



## ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 12, 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. **Citizen Comments:** Supervisor Shaughnessy introduced April Dattalo, the Township's new Administrative Clerk, replacing Sheila Dvorak at retirement. April will be a great asset with her background and expertise.
- iv. **Minutes:** The minutes of the December 8, 2021 Antioch Township Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the amended minutes as presented electronically was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Supervisor Shaughnessy requested a correction on the roll call tally for Road District bills from 5 to 4 as only 4 names were listed under yes. Trustees Shepard and Davis withdrew their motion and second to accept. Trustee Shepard made a motion to approve the minutes with tonight's correction, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried will a voice vote. Yes: 5, No: 0.
- V. **Treasurer's Report:**
  1. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$83,994.12, including \$4,521.76 in General Assistance. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried will a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Turner, Shaughnessy, Davis, Smouse, No: 0.
  2. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$324,602.87. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Turner. Trustee Smouse abstained from the vote due to a bill related to his company's work being presented for payment. Motion carried will a roll call vote. Yes: 4 – Davis, Shaughnessy, Turner, Shepard, No: 0, Abstain: 1 - Smouse.
- VI. **Township Officials Report:**
  - A. **Supervisor:**
    1. Lake County Waste Hauling and Open Burning information was provided to the board. A vote occurred in the County Board to consolidate waste hauling and place permanent burning restrictions. Northern Lake County will have Groot and Southern Lake County will have Lakeshore Recycling Services. Towns and Homeowner Associations with regulations in place and commercial contracts are excluded. All other Northern Lake County residents will be mandated to use Groot effective June 1, 2022. The cost will be \$20.52 per month with a 10 percent senior discount. White goods will be \$45 per item. A landscape program will be available from April 1 to December 15 for a \$210 flat rate and includes 6, 32-gallon containers per week. A \$3 per bag per sticker charge will be incurred if containers aren't used. Burning will be limited to November 1 through March 31 each year with a hose or fire extinguisher present. Only woody items can be

burned, leaf and grass can't be burned at any time. Recreational fires must be contained to three feet by three feet by three feet and can't include non-woody landscape or garbage. Supervisor Shaughnessy asked the board to familiarize themselves with the regulations in order to assist constituents with questions.

2. An example petition to get a bond referendum question on the November 2022 ballot was provided. The plan is to include the bond referendum as an agenda item for the annual town meeting. Clerk Dyer Dawe shared March 1, 2022 is the last date for 15 or more registered voters to request an agenda item for the annual town meeting, the board must approve the agenda by March 28, 2022, and the annual meeting is on April 12, 2022.
- B. Clerk:** Congratulated and thanked the newly retired Assessor, Heather Kufalk-Marotta on her many years of dedicated service to the Township.
- C. Assessor:** Supervisor Shaughnessy congratulated Heather Kufalk-Marotta on her 41 years of service and welcomed the new Assessor, Lee Perry. Assessor Perry reported it is the senior freeze annual renewal period and it can be done online or by calling the Assessor's office. The tentative equalization factor is increasing by 7%. Antioch Township has the most diverse neighborhoods in the County. A person from the Assessor's office looks at the multiple listing service daily to look at home characteristics to do better valuations to keep the equalization factor down.
- D. Highway Commissioner:** Spoke to Lake County Board Representative, Linda Pedersen, regarding the new open burning ban. Lake County Building and Zoning will be responsible for enforcing the mandate.
- E. Trustee Reports:**
1. **Senior Services, Trustee Davis:**
    - a. 176 seniors attended the Jolly Holiday Luncheon at the VFW on December 27, 2021. It was a great event and \$500 was collected to purchase chocolate and socks for our Troops. 10 attended The Devil Wears Prada at the Antioch Theatre on January 3, 2022 followed by lunch at Oliverii North. 20 attended Leslie Goddard/Queen Elizabeth at the Township on January 11, 2022. January 17, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. is Grumpy Old Men at the Antioch Theatre followed by lunch at Oliverii North. January 27, 2022 is Badda Boom Badda Bingo at the Township building at 9:30 A.M. February 7, 2022 is Knives Out at 10:00 A.M. at the Antioch Theatre followed by lunch at Oliverii North. 2 movies a month will now be played. February 9, 2022 is West Side Story at Marriott Lincolnshire with lunch. The bus departs the Township at 10:00 A.M. and the cost is \$65.00 per person.
  2. **Finance, Trustee Turner:**
    - a. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported that letters have been sent to all elected officials about the Community Center Project. Responses were received from Congresswoman Underwood and Senator Wilcox. Community project funding for 2022 is complete, but the Township can prepare for 2023 funding. The USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program might be a possibility. Trustee Turner reviewed Governor Pritzker's Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program Funding for 45 million dollars and doesn't believe the Township's project fits into the program, but will be digging deeper. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared the Township will be looking for notice of funding opportunities all over. A letter was received

from Craig Wilcox on Rebuild Illinois and Supervisor Shaughnessy responded that the Township was interested. Speer Financial will handle the bond sale if the referendum passes. Chapman and Cutler are bond attorneys that will put the referendum item together. The countersigned intergovernmental agreement has been received from the Village.

**3. Parks, Trustee Shepard:**

- a. Jon Tack, VA Design and Engineering, and Pamela Self Landscape Architecture provided proposals for Thelen Park, and Hey and Associates provided a proposal for wetland delineation services. Next month more information will be available with a true comparison. Trustee Shepard is working with Pamela Self on clarity. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared multiple companies might be needed for different purposes.
- b. At Osmond Park the entrance sign was updated, the ice rink looks good, the sled hill is being used. The lights are being shut off at 9 P.M. nightly and the portalets have been moved near the ice rink. A no ice skating on the pond sign was posted. Attorney Jim Hartman advised an ordinance would need to be adopted to enforce that. A sign admits danger, which requires risk mitigation.
- c. Thelen Park will be broken into 2 phases: the front 5 acres and the other 21.5 acres. Supervisor Shaughnessy has a meeting with Representative Weber about OSLAD Grants. The Township is high on the list.

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

- a. No additional information has been received on Ride Lake County.
- b. People received a lot of calls from Hyper-Reach during the last storm. Weather notifications are triggered from the National Weather Service and Hyper-Reach doesn't have control over them. Individuals need to change their personal account settings to choose which type, if any, of weather alerts they want to receive.

**VII. New Business:**

- A. Supervisor Shaughnessy addressed Resolution 0112-22 Whistleblower Protection Policy that each employee needs to sign annually. Motion to waive the reading of the resolution was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Supervisor Shaughnessy read the Employee Acknowledgement form: I confirm that I have received, read and understand the "Whistleblower Protection Policy for employees of Antioch Township". I understand that as an employee, it is my responsibility to abide by this policy. If I have any questions about the policy, I understand it is my responsibility to seek clarification from the proper supervisory department, Auditing Official, or the State's Attorney of Lake County. Motion to pass Resolution 0112-22 adopting a Whistleblower Protection Policy for Antioch Township was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Turner, Shaughnessy, Shepard, Smouse, Davis, No: 0.

**VIII. Executive Session: None**

- IX. **Adjournment:** There was no further business to come before the board. Trustee Davis 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.

**Present:** Supervisor – Tom Shaughnessy

Trustees – Judy Davis, Kris Shepard, Jeff Smouse, Steve Turner

Clerk – Meghan Dyer Dawe

Highway Commissioner – Eric Ring

Assessor – Lee Perry

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe