

PROCEEDINGS OF A TOWN MEETING

Held in the Town of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
County, } ss.

At the _____ Town Meeting,

held in the Town of Antioch, County of Lake, and State of Illinois,

at 7:00 PM on the 11th day of May, 2017,

the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Smouse, Town Clerk.

Anita Merkel Dyer

The meeting of May 11, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Smouse.

Citizen Comments – None

First Fire Protection District – Attorney for the Fire Protection District Dan Venturi was present and thanked the Township board for their help with the unification process. He also told the board their new five member board has been sworn in. The Township board is pleased the process is complete.

Minutes - The minutes of the April 13, 2017 Antioch Township Board Meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Trustee Turner, second by Trustee Shaughnessy. Motion carried 5 Yes: 0 No

Treasurer's Report - The Township bills were presented in the amount of \$48,068.78. Motion for payment of township bills was made by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Shaughnessy. There was discussion on the bills. Motion carried 3 Yes: Shaughnessy, Davis, Smouse 2 No: Turner, Grant

The Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$81,796.00. Motion for payment of the road district bills was made by Trustee Grant, second by Trustee Shaughnessy. Motion carried 5 Yes: 0 No.

Township Officials Report – Supervisor – Supervisor explained this was a polarizing election. Avon Township is still having problems 4 years after the last election. We need to do what is best for taxpayers and begin healing wounds.

Assessor – Tax bills are out, Antioch had a 2.6% multiplier. Antioch Township was the lowest in the county. Next year multipliers will be 3.6%

Highway – Blacktop is being finalized and mowers are being prepared for the season.

Clerk – None

New Business – A. Presentation on the Possible Acquisition of Antioch Golf Club by Dan Venturi. Mr. Venturi gave the board a brief historical description of Antioch Golf Club. It is comprised of 100 acres with a club house and a restaurant. The current list price is \$750,000.00 (Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars) He explained that in addition to Township mandated responsibilities, Lake Villa Township is functioning like a Park District. The success of the 26 acre Peacock Camp purchase has been an incentive for further acquisitions. The residents have responded well to the camp, in addition Lake Villa Township has a partnership with District 117 for school year daytime use of the camp. Antioch Golf Club is situated in Antioch and Lake Villa Townships. Most of the Antioch Golf Club property is in Antioch Township and the majority of homes are in Lake Villa Township. Supervisor Venturi doesn't want the community to lose the Golf Course. His plans show a one year break even. They would keep the course operating, the restaurant open and again partner with District 117 for the golf teams and students as summer employees. Registered Lake Villa Township voters can vote on this acquisition during a special meeting on May 22, 2017 at 7:00p.m., held at the Lake Villa Township West Campus on Route 59.

B. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance to Transfer Certain Line Item Funds in the Assessor's Budget. Assessor Kufalk-Marotta explained that of the eighteen townships in Lake County her office is the only one that shares office space with the Supervisor. Some share the same building but none share offices. This situation has become too distracting to professionally carry out their responsibilities to the public. The Assessor read a letter received from the Supervisor. In response to the letter legal representation was acquired. Keri-Lyn Krafthefer Attorney for the assessor explained she contacted the Township Attorney in response to the letter and was told that the Supervisor was not interested in talking. The Supervisor apologized and said there was a misunderstanding about bringing representation to the May meeting. The Assessor wanted to place room dividers in the current space to help with distractions and the supervisor said

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no, the current solution came in response. The ordinance does not increase the Assessor's budget, it transfers line item amounts. This transfer will allow funds for rental space by the Assessor. The supervisor would like to have a second reading next month before the board acts on the item. Trustee Grant said this is a political issue. Trustee Shaughnessy made a motion to wave a second reading, second by Trustee Turner. Motion carried 4 Yes 1 No. Yes: Shaughnessy, Turner, Davis, Smouse. No: Grant. Motion to adopt An Ordinance Amending The Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning February 1, 2017 and Ending on January 31, 2018 was made by Trustee Turner, second by Trustee Shaughnessy. Motion carried 4 Yes 1 No. Yes: Shaughnessy, Turner, Davis, Smouse. No: Grant.

C. Office Space for the Assessor. The Supervisor said the board could look into this solution later. The Assessor explained she had already found an office they would like to rent. The Assessor explained the distractions are not a new issue, the situation has been going on for years. Experienced staff could work through the issues, newer staff has found the environment difficult to work in. The office was already down one experienced staff member, another retired in December 2016 and a third will be retiring this December. New staff will be hired and the county is transitioning to a new system that all must learn. Trustee Grant does not believe the environment is impugning the job. The Deputy Assessor explained Antioch is one of the largest Townships in the county and had the lowest multiplier. This is because the office takes great care to do valuations that will have the lowest impact on the residents when tax bills from the County are sent. The Assessor's office maintains files on over 18,000 parcels. These valuations are done every year and a distracting environment does make the job more difficult. A non-executed lease was given to the board, the Supervisor said he would forward it to the Township Attorney and Township insurance for review. Trustee Turner thought the board should vote on the item. If necessary a special meeting would be called for approval of a lease and insurance.

D. Elimination of a Full-Time Position of Administrative Assistant and Authorization to Hire Part-Time Staffing With Board Approval for the Township. Trustee Grant made a motion to table the item, second by Supervisor Smouse. Motion failed 2 Yes 3 No. Yes: Grant, Smouse. No: Shaughnessy, Turner, Davis. The Supervisor began the discussion talking about health issues of employees. Trustee Grant explained this is not how to treat employees. Trustee Turner said this is not about an employee it is about a position. The current employee is welcome to apply for one of the part time positions. The current employee makes over \$42,000.00 plus benefits. During lunch breaks, training, sick time and vacation the Supervisor's office is covered by the Assessor's office. With the Assessor moving the office would be left unattended. Trustee Turner explained that township government is under increased scrutiny. We need to be accountable to our taxpayers for every dollar spent. He said it is a tough decision, but the economics don't make sense for the township. So, he recommends elimination of the full-time position and replacing with two part-time people at an hourly rate of \$12 per hour and no benefits. This plan would cost \$12,500 per employee for a total cost of \$25,000 with no benefit costs. If we can't find people for that rate the board will raise the rate. This will also ensure all day coverage of the office. Again this is not about a person it is about a position and this plan is good for the taxpayers. Supervisor Smouse made a motion to table the item, second by Trustee Grant Motion failed 2 Yes 3 No. Yes: Smouse, Grant. No: Shaughnessy, Turner, Davis. Trustee Shaughnessy said the next agenda item amending the ethics ordinance was going to be tabled but important to the discussion. He believes the current administrative assistant violated the Antioch Township Ethics Ordinance and that township Attorney Clark does not represent the board or taxpayers. His actions and condescending attitude show his only loyalty is to the Supervisor. This has been clearly demonstrated in previous meetings. Attorney Venturi said this discussion was not about an employee it was about a position and now the discussion changed and could open the township to a lawsuit. Trustee Shaughnessy said this is not about the elimination of a position agenda item. This is about amending the Township Ethics Ordinance to legally represent the township fairly and impartially. Trustee Turner said the township will face a staffing situation soon. The Supervisor said he will work on a

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solution. Motion to table item was made by Trustee Grant, second by Supervisor Smouse. Motion carried 4 Yes 1 No. Yes: Shaughnessy, Smouse, Davis, Grant. No: Turner.

E. & G. Motion to table items was made by Trustee Grant, second by Supervisor Smouse. Motion carried 4 Yes: 1 No.

F. Discussion of Assessor's Portable Wall Dividers is closed. The Assessor will be moving the office.

Old Business - Senior Committee - The seniors will take a trip to Lake Geneva on May 23, 2017.

Park Committee - Osmond Park - Mike Harmon, Hy-Lites Electric put in the base station for \$3500.00 (Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars). Future additions will be made to the station.

Thelen Park - None

Intergovernmental Communications - Trustee Shaughnessy gave his final report, he said his request for this committee was to help with the townships involvement and communications with other agencies, municipalities and organizations and make things happen. The community was facing public safety changes and we needed a bridge between Township, Village, FFPD and the Fire Department. Two referendums were successfully passed to modernize our fire and rescue services and operate one unified organization to service Antioch Township. The reports were to keep the township board aware of what was going on and to eliminate the them against us mentality between the Village and the Township. He hopes the board will continue his efforts for the betterment of the community. The board thanked Trustee Shaughnessy for his hard work and dedication the last four years.

Public Safety - None

AAHAA - Trustee Turner told Trustee Grant he would like to help with a tracking program for the medical van used by AAHAA.

2015 Elected Officials Leap Year Overpayment - Supervisor said the auditors will be here on Monday May 16, 2017. If anyone has questions they can come in to the Township. The Assessor said bills that are not from her division are being paid from her budget. She would like to follow up.

There was no further business to come before the board, Peter Grant made a motion to adjourn, second by Steve Smouse. Motion carried 5 Yes: 0 No and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Present Supervisor - Stephen Smouse
Trustees - Judy Davis, Tom Shaughnessy, Peter Grant, Steve Turner
Clerk - Anita Merkel Dyer
Attorneys - Dan Venturi and Keri-Lyn Krafthefer
Assessor - Heather Kufalk-Marotta
Highway Commissioner - Eric Ring

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

Respectfully submitted,



Anita Merkel Dyer