Antioch Township

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Minutes---Regular Board Meeting
October 1, 2026

Called to order: 7:00 PM

Present: Tom Williams, Darby Terpstra, Kathy Soerries, Bruce Jewett, Joseph Gardner
Absent: None

Guests/Public:

Public Comment was open at 7:05 pm and closed at 7:06 pm

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Joe, to approve the agenda. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Motion presented by Joe, seconded by Bruce, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2026, meeting. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Kathy presented the Treasurer's Report and shared that 631 parcels have paid summer taxes and 105 have not paid. There has been a total of $4213.00 in administration fees, $418.504.22 paid to the Wexford County Treasurer, $924.94 for Qualified Forest. Kathy and Tom discussed that Hope seemed confident in handling taxes and possibly having her shadow Darby for the accounting side.

Darby provided the Financial Report; everything is reconciled except for the Tax Account. Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Joe, to approve the report as presented. Supervisor declared motion carried.

Darby presented the bills to be paid for the month, with the additions of Election Source and quarterlies not listed on the report. Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Joe, to approve the bills as presented. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Bruce gave an update on NWEA, giving up-to-date information on calls for fire and EMS as well as which county these calls took place in. He shared account and budget balances for the NWEA fiscal year, and an increase in pay for full-time paramedics. The NWEA is currently looking for new insurance for buildings and will let us know what their quote is.

Tom updated everyone on the Municipal Civil Infraction Citation books and asked for approval to order triplicate booklets for 50 citations. Motion presented by Joe, seconded by Kathy, to allow Tom to order 50 citations in triplicate for the Blight Ordinance. Supervisor declared motion carried.

Tom opened the floor for discussion about this year’s Fall Clean-up. There were not as many people as last year, and $110.00 in tires.

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Tom updated that Parshall will be contacting us next week after playing phone tag, and we are at the top of their list.

Darby was able to get a new router for the office and a camera for Blight Ordinance. She is still working on purchasing a dash cam.

Tom updated everyone on Antioch Drive that we are still waiting for an estimate from Carl and the Wexford County Road Commission.

Tom shared about the tower on M-115 near Jewett Lake, requesting a variance from WJPC and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The WJPC has requested someone to attend the next meeting to clarify the reason for the variance and what is going on the tower. It is expected the variance will be declined, but the company can apply for a special use permit.

Darby will approach Hope about cleaning the Township Hall and Office to get a clear understanding of what is needed and the rate of pay.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Kathy, to approve Hope Edlin, Troy Carrigan, Lily Brosier, and Jim Priddle as election inspectors and Jim as chair for the General Election on November 3, 2026. Supervisor declared motion carried.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Kathy, to transfer $10,000.00 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account to pay employees. Supervisor declared motion carried.

Tom shared that Bay Area Recycling Center reached out to us about spring and fall clean-up but learned they do a lot more. It was discussed to look at them and other options for recycling electronics.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Joe, to amend line-item 215-860 Township Clerk Mileage from $300 to $450 to cover upcoming trips for elections. Supervisor declared motion carried.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Joe, to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor declared the motion carried. Adjourned: 8:10 PM

Next regular meeting: November 5, 2026

_____, Supervisor

_____, Clerk

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