



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2021

- 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:** Carol Prebianca thanked Highway Commissioner Ring for the great job the Highway Department is doing with road maintenance.
- IV. **Minutes:** The minutes of the January 13, 2021 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: 4 - Shepard, Turner, Shaughnessy, Davis. Abstain: 1 - Grant.
- V. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - A. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$37,941.67, \$0 was spent on General Assistance. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor. Yes: 5, No: 0
 - B. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$95,799.84. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor. Yes: 5, No: 0
- VI. **Township Officials Report:**
 - A. **Supervisor:**
 1. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported the Trustee's iPads are being replaced with Surface Pros due to technical issues. 3 were received through a grant and 1 was purchased. There has also been a two-factor authentication iCloud issue. Kosta Iftica will provide training on a Saturday. Supervisor Shaughnessy will ensure technology training won't be an Open Meetings Act violation.
 2. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared that the Lake County Health Department will be hosting a COVID testing event at the Township building on Saturday, February 13 from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. The event will be outdoors in the circular drive.
 - C. Trustee Grant asked Victoria Tello, Director of Philanthropy at Nicasa, to join the meeting. Mrs. Tello shared background on Nicasa's services, sites, who they service, their presence in schools, and several statistics. Nicasa has seen increases in opioid

use, suicides, and overdose deaths. Nicasa's mental health, substance abuse and addiction, and suicide crisis and intervention services have seen increases. Antioch is a top 10 zip code for substance abuse and crisis intervention. In 2019 Nicasa treated 125 Antioch Township residents for 2,092 hours, and in 2020 113 Antioch Township residents for 2,241.5 hours. The number of cases decreased, but hours increased due to the complexity of issues. Trustee Grant asked what Antioch Township donation money would be used for if a donation is made. Mrs. Tello confirmed money would go to whatever is specified. Townships write their own service agreement contracts and send them to Nicasa. Trustee Turner inquired what \$1,000 would get in hours. Mrs. Tello confirmed donations typically go towards group sessions, which is a minimum of 8 people, and costs \$75 per hour. Individual hours cost Nicasa \$100, but residents are charged less. Trustee Shepard confirmed with Mrs. Tello that 87-90% of participants agency wide don't have funding. Naloxone, used to treat narcotic overdoses, costs \$40 per dose and Nicasa provided the Antioch Police Department with 140 doses. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported that the Township attorney, Ancel Glink, advised that it is illegal for the Township to donate Township funds to non-profit organizations unless it meets specific statutory criteria. Supervisor Shaughnessy recommended the conversation be tabled to next month. Trustee Grant would like to donate \$1,000 to help approximately 106 Antioch residents in group sessions. Supervisor Shaughnessy advised that a decision should not be made until the legal criteria is determined. Motion to table the funding discussion was made by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor. Yes: 5, No: 0

B. Clerk:

1. Statement of Economic Interests will be coming out and must be completed and submitted to the Lake County Clerk's Office by May 1, 2021.
2. Budget hearings will be on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at the Township office. The Township hearing will be at 6:30 P.M. and Road District at 6:45 P.M. Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances must be on display by March 15, 2021.
3. The Annual Meeting is Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at the Township office. The last day registered voters can request an agenda item is March 1, 2021.

C. Assessor:

1. The senior freeze and disability and veteran exemptions automatically rolled into 2020. Lake County and the Treasurer are not doing that again, and residents can submit applications for exemptions in the Assessor's Office by appointment only.
2. The tentative increase for the equalization factor is 2.68%. If the tax rate stays the same, taxes will go up approximately 3%, but this is not finalized yet.
3. Aaron Archibald was recognized by Jerry Nellessen for a seamless and courteous process while assisting him with exemption applications.

D. Highway Commissioner:

1. The Highway Department is emerged with winter maintenance and there has been a lot of time behind the wheel.

E. Trustee Reports:

1. Senior Committee, Trustee Davis:

- a. The Township became Lake County Health Care Ambassadors and registered 35 seniors for the vaccine, a letter with vaccine information was sent to over 300 seniors, when the vaccine is readily available seniors will be called to make them aware of options should they choose to be vaccinated, and senior transportation for Group B vaccines is being coordinated with the Lake County Fairgrounds and Health Department. North Bridge is partnering with the Township on senior home needs. St Mark's Church has been partnered with for a card exchange. The task force is still running and the Township now provides adult diapers. There is a mailing list of 1,248 contacts and a newsletter will be go out the end of February. A 2021 budget will be shared once there is a better understanding of regulations for Spring/Summer.

2. Grant Committee, Trustee Turner:

- a. Supervisor Shaughnessy sent notes to 18 Townships regarding non-profit donations and grants. Trustee Turner followed up on their grant processes. 2 Townships use outside contractors. Trustee Turner requested contact information and he will share proposals from Todd Kupsak and another contractor at the next board meeting. Trustee Turner was also told that it is illegal to donate to non-profit organizations without a social service contract.

3. Transportation Committee, Trustee Grant: No update.

4. Parks Committee, Trustee Shepard:

- a. It is cold enough for the skating rink and the sled hill is being used. Supervisor Shaughnessy shared that the Township website now shows if the rink is open or closed. The rink is closed due to several feet of liner being exposed. It is being worked on to become operational. Hockey versus open skate hours hasn't been formally addressed and will be if needed.
- b. Trustee Shepard reported the fiberoptic cable will not be fixed until spring.

VII. New Business: None.

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 Davis. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M. Yes: 5, No:0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Dyer Dawe