



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 14, 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 shared that the flag pole in her yard was hit and rocks are all over now. She inquired if the Township could do anything. Highway Commissioner Ring asked Mrs. Prebianca to contact him to discuss potential solutions.
- IV. **Minutes:** The minutes of the March 10, 2021 Antioch Township Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented electronically was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a voice call vote. Yes: 5, No: 0
- V. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - A. Township bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$56,320.38, \$0 was spent on General Assistance. 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
 - B. Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$189,690.23. Motion for payment as presented was made by Trustee Shepard, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor. Yes: 5, No: 0
- VI. **Township Officials Report:**
 - A. **Supervisor:**
 1. Supervisor Shaughnessy provided a summary of the Annual Caseworker Report and Community Impact in Communications. Merry Ladewig has done a tremendous job assisting constituents and providing them with available resources. Supervisor Shaughnessy receives regular compliments on Mrs. Ladewig's work and great personality. She always tries to use outside funding prior to leveraging Township funds and has provided, secured, and coordinated the following: Nobody is receiving General Assistance Monthly. 14 people received Emergency Assistance in 2020 totaling \$3,180.74 and 0 in 2021. Funds from Salvation Army were obtained for 16 people in 2020 for \$2,959.44 and 2 in 2021 for \$1,009.84. 39 people received Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in 2020 and 84 in 2021. \$1,113.77 was secured for 2 people

from Mothers Trust in 2020 and 0 in 2021. St. Vincent de Paul provided \$384.26 for 2 people in 2019 and 0 in 2020 and 2021. \$2,200.00 was obtained for 5 people in 2019 from Nicor Sharing and 0 in 2020 and 2021. July 2020 through December 2020 6 people were helped through the COVID Housing Relief Program (CHRP) for \$9,453.63 and \$673.00 was not covered through the program. Passport revenue for April 2020 through August 2020 was \$5,320.00 through 152 applications and \$2,450.00 for January 2021 through March 2021 from 70 passports. 72 passport photos were taken from July 2018 through December 2018 for \$1,080.00 in additional revenue. \$4,140.00 in revenue was received from 276 passport photos in 2019, \$2,010.00 from 134 photos in 2020, and \$780 from 52 photos in 2021 to date. 49 people were assisted with Benefits Access Program. There are no current Discount Metra or RTA pass members. Approximately 50 people per year are assisted with handicap placards. Holiday Baskets were coordinated with the schools, Lions Club, and Rotary Club for approximately 45 baskets for each Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Township Food Pantry averages 30 recipients a year. February 1, 2021 through March 16, 2021 53 people were assisted with registering for a COVID-19 vaccine through AllVax and 30 were served by ALLVax or elsewhere. The Township partnered with Family Medicine Specialists in Antioch and 129 vaccines were provided from March 17, 2021 through April 14, 2021.

B. Clerk:

The Oath of Office will be administered to all newly elected and re-elected Antioch Township Officials at the May 12, 2021 board meeting.

C. Assessor:

Chief Deputy Assessor Perry reported valuations are being finalized. The Assessor's office is steady with exemptions, approximately 60-90 per week. Tax bills will be mailed the first week of May. Tell constituents to review exemptions and complete a certificate of error if needed. Blue appeal sheets will be available in June.

D. Highway Commissioner:

Yearly spring cleanup and road sweeps are being completed. A new Administrative Assistant was hired this week. Sheila Dvorak was a great help with all the paperwork. Merry Ladewig, Sheila Dvorak, and Courtney Kotloski were thanked for all they do regularly.

E. Trustee Reports:

1. Senior Committee, Trustee Davis:

- a. There are no dates for Monday Movie Series yet, but the committee is hopeful to resume soon. A tentative Senior event schedule has been created pending COVID-19 guidelines.

2. Grant Committee, Trustee Turner:

- a. The ComEd Green Region application was turned in on March 25, 2021 to obtain \$10,000.00 for Osmond Park. Last year the Township scored high, but lacked letters of support. Letters of support from Mayor Hanson, Supervisor

Shaughnessy, Audubon Society, and Antioch Garden Club were submitted with the application. A decision will be received late June or early July.

3. Transportation Committee, Trustee Grant: No Update.

- a. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported that he is discussing a potential voucher system with Sunshine Transportation. They charge \$25 each way and have 2 handicap accessible vehicles. January 2021 through March 2021 the Township transported 48 people in the van and 6 people in the bus. 3 children are still be transported to Matthias Academy 3 to 4 days a week.

4. Parks Committee, Trustee Shepard:

- a. An interpretive trail meeting occurred at Osmond Park with the Antioch Garden Club, Greenline Synergy, and a Botany Professor from Lake Forest College. Greenline noted planting locations based on light and water elevation. The Garden Club discussed opportunities for private funding. Wood duck house locations were selected. Signs with QR codes will be provide additional information. The plans include planting prairie grass, quadrupling the butterfly garden, removing dead ash trees, and leveling the ground. Better weather is required to grow the plants in the greenhouse.
- b. Supervisor Shaughnessy reported that background is being gathered for Thelen Park and a plan will be shared in May. ~~OSLUND Grant funds have to be spent at Thelen or Osmond parks.~~ Open Space Land and Development (OSLAD) Grant Funds must be used for Osmond or Thelen parks. A mailer, Survey, or public hearing might be done to gather public input for park use. A fence needs to be put up around the Eagle Scout area and a park sign is needed. Storm Water Management used Thelen Park to dry silt and agreed to grade the land.

VII. New Business: None.

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 Shepard. Motion carried with a voice vote, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 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