not receive the attention and praise both the programs and work of Mehring deserve. Both she and the colleagues who help her with this program deserve high praise indeed. Bless your work, Kenneth Patchen.

2. Finance, Trustee Turner: None

3. Parks, Trustee Shepard:

- a. The windmills and aerators for Osmond were received and electrical to the pond was done. The ice rink frame is up and the bathrooms are being winterized. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported \$600-\$800 in vandalism was caught on camera and the police department is working with the vandal's parents for reimbursement. The security cameras are working except for license plate reading at night.
- b. The Thelen permit process is slow and might delay things until spring. Trees might be removed now to avoid long-eared bat timing. A letter was received from the fire department waiving the new sprinkler requirement. A fire alarm for sensor issues is needed, but not cost prohibiting. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the no trespassing signs were torn down and without permits, only the entrance can be blocked.

4. Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse:

- a. Transportation is going smoothly.
- b. Fire Chief Cokefair was contacted regarding Hyper-Reach. 11,400 users signed up. It is unknown how many dropped the service. It was not activated during the hostage situation for unknown reasons by the police. It is being promoted through Fox Waterway, but a big spike wasn't seen. It is being promoted during open houses as well. A push for sign up from the Village and Township would be helpful.

VIII. New Business:

1. Renee Mehring shared the implementation of a new senior membership fee. Research from surrounding towns showed majority have one. The fee will be \$25 for Antioch residents/\$40

for family and \$35 for non-residents/\$60 non-resident family. There are over 1,000 seniors on the mailing list. The membership will keep costs lower and there will still be free events. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared it had already been vetted legally.

2. April Dattalo discussed the Decennial Committee. The first meeting was in April 2022 and one meeting is required within one year of that and the report must complete within 18 months of that. The second meeting was held during the November 2023 board meeting. Key members were reached out to and a solid first draft was created. Now the committee needs to showcase how the Township is relevant and made things better. Who the Township is, what the Township does, what the Township does well, where the Township can improve, and who the Township works with. Supervisor Shaughnessy asked each Trustee to write a paragraph on their respective committees and projects.
3. Motion to approve the 2024 Township Board Meeting Calendar as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Turner, Shepard, Smouse, Davis, 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 – Shepard, Davis, Smouse, Shaughnessy, Turner, No: 0. The board moved into executive session at 7:41 P.M..
2. Motion to move back into open session at 8:01 P.M. was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Smouse, Davis, Shaughnessy, Turner, Shepard, No: 0.

- X. 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 8:02 P.M. Yes: 5, No: 0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe