A Regular Meeting of the Town of Avon was held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Avon Opera Block/Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor David LeFeber, Deputy Supervisor Kelly Cole, and Councilmen Donald Cook, Thomas Mairs, and James Blye

OTHERS: Attorney James Campbell, Town Engineer Timothy Rock, Water Superintendent Daniel McKeown, Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Cappello, Planning Board Chairman Dr. Robert Tugel, Planning Board Members Malachy Coyne, Jeff Mulligan and Kathy Cole, and Town Clerk Sharon Knight

VISITORS: Judy Falzoi

Supervisor LeFeber called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor LeFeber asked for any public comments and there were none.

RESOLUTION #165 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Blye, seconded by Supervisor LeFeber the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 2 (Deputy Supervisor Cole and Councilman Cook)

RESOLVE to approve the minutes of October 22, 2011 as presented.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Blye - Aye, Councilman Mairs – Aye, Councilman Cook - Abstain, Deputy Supervisor Cole - Abstain, Supervisor LeFeber - Aye

RESOLUTION #166 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Supervisor LeFeber, seconded by Councilman Blye the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 2 (Deputy Supervisor Cole and Councilman Cook)

RESOLVE to approve the minutes of October 27, 2011 as presented.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Blye - Aye, Councilman Mairs – Aye, Councilman Cook - Abstain, Deputy Supervisor Cole - Abstain, Supervisor LeFeber - Aye

DISCUSSION – ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Jim Campbell reported on the following:

Marianacci Inc. continues to work on scheduling a meeting to discuss the need to replace the floor in the main entrance of the Town Hall.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has requested his attendance at their meeting and the Board continues to confirm their approval of his attendance when requested by the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or the Planning Board. The Zoning Board of Appeals is reviewing their special use permits.

DISCUSSION – HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Thomas Crye was not in attendance.

Supervisor LeFeber reported on the following:

There have been conversations with Highway Superintendent Crye to save tax dollars by having the Highway Employees increasing their shoe allotment to include purchase of clothing, thus savings the monthly laundry service expense.

The Department is putting-up snow fences.

A new business has been contracted to grind up the brush pile and we may be able to save \$1,000.00.

A complaint report of a former employee going into the Highway Barn was received by Supervisor LeFeber. Attorney Campbell suggested changing locks with some regularity is always a good idea. There are four doors and Highway Superintendent Crye was questioned on the number of keys that have been issued and it's his understanding that six keys have been issued. Water Superintendent McKeown questioned why the Town Clerk would have a key and Attorney Campbell responded stating that she is the Records Management Officer for the Town. Water Superintendent McKeown stated that he has three keys. Attorney Campbell suggested taking the conservative approach and to think there are many keys out and recommended expending the dollars to change the locks.

It was also suggested that all keys should be distributed out of one area to assist in knowing who has keys. Supervisor LeFeber spoke of the Town Clerk having a procedure of distributing keys prior to moving in the Opera Block/Town Hall.

DISCUSSION - ENGINEERING REPORT

Engineer Rock reported on the following:

The maps for the Royal Springs Development are available for review later in the meeting.

He has received a response to the request from the Livingston County Department of Health regarding approval to install water lines on South Avon Road. The response included addition questions and they were answered and he believes approval will be granted.

DISCUSSION – WATER REPORT

Supervisor LeFeber stated that a Livingston County sales tax check was received that included a higher dollar amount than expected and he is recommending using the dollars for the installation of the South Avon Road water line this calendar year.

The discussion included:

Should the installation be performing using the Highway Department or should it be bid out.

Water Superintendent McKeown has a quote from Steven Morsch who lives on South Avon Road. He has a verbal agreement to install the water line for \$14.00/foot based on the \$28,000.00 charge and could have the work done in three to four days.

It is anticipated that one third of the area may have shale and an excavator might need to be rented if the Highway Department completes the work.

The area is not on a main highway.

No current customers will have their water shut off during the project.

The Town would be taking some risks in an attempt to cutting cost and it's a Board decision.

The grant did not include installing the water line on South Avon Road, but is paying for the required audit.

Staying within the New York State Comptrollers requirement of unit charge per year must be considered.

Highway Superintendent Crye is willing to complete the work.

It's not the recommendation of the Water Superintendent to have the Highway Department complete the work.

The financial burden is going to be on the water department.

The Water Superintendent McKeown stated that he will strictly be supervising the work, not performing the work, whether it is completed by the Highway Department or using a bidding process.

The sales tax dollars will be used out of General Fund B as recommended by Engineer Rock

Attorney Campbell will look into these costs being covered by General Fund B or Water Fund.

The Board appeared to agree to the Highway Department install the water lines once the health department approves the plans.

DISCUSSION – WATER REPORT-continued

Water Superintendent Daniel McKeown continued his reported with the following:

Additional radio read meter heads were ordered.

Although the Town Board adopted a resolution on February 20, 2005 under the former Water Superintendent the Town Clerk continues to open mail that is personally addressed to him. He showed the Town Clerk's received stamp on an invoice from a company that is received monthly. Councilman Cook asked for a response from the Town Clerk. Town Clerk Knight stated that her position requires her to date stamp all invoices received by the Town of Avon. Clearly the mail shown is an invoice and it's not the personal mail of the Water Superintendent. She then asked the Attorney to address the question.

Water Superintendent stated that opening his personal mail is a federal offence. Town Clerk Knight stated that she did not open any mail received by the Town that is personal in matter.

Supervisor LeFeber stated that he receives mail at his home thus removing any additional liability of the Town. Water Superintendent suggested that he change his Town mail to be received at his home.

The Board appeared to request no changes until a review by the Attorney could be conducted.

DISCUSSION CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Cappello reported on the following:

A personnel change has been made and the position for a Fire Marshall is currently open. All work of the Fire Marshall is being completed. There are no problems in the Department.

The inspections of the Opera Block/Town Hall sprinklers will be provided to Code Enforcement Officer by Davis Vlmer.

RESOLUTION #167 AMEND THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

On motion of Councilman Cook, seconded Councilman Blye by the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE to amend the Compensation Schedule removing the following:

RESOLUTION #167 AMEND THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE-continued

Name	Position/Duties	Status	2010 Rate	2011 Rate
Rodamaker, Lee	Code Enforcement Officer	Part Time*	\$14.85/hr.	\$14.85/hr.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Blye - Aye, Councilman Mairs – Aye, Councilman Cook - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Cole - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber - Aye

RESOLUTION #168 PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Cole, seconded by Councilman Blye the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE to accept for payment Abstract 2011-21 in the following amounts:

Concerning ABSTRACT of Claims Number 2011-21 including claims as follows:

General Fund	Voucher #463 through #492 in amounts totaling \$12,095.95
Highway Fund	Voucher #188through #192 in amounts totaling \$5,069.42
Water Fund	Voucher #162 through #170 in amounts totaling\$4,844.21
Cemetery Fund	No Voucher
Opera Block Capital	
Improvement	No Voucher
Royal Springs Lightir	Voucher #11 through #11 in amounts totaling \$961.35
Cross Roads Drainage	e No Voucher
District	
Bruckel Drainage Dis	trict No Voucher
Royal Springs Draina	ge No Voucher
Town Of Avon Fire	
Protection	No Voucher
Water Capital	No Voucher
Improvement	

Vote of the Board: Councilman Blye - Aye, Councilman Mairs – Aye, Councilman Cook - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Cole - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber - Aye

<u>RESOLUTION #169 RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORTS FROM THE AVON</u> <u>LIMA ROAD INC. ESCROW ACCOUNT, THE SUPERVISOR, AND TOWN</u> <u>CLERK</u>

On motion of Councilman Blye, seconded by Councilman Mairs the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #169 RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORTS FROM THE AVON LIMA ROAD INC. ESCROW ACCOUNT, THE SUPERVISOR, AND TOWN CLERK-continued

RESOLVE to accept the Citizens Bank Commercial Account of Avon Lima Road Inc. Escrow Account in Favor of the Town of Avon and monthly reports for October from the Supervisor, and the Town Clerk Report as shown below:

Town Clerk September Report:

Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$737.32
East Avon Cemetery Fund	\$325.00
New York State Department of Health	\$45.00
NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	\$20.00
NYS Environmental Conservation	\$1,932.28
RECREATION Fee	\$60.00
WATER Fee	\$635.04
TOTAL	\$3,754.64

Vote of the Board: Councilman Blye - Aye, Councilman Mairs – Aye, Councilman Cook - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Cole - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber - Aye

RESOLUTION #170 WATER RELEVY

On motion of Supervisor LeFeber, seconded by Councilman Blye the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE that the following report was provided to the Board by the Water Clerk and approved for re-levy:

Town of Avon Relevy by District Report Between Relevy Date(s) 11/01/2011 and 11/01/2011

Water Districts

District Name	Bill Item	Item Type	Relevy Amount	
TOAWD	WATER	ARREAR	17,709.07	
	WATER	CURRENT	7,402.68	
	WATER	PENALTY	2,559.30	
		TOAWD District Total:	27,671.05	
TOAWD-ROUTE 39	WATER	CURRENT	32.54	
	TOA	WD-ROUTE 39 District Total:	32.54	
		WATER - All Districts Totals:	27,703.59	
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RESOLUTION #170 WATER RELEVY-continued

Vote of the Board: Councilman Blye - Aye, Councilman Mairs – Aye, Councilman Cook - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Cole - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber - Aye

DISCUSSION EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Supervisor LeFeber stated the discussion on the employee handbook would take place at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

We are moving forward with the replacement of windows at the Highway Department.

Senator Gallivan will be visiting next Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. and local small business owners have been invited to attend.

A phone interview was held with Standard and Poors and we continue to have an AA minus rating. An explanation of paying off the bond by using fund balances was explained.

The dedication of a New York State Historical Sign was held on October 29, 2011. The presentation was attended by approximately thirty people.

EAST AVON

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AS EARLY AS 1797, EAST AVON BEGAN TO DEVELOP ALL THE ELEMENTS OF A THRIVING COMMUNITY KNOWN FOR THE WIARD PLOW, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WHITE HORSE TAVERN AND SUSPECTED UNDERGROUND RAILROAD ACTIVITIES

TOWN OF AVON HISTORIAN 2010

East Avon Historical Marker Dedication October 29, 2011

Special thanks are extended to Reverend Thomas Taylor, Ronald Russell, Susie Rothrock and members of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Avon who have provided support and a safe haven for the placement of this historical marker.

Welcome: David LeFeber, Supervisor, Town of Avon

Introductions: Maureen Kingston, Historian, Town of Avon

Greetings: Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian

Dedication: Reverend Thomas Taylor and Supervisor LeFeber

East Avon, New York

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East Avon at the intersection of routes 15 and 5 and 20 has a history as rich as any community in Western New York. The area was opened to settlement following the Campaign of General Sullivan in 1779 and the Phelps and Gorham Treaty between the Seneca Nation and Oliver Phelps and Nathanial Gorham in 1788. The tract between Geneva and the Genesee River became known as the Phelps and Gorham Purchase. In 1789 a land office opened in Canandaigua and land in the Genesee Country was offered for sale.

Among the early settlers in the community were the five Pearson/Pierson brothers who came to East Avon in 1797 from Connecticut. Benjamin, John, Joseph, Jesse and David played significant roles in the development of East Avon. John built a tavern, later known as the White Horse and was instrumental in the formation and construction of First Presbyterian Church. Joseph built a large house on the northwest corner of the intersection referred to as the Taintor House. Each brother contributed to the advancement of his adopted community.

Thomas Wiard came to East Avon in 1804. He was a farmer, blacksmith and inventor of the first cast iron plow. After his death in 1837, his sons carried on the Wiard Plow Company. They built the large building which some of us remember on the south side of Routes 5 and 20, east of the intersection. Wiard Plow moved to Batavia in 1876. The building subsequently housed various industries. Among them was Wiard Standard Washing Machine Company owned by Frederick H. Wiard; a sawmill operated by George Nichols and John Fitzpatrick; the location of Charles Arner's flour and feed mill; Cliff Bristol's garage; Mark Davin and Bob and Bud Carlin's farm implement company. The Plow Factory was located where Fisher Buildings company is now.

In her reminiscences published in the Avon Herald News August 28, 1958, Maude Wiard (granddaughter of Henry Wiard) recalled one of East Avon's early stores owned by Gilbert Palmer and Henry Gallup. It was located in the Hotel and sold groceries and dry goods. "There were barrels of molasses and vinegar in the 'back room,' also barrels of crackers and huge round cheeses. Buggy whips hung in the front room and bolts of cloth were piled on the shelves. Children came with their pennies to buy striped stick candy and sweet licorice root. The Post Office was located in the store....Frederick H. Chapel owned a small store on the north side of the Main Street. The Post Office was moved to his store and Frank G. West carried the mail in his stage which he drove each day to Avon to take passengers to and from the Erie Railroad trains...." At the turn of the Twentieth Century, farming was an important industry in the East Avon community. Names mentioned by Miss Wiard include William Harris, Henry Wiard, Harry Stephenson, Willard P. Schanck, Frank Hovey, William E. Dana, Nathaniel Dann, Aaron Barber, Adelbert Thomson, Melvin Hamilton, John Nichols, Cyrus Lee, James, Matthew and Albert Bristol, Cortez Landon, Walter Sherman, Hezikiah Beckwith, William Beckwith, James Noonan, Charles G. Pease and Ranson Buck.

In its historical past, East Avon was also home to schools, taverns, foundries, cooper shop, wagon shop, blacksmith shop, tailor shop, gunsmith, ashery and hattery. William Davidson was the blacksmith remembered by Maude Wiard. She recalled his leather apron and him working at his forge pounding iron into horseshoes. "His huge hammer made a clanging noise as he struck the anvil—a pleasant sound of long ago." The East Avon Band held their practice sessions in the large room over the shop. The band would give a concert on the lawn of the church when there was an ice cream social.

Its unique location has led to speculation that the people of the community took part in Underground Railroad activities before and during the American Civil War. Evidence was discovered during the recent restoration of First Presbyterian Church when a small room with a most unusual latch was located on the upper floor. Since the activities of the Abolitionists and their allies were often carried out in the utmost secrecy, there is little documentation to support these ideas.

The Pearson/Taintor House which stood on the northwest corner was speculated to have been a part of freedom activities. The house was built in 1812 by Joseph Pearson, who in addition to his large family provided lodging for many travelers moving west along the Albany-Buffalo highway. Joseph Pearson's oldest daughter Catherine married Enos Bacholder and returned from LeRoy to the homestead after her father's death in 1844. Their youngest daughter Harriet Bacholder married Dr. Solomon Taintor in 1856. Two of their daughters were the last of the family to occupy the homestead. They were Miss Sarah Augusta Taintor and Mrs. Grace Sly. In her description of the family and house, Mrs. Sly stated about her grandparents, "Both Mr. and Mrs. Bacholder, though quiet and unassuming, had firm convictions of justice and were courageous and consistent in their conduct. When harboring fugitive slaves was legally a crime, this house in East Avon corner proved a shelter and protection to many a slave on the way from the south to Rochester and Canada...." It was taken down in 1956 to make way for a gas station.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon, one of the oldest church buildings in Livingston County and the last surviving landmark at the famous intersection, was built in 1812. It was begun by John Pearson and finished after his death, in 1815. Among the early members of the congregation were Maria Berry, widow of Gilbert Berry and her daughter Catherine. Excellent records of the church are carefully maintained by its active community and you are encouraged to become further informed. Various renovations have occurred through the building's long history, but none has compromised its historic character. It was elected to the State and National Registers of Historic Places in 2005. The current pastor is the Rev. Dr. Thomas Taylor. The White Horse Tavern was built in 1812 by John Pearson. Bricks for the structure were made at a brickyard along Little Conesus Creek near Henty Road and the timbers were turned out at a saw mill down stream. Mr. Pearson died in 1815 before completion of the inn. The first landlord was Major Seymour Boughton who was killed during the War of 1812 at the Battle of Black Rock near Buffalo. Thomas Wiard took over the tavern followed by a number of others including Isaac Riley Newman who named it the Newman. Milton Smedley, the son of Dr. L.G. Smedley, owner of Knickerbocker Hall at the Avon Springs, took over in 1900. It was he who named the White Horse Tavern. Other landlords and owners included Charles Flynn, Emma Rettig, Mable Warner, Ken O'Dea and the Wemett Corporation. The famous old landmark was destroyed by fire August 1, 1955.

The White Horse now standing in front of the Tavern site was installed at the inn in 1930 by Miss Emma Rettig. It replaced a former statue made of wood that had deteriorated. The figure is made of a material called Norris stone, a product of the Norris Company of Rochester, New York and was designed and cast by Jon Alexander also of Rochester. In 1992, an extensive renovation project was undertaken to preserve this famous landmark.

The railroads made a definite impact on the community beginning in the 1850s. Though they were used much by the people of East Avon, growth centered in West Avon where the busy depot offered convenient transport of goods and attracted industries. In its location at the intersection of major highway corridors, it could however never be discounted, and the community began to offer services to travelers. Several gas stations were built on or near the corners, replacing the Taintor house, farm land, and the White Horse Tavern. First Presbyterian Church stands as the one remaining building from the golden age of early settlement.

By mid-Twentieth Century there was a large grocery store, a laundry, restaurants, a Community building, motels and the development of East Avon Mall, opened in 1975. In 1980-81, Route 390 was constructed as a north-south corridor connecting easily with Monroe County and the Southern Tier. Exits 9 and 10 have put East Avon back in focus with development of housing, industrial and commercial space. With these advancements in the Twenty-first Century comes the responsibility to maintain the charm of a small community and to support those who are quick to speak with pride of East Avon.

Do you remember?

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The Avon Coppersmith, Arthur Cole The site of the Baptist Church Maggie Davidson's store East Avon Fire Department when it was in the Stub Webb/Avon Stove building Pauers' Restaurant District School #3 The Chicken House Bill Sergeant's gas station The Community Building Botts' store East Avon Downs Annis Dairy Foster's Restaurant The IGA Seneca Pottery Twin Swanand many more

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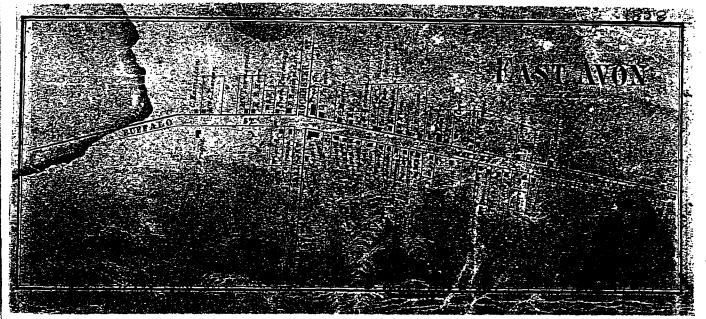
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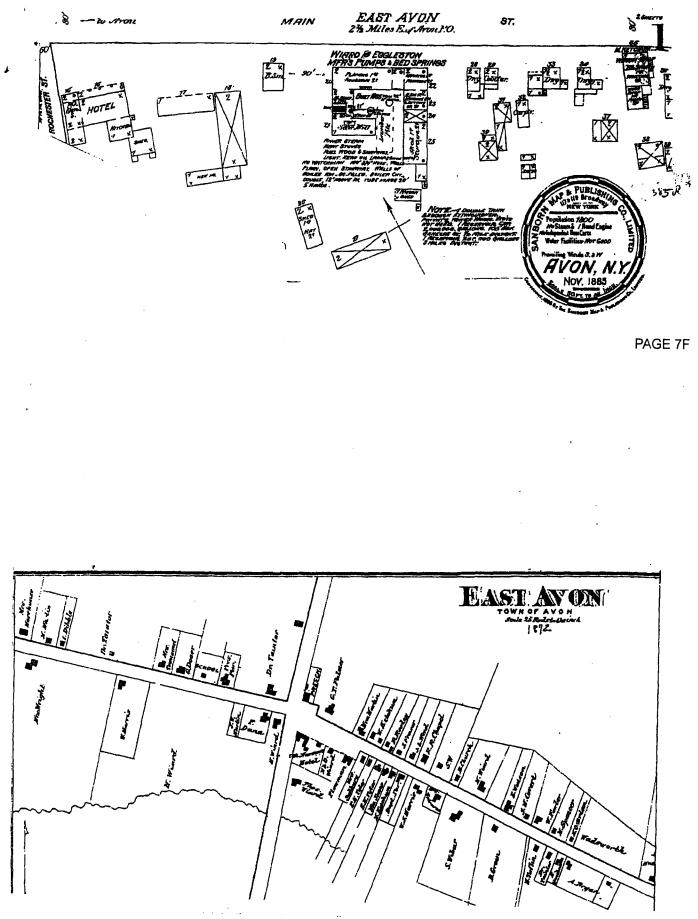
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Maureen Kingston 10.29.11



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DISCUSSION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-continued

There was discussion on an e-mail from our Avon Representative to the Livingston County Traffic & Safety Board asking for a reduction of the speed limit on Pole Bridge Road. Councilman Blye asked that the records be reviewed to make sure the request was not already sent to the New York State Department of Transportation for review.

An invitation was extended to attend the Village Board meeting on Monday for a presentation of the potential of fixing up some of the buildings in the downtown area to increase the possibility of renting space within the buildings.

DISCUSSION – ROYAL SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT PUNCH LIST

Supervisor LeFeber opened the discussion on the need to develop a punch list of items to be completed prior to the Board releasing the dollars being held in an escrow account of Avon Lima Road Inc.

Attorney Campbell stated for the records that we are watching the funds closely as they were withdrawn a year or so ago, replaced in anticipation of the project moving forward, but recently received a letter requesting the release of the bond funds. The Town still has open items and they need to be addressed prior to releasing the funds.

Supervisor LeFeber provided a beginning list of items to open the discussion. The list included the number of dollars being held in the accounts as follows:

Royal Springs has requested release of funds currently held in accounts in favor of the Town of Avon. One account holds \$207,522, the other \$10,000. At this time it appears there is no interest in any additional rezone requests for more housing within the development.

Discussion points:

Roads:

- Athena Drive
- Demitrios Way
- Yanni Court
- Eleni Court

Sidewalks

Storm water catch basins

Water lines & hydrants

Sewer – Livingston County

Lighting - Nationalgrid

Storm water pond system and its effect on Nune Park and ditch to Route 15.

20% common open space

Any obligation to establish businesses or services at the entrance of Royal Springs. We would like to discuss these items plus any other items or obligations promised to the Town Board, Planning Board or Department heads.

DISCUSSION – ROYAL SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT PUNCH LIST-continued

Engineer Rock added gutters to the list.

Attorney Campbell explained the Board's acceptance of the dedication of the roads, including the description of the maps that were used, as the maps included gutters and sidewalks. Although it was not the intent to accept the sidewalks or gutters they were shown on the map. A review of the minutes may indicate the Board's intention was to allow people access to the roads including the school. Many of these road dedications happened prior to Attorney Campbell's employment with the Town of Avon.

Planning Board Chairman Dr. Tugel stated that typically a neighbor association is formed to allow the residents within a development have common open space versus having the open space be used by the entire community.

Discussion included the Town's obligation of maintaining the drainage district.

Who owns the property today and who pays the taxes?

Trimming and policing of the property.

What are the plans for the commercial development of the front East side? A benefit of the density within the Planned Development Districts required a commercial area.

The County Planning Board's recommendation will be used as another independent view of the development.

There is a need to bring the sidewalks and gutters to maintainable standards.

RESOLUTION #171 APPROVE LARSEN ENGINEERING TO COMPILE ROYAL SPRINGS OUTSTANDING ITEM LIST

On motion of Supervisor LeFeber, seconded by Councilman Blye the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

APPROVE Larsen engineering to complete a list of items that need to be completed including the results of not moving onto additional phases the state of the storm water ponds and their dropping water into other properties.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Blye - Aye, Councilman Mairs – Aye, Councilman Cook - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Cole - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber - Aye

Visitor Judy Falzio shared additional concerns with New York State Rules of Development including mixed uses and the open space may not be safe as stated in previous Town Board meetings that were attended by neighboring residents. Supervisor LeFeber asked for any public comments and there were none.

Councilman Blye and Councilman Cook will be out of town for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION - OPEN ITEMS

There were none.

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Cole, seconded by Councilman Cook, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon M. Knight, CMC/RMC, Town Clerk