



## ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2021

- 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. **Minutes:** The minutes of the November 10, 2021 Antioch Township Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the amended minutes as presented electronically was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Shepard, Davis, Smouse, Shaughnessy, No: 0, Absent: 1 - Turner.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - 1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$45,944.25, including \$1,689.65 in General Assistance. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Smouse, Davis, Shaughnessy, Shepard, No: 0, Absent: 1- Turner.
  - 2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$85,972.39. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Davis, Shepard, Shaughnessy, Smouse, No: 0, Absent: 1- Turner.
- V. **Township Officials Report:**
  - A. **Supervisor:**
    - 1. Mike Elliott with Kluber Architects shared a presentation on the Community Center Project. The design is conceptual and not a final version. Different needs were identified and the building design was sectioned into 3 zones: Administration office, multi-purpose, fitness/gym. The Assessor's Office would also be in the administrative section of the building. The entire building would be linked by a lobby and hallways. A catered kitchen would be available with a space that can accommodate up to 300 people for events such as classes or weddings. The space would open to an outdoor area with views of the wetlands. The design includes an elementary sized gym with a spectator area and different fitness rooms for classes such as yoga, as well as a room with fitness equipment. The site is located at North Avenue and Nelson Road in Antioch, IL.
    - 2. **Citizen Comments:** Carol Prebianca voiced concern about parking at the proposed community center and requested parking closer to the building. Supervisor Shaughnessy noted there will be ample parking for a 300 person event and Mike Elliott noted they will look at bringing parking closer. Carol Prebianca also questioned where senior activities would be and thought it could be a lot of walking. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared that the rooms are for a multitude of ages and purposes. Senior activities can take place in any of the areas. Mike Elliott shared that there will be seating throughout the building to take a break from walking if needed.

Heather Devine thanked the board for putting this idea forward and believes it is needed. She thinks the work at Osmond Park is amazing and has a lot of confidence in the next project. She questioned if there will be a membership fee. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared that the particulars need to be worked out, and that the Township is working closely with the Village and their Parks and Recreations department. Heather Devine also inquired if an indoor pool is being considered. Supervisor Shaughnessy stated it is not, that the Township is trying to effectively handle senior services for the Village and the Township and have recreation areas while effectively using taxpayer money. Heather Devine also asked if there was room for growth. Supervisor Shaughnessy didn't believe so.

Jackie Bennecke is excited and expressed interest in a pool. She asked if a walking track above the gym similar to Lindenhurst Park District has been looked into. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared that has not been looked into yet. Antioch does not have a park district taxing body and the Township has not asked for a tax increase in over 30 years. Jackie Bennecke asked how long this will take. Mike Elliott commented they anticipate 12-14 month for construction. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared he is hopeful for Spring 2024.

Mary Priller asked if there are plans to work with best practices environmentally for solar panels and grants. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Township is working with Congressmen, Senators, and State Representatives to see what grant opportunities exist after approval. Mike Elliott shared the goal is for the building to be as sustainable as possible, such as renewable energy and solar. Mary Priller also asked if a charging station has been looked into. Mike Elliott commented those considerations will be put into any final planning. Inside, as much natural light as possible will be taken advantage of. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared Trustee Turner has been working with ComEd regarding help with construction of a new building and grant money.

Carol Prebianca asked if food will be served and if there will be a dining room. Supervisor Shaughnessy commented there will be food, but no dining room. Food can be brought in by vendors, but will not be cooked onsite and involvement from the Health Department will not be needed.

Jackie Bennecke asked what will happen to the current Township building. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared that the Township owns one third, Lake Villa one third, and the High School one third. An appraisal would be done and the other two would buy out the Township's one third ownership. Jackie Bennecke also asked if there will be open green space for fields and parks. Supervisor Shaughnessy commented that has not been looked into yet. Mike Elliott shared that the building would sit on a hill and the property then drops down. There are walking trails in the Arbors of Windmill Creek, which is at the edge of the property.

Heather Devine inquired if the land is being donated. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Village currently owns the property and had plans for a recreation center until the William's Park pool was updated. The Township has been looking for property or another building for over three years. Other open properties as well as St Peter and the Learning Center were explored. This site gets the Township back into Antioch and is an ideal cooperation to show the Township and Village are working together.

Bruce Goeckner questioned what will happen to the site if the referendum does not pass. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Village is passing a resolution to give the property to the Township and the Township is passing an ordinance to accept the

property. The Village and Township are also entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement together. If the Township does not do anything with the property by 2037, it reverts back to the Village. If the referendum doesn't pass, the Township will stay in the current building.

Jeff Rosenthal asked via the GoToMeeting chat how the Village is involved if there is a partnership or sharing agreement. Supervisor Shaughnessy commented the Village is working with the Township regarding handling Senior Services and deeding the Township the property to put up the building.

Dennis Dyer shared through the GoToMeeting that this looks nice and asked if a cost analysis has been done on an indoor pool that it might garner support. A pool is not being looked into.

3. Motion to approve Ordinance #1208-21 Requesting the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located Within the Village of Antioch to the Township of Antioch, County of Lake, State of Illinois was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Shepard, Smouse, Davis, Shaughnessy, No: 0, Absent: 1- Turner. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared that the next step is to begin paperwork to take over the property and put this on for referendum in November 2022. The board has been provided the IGA and the Village's resolution and TOIRMA Insurance Coverage, which takes effect immediately.

**B. Clerk:** No update.

**C. Assessor:** No update.

**D. Highway Commissioner:**

1. Highway Commissioner Ring shared that after 24 years of dedicated service, Dave Horton is retiring and he will be truly missed.

**E. Trustee Reports:**

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

2. 61 seniors attended Badda Boom Badda Bingo on November 18, 2021. Raffles were held and turkeys with sides were given away. 20-25 attended Planes, Trains, and Automobiles at the Antioch Theatre on December 6, 2021. 14 attended the \$11.00 lunch at Oliverii North after. December 15, 2021 is Holiday Inn at Fireside in Fort Atkinson, WI. December 21, 2021 is the Holiday Luncheon For \$10.00 per person at the VFW from 11:30 – 2:00 P.M. It is \$10.00 per person and close to 200 people are signed up. January 3, 2022 the movie at Antioch Theatre at 10:00 A.M. will be The Devil Wears Prada. Valet parking and free popcorn will be available. January 11, 2022 is Queen Elizabeth live by Leslie Goddard at the Township building in Steve Smouse Hall for \$20.00 per person from 9:30 A.M – 11:00 A.M.

**3. Finance, Trustee Turner:** No update.

**4. Parks, Trustee Shepard:**

- a. The parks crew are winding down for the year, and are doing maintenance and setting up for next year.
- b. An Engineering firm was met with at Thelen to discuss ideas. The design includes open space at the back end, incorporating the work the Goeckner family has done, putting in basketball and pickleball courts, an obstacle course, ample parking, and some other items. The plans are being put in to be shovel ready when grants

become available. The Engineering firm will come back in approximately a month with ideas and costs to get that done. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported that this project is in the future and the work is being done to get ready to be able to apply for an OSLAD Grant and the Township is near the top of the list for eligibility. Steve Thelen is assisting with financial ideas to pay for topography work and other items. The Civil Engineer will put a topography plan together to understand how to grade the property. An agreement was made with Stormwater Management Fox Waterway regarding final grading and the Township is still working with them.

**5. Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse:**

- a. Ride Lake County is slated for Spring. Trustee Shepard inquired about the test calls from Hyper-Reach and asked if the calls will come from the same number every time. Trustee Smouse shared there is one number for the Township, one for the Village, and one for Fire and they will be the same each time. Trustee Shepard recommended everyone be told to program the number from the tests into their phone since the test number came up as spam for him.

**VI. New Business:**

- A. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Lions Club and Township will be providing Christmas baskets. Baskets will be put together at the Township December 17, 2021 from 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M and picked up December 18, 2021 at the Township from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.. The Township is providing 45 baskets, the Lions Club 40-45, and the Rotary Club additional baskets. Anyone that needs help can call the Township office to request a basket.
- B. Trustee Davis made a motion to adopt the 2021 Township Tax Levy Ordinance 22, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 3 – Davis, Shepard, Shaughnessy, No: 1 - Smouse, Absent: 1 - Turner.
- C. Trustee Shepard made a motion to adopt the 2021 Road District Tax Levy Ordinance 22, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Davis, Shaughnessy, Shepard, Smouse, No: 0, Absent: 1 - Turner.

**VII. Executive Session:** None

**VIII. 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 7:47 P.M. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 - Turner.

**Present:** Supervisor – Tom Shaughnessy  
Trustees – Judy Davis, Kris Shepard, Jeff Smouse  
Clerk – Meghan Dyer Dawe  
Highway Commissioner – Eric Ring

**Absent:** Trustee – Steve Turner

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe