



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2022

- 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, Highway Commissioner Ring, Clerk Dyer Dawe, and Attorney James Hartman.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** None.
- V. **Minutes:**
 1. The minutes of the October 12, 2022 Antioch Township Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shaughnessy, Davis, Smouse, Shepard, Turner, No: 0.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$47,313.63, including \$88.11 in General Assistance. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustee Smouse inquired if the Lawn Doctor bill was for next year, what they do, and what chemicals are used as the Township needs to be careful with water flowing into Little Silver Lake. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared a discount is provided paying in advance, the work is for all of Osmond Park and the sled hill, and the chemicals used can be looked further into to ensure safety. Trustee Turner inquired what the Strategia Communications bill was for. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported it was for communications help for Progress 4 Antioch. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Smouse, Shepard, Davis, Turner, Shaughnessy, No: 0.
 2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$75,625.34. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Smouse, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Turner, Shaughnessy, Davis, Shepard, Smouse, No: 0.
- VII. **Township Officials Report:**
 1. **Supervisor:**
 1. Supervisor Shaughnessy read a statement regarding the referendum results. "It is encouraging that more than one-third of voters are in favor of the Antioch Township Community Center. While the outcome isn't what we hoped for, we will evaluate and move forward. We are grateful to our community leaders who worked as Antioch Ambassadors to represent this project, and share information with their families, friends, and civic organization colleagues. Unfortunately, timing may be a factor in the outcome of the election. We are inspired by the number of yes votes and are driven to continue pursuing the Antioch Township Community Center. Antioch residents of all

ages deserve the quality amenities offered in other communities. We will consider our options, we will regroup, and assess the next steps in our continuing efforts to make this happen. I will come back to this board with some concepts for consideration in the very near future.” Trustee Smouse requested a total spent from conception until now. Supervisor Shaughnessy will provide complete accounting. Promotional activities were paid for personally, Township funds were only spent on informational items. Trustee Turner shared the idea is fantastic for the community, but the timing was bad and encourages the board to continue with the community center concept.

2. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Township is putting together Thanksgiving baskets with the Lions Club. Baskets will be put together from 4 P.M. – 5P.M. November 18, 2022 and distributed November 19, 2022. There will be around 55 from the Lions Club, 45 from the Township, and 75 from the Rotary Club. Christmas baskets with the Lions Club will be put together December 16, 2022 and distributed December 17, 2022.
3. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported that Renee Mehring was hired as Director of Community Senior Services. She starts November 28, 2022 and has over 20 years of experience with senior work, and has been an Antioch resident for over 20 years.
4. Supervisor Shaughnessy addressed leveraging Courtney Kotloski as a Communication/Public Relations Coordinator for social media, print and digital content, internal communications, newsletters, etc....for \$65 per hour working on call as needed. A proposal was provided to the board and Supervisor Shaughnessy recused himself from the conversation based on Courtney Kotloski being his daughter. Trustee Turner made a motion to discuss in executive session due to it being a personnel topic, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Shepard, Turner, Smouse, Davis, No: 0, Abstain: 1 - Shaughnessy.

2. Clerk:

1. Supervisor Shaughnessy thanked Clerk Dyer Dawe for her work on the election.

3. Assessor: No update.

- 4. Highway Commissioner:** The asphalt project is complete and went smooth. There is an invoice from Payne and Dolan for approximately \$864,000. The Highway Department crew is finishing up shoulder gravel, tree trimming, and getting ready for winter.

5. Trustee Reports:

1. Senior Services, Trustee Davis:

- a. October 14, 2022 was Fall Colors on the River Boat (Rock River). 88 attended and there was lunch on the boat. 13 attended Psycho at Antioch Theater on October 17, 2022, with 6 attending lunch at Oliverri North after. 19 attended 1917 at Antioch Theater on November 7, 2022, with 4 attending lunch at Oliverri North after.
- b. Trustee Shaughnessy discussed My Senior Center Program, a membership card program that leverages marketing sponsorship ads. Documentation was provided to the board. The first year would be \$7,570 with an annual subscription of \$2,690 for up to 5,000 people. Trustee Smouse asked if there is a list of references and what seniors will receive. Supervisor Shaughnessy noted that will be looked into and no action will be taken until Renee Mehring assesses and provides recommendations.

2. Finance, Trustee Turner:

- a. SAM and GATA renewals have been completed after delays due to issues with past registrations using different names.

- b. A potential Grant for watershed management and pollution control was sent over from Lake County Stormwater Management. The Township is not eligible without the new building moving forward.
 - c. Supervisor Shaughnessy received an opportunity for a \$50,000 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois National Fitness Campaign grant if a fitness court is installed. The price is \$137,350 after the \$50,000 grant is applied, with the total including the concrete slab and installation. The back could be a personalized vinyl wrap. Colonel Paul Hettich and the VFW asked if there is an opportunity to do a Veteran's memorial and the back wrap could be leveraged for that. The Grant drops from \$50,000 to \$30,000 next spring. The board determined the Township should ask for donations and sponsorship from organizations that could be featured on the wrap to offset costs. There is not enough time to solicit sponsors in 2022 and the Township should hold off on applying for the grant until 2023 when there is time to obtain sponsors and monetary donations to reduce costs.
 - d. Tom Weber's office sent 7 grant opportunities, but the Township doesn't qualify.
- 3. Parks, Trustee Shepard:**
- a. Supervisor Shaughnessy reviewed a proposal for Thelen Park that includes an architectural service fee for \$37,695. The work is for a 735 square foot comfort station including washrooms for \$294,000 and a 735 square foot storage building for \$200 per square foot for \$148,000. With multiple concurrent projects, Trustee compensation for additional meetings needs to be determined. It will be added to next month's board meeting and the board was asked to come with ideas.
 - b. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared a \$9,089.37 proposal from NiceRink for a 60x96 ice rink at Osmond Park due to the freezing and leveling issues of the current ice rink the past several years. The rink will have side boards from 12 inches to 2.5 feet based on the slope and kicker boards inside. The initial cost is \$9,089.37. Trustee Shepard made a motion to approve the NiceRink proposal for \$9,089.37, seconded by Trustee Turner. Trustee Turner questioned if higher boards were available to play hockey. Supervisor Shaughnessy didn't see them and noted scheduling for hockey and open skate is difficult. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 3 – Shepard, Turner, Shaughnessy, No: 2 – Smouse, Davis. Trustee Smouse doesn't see a cost benefit with prior use and Trustee Davis doesn't want to spend money on it.
 - c. A \$2,861.60 perennial order is being placed for 6 beds at Osmond Park for a Spring delivery. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported the park co-op agreement with the Village and affiliated programs is being worked on. Only OSLAD grant money is being used. The Township will pay for the plantings to go in and then obtain sponsors to purchase and maintain each plot. Trustee Turner requested documentation if proposed costs will be taxpayer dollars or OSLAD grant money to aid in decision making. The Village, Viking, AYLL Baseball and Softball, and semi-pro football have been getting invoiced. All OSLAD grant accounting will be provided.
 - d. Highway Commissioner Ring has a truck rented to clear catch basins and offered to assist with clearing them at Osmond Park.
- 4. Public Safety and Transportation, Trustee Smouse:**
- a. The bus is going well. There is a meeting with Lake County Transportation Alliance on November 18, 2022.
 - b. Hyper-Reach was successful with the incident at Antioch High School.

- c. Meeting safety needs to be addressed with threats to public figures up 800%, most at the State and Federal level. Trustee Smouse proposed the Township hire an off-duty Lake Villa officer to attend meetings as a security officer. The Township has not had issues, but should plan for worst case scenario. Supervisor Shaughnessy doesn't think it's necessary for every meeting, but if there is a controversial topic. Supervisor Shaughnessy will reach out to the Lake Villa Police Department for cost.

VIII. New Business:

1. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the tax levies will be available for inspection by November 23, 2022. The levies will be under 5.0 and will not require a public hearing.
2. The 2023 Township Meeting Calendar was provided. Motion to approve the 2023 Township Board Meeting Calendar as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Smouse. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor. Yes: 5, No: 0.

IX. Executive Session:

1. Motion to suspend the open meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel under the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Davis, Smouse, Shaughnessy, Shepard, Turner, No: 0. The board moved into executive session at 8:25 P.M..
2. Motion to move back into open session at 8:39 P.M. was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor. Yes: 5, No: 0.

- X. Adjournment:** There was no further business to come before the board. Trustee Smouse made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M. Yes: 5, No: 0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe