

Antioch Township

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Officers:

Tom Williams, Supervisor
Darby Terpstra, Clerk
Kathy Soerries, Treasurer
Bruce Jewett, Trustee
Joseph Gardner, Trustee

Minutes---Regular Board Meeting August 7, 2025

Call to order: 7:06 PM

Present: Tom Williams, Darby Terpstra, Bruce Jewett, Joseph Gardner, Kathy Soerries

Absent:

Guests/Public: Jason Nelson, Carl and Cheryl Sapp, and Rory Roulette

During Public Comment, Carl brought up the Blight Ordinance, and we discussed what the board is doing about blight, sharing his support for the steps we are taking.

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 July 10, 2025, meeting. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Kathy brought forth the Treasurer Report. Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Joe, to approve the financial report as presented. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Kathy brought bills to be paid. Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Joe, to approve paying the bills. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Darby shared the legislature report card and gave numbers for how local government feels the governor and legislature are currently doing. She also brought forth an issue with cemetery lots and plots with non-residents who grew up in the township wanting to purchase plots at residential pricing. The board declared to adhere to the motion made in the early 2000s.

Bruce gave an update on NWEA, sharing the number of runs for fire and EMS. He shared that funds are stable and trickling in. He also shared that two of the diesel ambulances are going to be registered under federal guidelines to create efficiency with paperwork.

Tom shared that he has a case number for the ARPA funds, but we are still waiting to hear back.

Tom brought up the website and shared the mockup that Darby had put together with each of the pages and the information on it.

Tom brought up the fall cleanup costs, and Darby shared the postcard to be sent out in September to parcel holders. The cost for a compact truck is \$2000. There will need to be a roll-off for tires, trash, and metal. No refrigerators. Motion presented by Darby, seconded by Kathy, to approve up to \$800 for postcards and postage for the fall cleanup. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

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Parshall will be coming to grind stumps and clean up. They currently have someone else handling our account. A final estimate will be sent within the month; it will be roughly \$325 per hour.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Joe, for bills received post board meeting to be paid before next board meeting by the date. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Darby, for Tom to purchase weed killer to spray around Township Hall. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Tom shared the total amount Wexford County Road Commission spent to pave a portion of N. 19 Rd of \$55,387.61, and at no cost to Antioch taxpayers.

Tom shared that he has received complaints about grave sites not having grass, but instead having sand. He discussed this with John Larson, the sexton, to purchase black dirt and grass seed and to bill the township each time. He also discussed that we have another broken fence, and Jasen Larson will get us an estimate to fix it.

Public Comment: Jasen invited anyone interested in the commission meetings to come or watch on YouTube.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Kathy, to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Adjourned: 8:11 PM

Next regular meeting: September 4, 2025

_____, Supervisor

_____, Clerk