

Memorandum

From: Shawn Roby, Director of Parks and Recreation
To: Mayor Hanson, Board of Trustees, and Administrator Keim
CC: Park Board
Date: February 1, 2016

Subject: Senior Center Funding Discussion

The Senior Center Advisory Council has requested that the Village Board of Trustees consider the idea of modifying the current Resolution 14-80. They appeared before the board back at the October 2015 Committee of the Whole (COW) to request this modification and were instructed that when the budgeting process had begun that the board would look at the financial position and discuss how to move forward with the senior center budget for 2016-17 budget year.

Attached to this memo is a copy of the recommendation by the Senior Center Advisory Council from the October 2015 COW meeting. Should any question arise council members will be present to answer any and all questions related to this matter.

Recommendation to Village Board

The Antioch Senior Center Advisory Council respectfully asks the Village Board for a future modification of the existing Resolution 14-80 which determines the outlay of money from the Dolly Spiering Memorial Fund (DSMF). The DSMF was a bequest to the Antioch Senior Center in the early 1990's. Before the economy worsened, all expenses related to the Antioch Senior Center were paid out of the Village's General Fund. This included the salary and benefits of the Senior Director.

The worsening economy changed how expenses were paid. A previous resolution stated that half of the Director's salary and benefits would be paid by the DSMF, with a three year review of the resolution.

When the Village began providing EMS services, this resolution was modified again. Currently all expenses arising from the Antioch Senior Center are paid from the DSMF. This includes salaries, benefits, and building utilities and expenses. At the current rate of expenses, the DSMF will be depleted in 5-7 years.

With the passing of the EMS Referendum in both the Village and Township, the Senior Center Advisory Council respectfully asks that the Village plan to modify this resolution again to cut back on expenses taken from the DSMF. The Senior Council understands that no tax revenue for EMS tax will be seen by the Village till June of 2016. This is the beginning of the Village's next fiscal year. The Council asks the Village Board to add Senior Center expenses back into their next budget planning session to allow the General Fund to, once again, cover expenses.

In a perfect world, we would ask the Village to pay all Senior Center expenses from the General Fund and repay monies taken out of the DSMF previously. However, none of us live in a perfect world. We understand that the Village has had to put a lot of infrastructure projects on hold while funding EMS. Therefore, the Senior Council asks that the resolution be modified so the only expense taken from the DSMF is half of the Sr. Ct. Director's salary and benefits (as it was handled before the last modification).

In future fiscal budgets, the Senior Center Advisory Council would like to continue to work with the Village Board to eventually modify and decrease the amount of monies withdrawn from the DSMF.

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