

ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

December 9, 2020

- **I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Supervisor Shaughnessy.
- **II.** The Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Shaughnessy led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Citizen Comments: None.
- **IV. Minutes:** The minutes of the November 11, 2020 Antioch Township Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented electronically was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 Grant, Turner, Davis, Shepard, Shaughnessy. No: 0.

V. Treasurer's Report:

- **A.** Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$46,069.34, including \$250.00 for General Assistance. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 Shepard, Turner, Grant, Shaughnessy, Davis. No: 0.
- **B.** Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$96,060.38. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 Shaughnessy, Turner, Davis, Grant, Shepard. No: 0.
- **C.** A budget versus actuals document was provided showing where the Township and Road District stand by line item through December 4, 2020.

VI. Township Officials Report:

A. Supervisor:

1. Ride Lake County West ridership data was provided the Board. The Township's participation cost for 2021 remains at \$8,000.00 annually. A motion to approve the 2021 Intergovernmental Agreement Between The County of Lake And The Township of Antioch For The Provision of Paratransit Transportation Services Funding was made Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shepard, Davis, Grant, Shaughnessy, Turner. No: 0.

- 2. Supervisor Shaughnessy discussed a possible retainer fee for Brilliant Geeks for technology support. Kostian Iftica owns Brilliant Geeks and also works in the Antioch Township Assessor's Office, and is familiar with the Township technology and operations. There are concerns about him providing daytime support while working for the Assessor's Office. Kostian Iftica will provide support after hours. Rather than a retainer fee, The Township will be billed \$100 per hour and will be billed in half hour increments. Assessor, Heather Kufalk-Marotta, is aware of the desire to leverage Brilliant Geeks for technology support and is in agreement with daytime use of Kostian Iftica for emergency situations only.
- **3.** An agreement was made with Wauconda Township to purchase their 2003 Ford E450 Super Duty Bus with handicap accessibility. The Township van is being traded to Wauconda Township and in return The Township will receive the title to their super duty bus and an additional \$7,825.00.

B. Clerk:

- 1. Petition filing for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election is December 14, 2020 through December 18, 2020 from 8:30am 11:30am and December 21, 2020 from 1:00pm 5:00pm at the Township building.
- **C. Assessor:** Chief Deputy Assessor, Lee Perry, reported that appeal hearings are complete. There were 19,891 appeals filed in Lake County and approximately 500 for Antioch. When the Board of Review makes a decision in the next few weeks, a letter will be sent to Antioch residents that filed an appeal. The County and State Legislators chose to rollover annual exemptions that require renewal, including senior freeze or any related to disabilities. This will not automatically happen again.
- D. Highway Commissioner: A vacuum truck was rented from Jet Vac for a month to remove silt and sediment from catch basins in the 411 roads in Antioch Township's system. This is done once every couple of years to prevent it moving into the lakes. 50 signs from Impression Count were put up to prevent burning in ditches. Burning causes ditch erosion and damage to plastic catch basins or pipes beneath the ground. Burning on the roads is also not good for the health of the roads. The roads are made of materials and chemicals that can't be heated to that level.

E. Trustee Reports:

1. Senior Committee, Trustee Davis:

a. Saturday movies were canceled and there are no new events to report until after the current COVID-19 mitigation stage. A document was provided by Courtney Kotloski summarizing Senior Services for the past month.

2. Grant Committee, Trustee Turner:

- **a.** Three Surface Pros were received and Trustee Turner recommended Trustees Grant, Shepard, and Davis receive them. 3 more are needed.
- **b.** Supervisor Shaughnessy reported the documentation for the CRP Grants for housing is being worked on. The Township received \$18,000.00 of the \$60,000.00 allocated. The Township spent \$9,240.90 of the \$18,000.00 and

is returning \$8,759.10 due to no additional expenses. The \$9,240.90 was used for rental assistance and electric bills. The final paperwork for the CARES Grant was put in. The money the Township allocated for COVID expenses, such as stimulus videos, can be claimed back.

3. Transportation Committee, Trustee Grant: No update.

a. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared that the Township has two part-time drivers four days a week. Transportation is being provided for handicap children between their homes and Matthias Academy.

4. Parks Committee, Trustee Shepard:

- **a.** Osmond Park Wi-Fi is complete. A skating rink is being put up in the parking lot. The Township has the boards and needs to purchase a liner for it.
- **b.** Supervisor Shaughnessy asked the board to advise what constituents would like to use Thelen Park for. People are currently using it for off road trails. The idea is being explored and looked at from an insurance perspective.

VII. New Business:

- **A.** The Township Tax Levy Ordinance Number 21 for the tax year 2020, collectable in 2021 for a total of \$1,120,775.00 was discussed. It accounts for capitalizing cost of living, which has not been done the past 5 years. Motion to adopt the tax levy ordinance as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote Yes: 5 Shaughnessy, Grant, Turner, Davis, Shepard. No: 0.
- **B.** The Road District Tax Levy Ordinance Number 21 for the tax year 2020, collectable in 2021 for a total of \$2,535.016.00 was provided. Motion to adopt the Road District Tax Levy as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote Yes: 5 Grant, Turner, Shaughnessy, Shepard, Davis. No: 0.
- **C.** Trustee Grant made a motion to approve the Township 2021 meeting dates as presented, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a roll call vote Yes: 5 Shepard, Davis, Grant, Turner, Shaughnessy. No: 0.

VIII. Executive Session: None.

IX. Adjournment: There was no further business to come before the board. Trustee Shepard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Yes: 5 – Shaughnessy, Grant, Turner, Shepard, Davis. No: 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Present: Supervisor – Tom Shaughnessy

Trustees – Judy Davis, Peter Grant, Kris Shepard, Steve Turner

Highway Commissioner – Eric Ring

Chief Deputy Assessor – Lee Perry

Clerk – Meghan Dyer Dawe

Meeting place: The meeting was held virtually

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Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe