



## ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 10, 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: Turner, Shepard, and Smouse. Also present were Supervisor Shaughnessy, Assessor Perry, Highway Commissioner Ring, Clerk Dyer Dawe, and Attorney James Hartman.
- IV. **Oath of Office:** The Oath of Office for Bruce Goeckner, newly appointed Trustee, was administered by Clerk Dyer Dawe.
- V. **Citizen Comments:** Bob Wonderling told the board that they took an oath of the constitution of the United States and the state of Illinois. That it is the bedrock of all laws and every decision made should be based against the constitution.
- VI. **Minutes:**
  1. The minutes of the December 9, 2023 Antioch Township Special Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Shepard, Shaughnessy, Turner, Goeckner, No: 0, Abstain: 1 – Smouse.
  2. The minutes of the December 13, 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 – Goeckner, Turner, Shepard, Smouse, Shaughnessy, No: 0.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report:**
  1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$63,543.39. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Trustee Smouse inquired about the Granite Intermedia CCS Difference expenses. Supervisor Shaughnessy noted Granite Intermedia is a phone service with an annual savings of roughly \$500. Trustee Shepard shared CCS Difference is a management company for Thelen Park. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Smouse, Shaughnessy, Goeckner, Turner, No: 0.
  2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$44,735.03. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Turner, Smouse, Goeckner, Shepard, Shaughnessy, No: 0.
- VIII. **Township Officials Report:**
  1. **Supervisor:** Marsha Linderman was introduced. She is a no cost intern working with Renee Mehring to fulfill 160 hours towards her Bachelor's degree.

2. **Clerk:** Statement of Economic Interests are coming out soon.
3. **Assessor:** Loon Lake levels are back to normal. 2023 appeals are done. 1.2% of property owners filed appeals and decision letters will be received in four to six weeks.
4. **Highway Commissioner:** The highway department is preparing for Friday's snow storm.
5. **Trustee Reports:**
  1. **Senior Services, Trustee Davis:**
    - a. 39 attended Badda Boom Badda Bingo on December 14, 2023. 10 attended a tour of Rustic and Reclaimed on December 14, 2023. 29 attended Christmas in Connecticut at Antioch Theatre on December 18, 2023 and 9 attended lunch at Oliverri North after. 45 attended Oppenheimer at Antioch Theatre on January 8, 2024 and 10 attended lunch at Oliverri North after.
  2. **Finance, Trustee Turner:** The ComEd Green Region grant for \$10,000 was denied. The \$220,000 IDNR Bike Path grant was denied. The OSLAD Phase 2 grant for \$599,822.50 is still pending and so is the Safe Routes to School grant for \$250,000.
  3. **Parks, Trustee Shepard:**
    - a. There might be cold weather for the ice rink and snow for the sled hill at Osmond.
    - b. The Thelen Park project is still stuck in permitting.
  4. **Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse:**
    - a. Try to get additional people to sign up for Hyper-Reach prior to the snow storm.
    - b. The busing went as expected over the holiday. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the RecPlex bus got canceled. The Township has a bus and is looking for ideas to use the bus as a fixed service route to try to give more to the community in that area.

**IX. New Business:**

1. Supervisor Shaughnessy read and presented Judith Davis with a proclamation and a service plaque in honor of her retirement. Additional accolades for her commitment to the community and Boy Scouts were given by Linda Pedersen and Trustee Goeckner.
2. Trustee Smouse shared a second amendment resolution. There are 102 counties in Illinois and 91 have declared themselves second amendment sanctuaries. Other Townships has done this as well. A resolution will not have teeth, but would show the Township's support of the second amendment and to uphold the constitution. Trustee Turner noted he doesn't disagree with the resolution, but it would be nice to have the Village pass it as a joint venture. He also inquired if it was legal to do and Attorney Hartman shared it would only be an expression on feeling and where the Township stands. Supervisor Shaughnessy inquired if the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) or Lake County have taken a stance. TOI's stance was unknown and Linda Pedersen confirmed Lake County has not discussed this. Trustee Shepard would like more time to research this and talk to constituents. Supervisor Shaughnessy noted he did not like the word sanctuary and this is not a black and white topic. Supervisor Shaughnessy will reach out to TOI, Linda Pedersen will raise it to the Lake County Board, and Trustee Smouse can attend the Supervisor lunch to address the topic. Trustee Smouse recommended the topic be tabled for next month.
3. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared an executive order from the Village of Hillside prohibiting unscheduled intercity buses. Mayor Gartner drafted an ordinance for the loading and unloading of passengers within the Village of Antioch to present to the

Village board. Supervisor Shaughnessy noted no action is needed from the Township, but requested it be read and understood. The Township can't enforce anything.

4. Lake County Board Representative, Linda Pedersen, shared that State law was put in place in unincorporated areas that if solar farms meet all the requirements and they submit everything correctly, they must be approved.

**X. Executive Session:**

1. Motion to suspend the open meeting to go into executive session to discuss real estate and the semi-annual review of executive session minutes for release versus non-release was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Goeckner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Goeckner, Turner, Shaughnessy, Shepard, Smouse, No: 0. The board moved into executive session at 7:48 P.M..
2. Motion to move back into open session at 8:00 P.M. was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Goeckner, Turner, Smouse, Shaughnessy, Shepard, No: 0.

- XI. Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:** Motion to approve Resolution 110-24-01 and not release any minutes within the resolution was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Smouse, Shaughnessy, Shepard, Goeckner, Turner, No: 0.

- XII. 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 8:07 P.M. Yes: 5, No: 0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe