

ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP

The meeting of April 12, 2018, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Shaughnessy.

Citizen Comments – Sandra Francis would like to know when the minutes will be up to date on the website. Supervisor said they will be by Monday. She would also like to know if there are state statutes about street lights at intersections, Supervisor will find out. Jeff Smouse wanted to know if there has been progress on the hall dedication to Steve, both Townships have passed resolutions and we are waiting for the High School.

Minutes - The minutes of the March 8, 2018, Antioch Township Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve minutes was made by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Turner. Motion carried with voice vote. 1 Abstain

Treasurer's Report - The Township bills were presented in the amount of \$53,821.30. Motion for payment of township bills was made by Trustee Grant, second by Trustee Davis. Motion carried with a voice vote all in favor.

The Road District bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$38,280.74. Motion for payment of the road district bills was made by Trustee Turner, second by Trustee Shepard. Motion carried with a voice vote all in favor.

First Fire Protection District – Chief Jon Cokefair gave the board a report as a one year standalone Department. Right now the biggest hurdle is retaining staff. The Chief and administrative assistant are the only full time employees, all remaining 107 staff are part time and contract employees. A big improvement has been a VOIP line, the department can communicate with Antioch Police and Lake County Sheriff Departments. The FFPD has also started a replacement program for equipment. The Chief reported on call volume and location. First priority is ensuring fast reliable service to the community and Antioch still faces some difficult obstacles. Some of those include subdivisions with one in and out entrance, an added obstacle includes those blocked by the train tracks. The District is working with the railroad the address the issue. Hourly pay for employees has increased from \$13.80 to \$17.80, the hope is that this increase will help with retention. The District with their new five member board is looking forward to progress and future improvements.

Township Officials Report – Supervisor – Jeff Smouse submitted a proposal to service the Township sirens. Supervisor Shaughnessy said they will exercise the contract during the week. The Township is getting a new accounting system, the current AMS system is antiquated and difficult. The new program will be about \$5,000.00. Costs for this and other improvements will be covered by new interest income. This new income has been made possible by switching account departments at the bank. The Township annual audit will begin May 7, 2018. The Supervisor has talked to Todd Kupsak from Administrative Consulting Specialists. This company provides full-time grant services, at a cost of between \$8,000.00 and \$10,000.00 a year. Trustee Turner explained he has worked with companies in the past and they worked on a percentage of monies acquired.

Assessor – None

Highway – Road crew is doing winter clean up and the street sweepers have started.

Clerk – The Lake County Clerk's Office thanked the Township for help with early voting and the election. Supervisor Shaughnessy thanked Terry Colby for moderating the Annual Meeting.

Old Business - Senior Committee –The seniors went to Drury Lane to see Joseph. They enjoyed the play.

Park Committee – Osmond Park – Joyce Kufalk and Joann Dugenske from the Antioch Garden Club came to the Township and gave the Supervisor and Trustee Grant a Monarch Butterfly Habitat presentation. The Township is going to have a small butterfly habitat garden put on the property. Supervisor Shaughnessy explained the current Disk Golf Course ranks in the bottom state wide. Supervisor has been in contact with a disk consultant, Chuck Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy is coming out and will give his recommendations to bring the course up to competition status. Also being considered is foot golf and a native plant walking trail parallel to the disk course. The Village has requested bids for score boards for baseball. Hy-Lites Electric had the low bid to run power to the boards, their bid was \$31,515.00. Visual display boards are being considered. Supervisor Shaughnessy explained the Park IGA has not been updated in years, we need to find out if the High School is in or out.

Thelen Park – None

Intergovernmental Communications – None

Public Safety – None

AAHAA – AAHAA is working on their driver program. Pace has a two day training program and AAHAA is working on their partnership with Elder Care. Elder Care has a large volunteer driver pool.

New Business – Trustee Turner was curious if the Township saw tax cuts from the tax bill that took effect January 1, 2018.

Executive Session - None

There was no further business to come before the board. Peter Grant made a motion to adjourn, second by Kris Shepard. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Present

Supervisor – Tom Shaughnessy

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

Highway Commissioner – Eric Ring

Clerk – Anita Merkel Dyer

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Merkel Dyer