

# Request For Board Action

**REFERRED TO BOARD:** January 19, 2015

**AGENDA ITEM NO:** 4

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Resolution Establishing an Overall Plan for Management of the Antioch Senior Center

## **SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:**

Subsequent to the failure of the referendum question for the approval of an ambulance tax on real property, the Village Board tasked staff with determining the financial impact to Village operations. The Board, at the December 1 meeting, directed the Village Administrator to devise and plan for future service and budget reductions in the event that a funding source for ambulance service does not materialize.

Staff presented its recommended cuts and service reductions for the fiscal year 2016 at the December 15, 2014 Village Board meeting where it was tabled to the January 19, 2015 Village Board Meeting.

After further discussion at the Committee of the Whole meetings, the draft Plan "B" was revised to eliminate additional costs to outside organizations, and maintain special events. The revised plan "B" is presented this evening for consideration.

Included on Plan "B" is the shift in funding of the Senior Center from the general funds of the Village to the Dolly Spiering Fund. A resolution to that effect has been prepared that states the intent to use Spiering funds to operate the center as well as prohibit the use of the funds for uses other than for the center, i.e. donations to outside organizations. Staff recommends passage of this resolution.

## **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

1. Resolution

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

**Motion** to approve a resolution establishing an overall plan for management of the Antioch Senior Center.

**RESOLUTION 15-xx**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN OVERALL  
PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE ANTIOCH SENIOR CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board previously adopted overall guidelines for the long term management of the Dolly Spiering Fund, including without limitation, the matters described in Resolutions 00-06, 03-16, 10-72, 10-94 and 10-96, and

**WHEREAS**, those resolutions were all intended to assist the Village in maintaining the Antioch Senior Center for the benefit of senior citizens of the Village, and to establish the Dolly Spiering Fund as a revenue source to assist in that endeavor,

**WHEREAS**, the recent takeover of ambulance services by the Village through the fire department, coupled with the voters' rejection of an ambulance tax to support the said service has greatly diminished the financial ability of the Village to continue to support the Senior Center, and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Municipal Code does not include provisions for senior services as a required municipal service, nor does it even mention them as optional services, but rather includes that option within the Township Code, rendering it clear that the provision of such services is entirely within the discretion of municipal corporate authorities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board finds that it simply cannot afford to continue funding the Antioch Senior Center in view of the foregoing budgetary issues, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board further finds that the Dolly Spiering fund has adequate resources to fund all necessary operations of the Antioch Senior Center for a period of several years, if not longer, and that the use of these funds would allow the continuance of services to the senior citizens of this community that might otherwise need to be terminated, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board notes that it has carefully considered the difficult nature of the matters involved in this Resolution, and that it has made these decisions reluctantly and only after the most careful and thoughtful deliberation possible,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** The financial stewardship of the Senior Council in investing and preserving the Dolly Spiering Fund to the present time is specifically acknowledged, and thanks is hereby given to the diligent and thoughtful work of the members.

**SECTION TWO:** This Resolution is intended to supercede all prior motions and resolutions involving the Dolly Spiering Fund and the Antioch Senior Center, including specifically, but without limitation, Resolutions 00-06, 03-16, 10-72, 10-94 and 10-96

**SECTION THREE:** All financial transactions involving the Dolly Spiering Fund previously approved by the Village Board, including those made by the Senior Council pursuant to the authority delegated to it (either formally or informally) by the Village Board are hereby ratified in their entirety. The Village Board shall continue to serve as the Trustee of the Dolly Spiering Fund with the Antioch Senior Council determining all decisions on routine expenditures from the Dolly Spiering Fund. These expenditures would follow the guideline of the Village Board approval process with all expenditures over \$2,000 requiring Village Administrator approval and expenditures of \$10,000 or more requiring Village Board approval.

**SECTION FOUR:** The Village shall no longer provide funding in support of the Antioch Senior Center, or of the programs and services offered at or through that Center.

**SECTION FIVE:** All expenses of the Antioch Senior Center shall henceforth be paid from the Dolly Spiering Fund.

**SECTION SIX:** While realizing the impact that this resolution will have on the services being delivered to the senior citizens of this community, and recognizing the diligence of the Senior Council in wisely preserving the funds as aforesaid, fiscal prudence requires that going forward, all expenditures from the Dolly Spiering Fund must directly support the Antioch Senior Center and cannot be used for ancillary purposes, such as donations or scholarships, no matter how deserving the recipient might be, as this will be critical to the provision of core services to the senior citizens of this community for the longest period of time possible.

**SECTION SEVEN:** This resolution shall be considered to be the final expression of the intent of the Village Board at the time of its adoption. It shall not be modified or repealed without reasonable advance notice to the Senior Council or to the Village Board and an opportunity for either party to make suggestions or speak to any proposed changes.

**SECTION EIGHT:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS,  
ON THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

ATTEST:

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LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR

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LORI K. FOLBRICK, VILLAGE CLERK