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The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held at the Avon Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York on Monday, July 21, 2008.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor  
William Zhe, Trustee  
Mark McKeown, Trustee  
Philip Swanson, Trustee

Absent: Robert Hayes, Trustee

Staff: John Barrett  
Ryan Colvin  
Gary Margiotta  
Reid Whiting  
Jeremy Batzel

Visitors: JoAnna Colvin  
Brian Strozewski  
Rev. Stiegler  
Shirley Stiegler  
Sandy Walker  
Kathryn Riedener

Mayor Freeman opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe the minutes from July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 are hereby approved as submitted. Trustee McKeown seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Philip Swanson, Trustee	Abstained	

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:**

Superintendent Barrett updated the Board on the status of his department as follows:

- Working on sidewalks on Clinton Street
- Crack sealing on Clinton Street and Sackett Road
- Prepare to start work on South Avenue – all laid out
- Cleaning out catch basins along Routes 5 & 20
- Getting reading for the 2,000,000 gallon tank inspection from the Health Department
- Filter change at the filtration plant within the next 2 weeks
- Sidewalks complete on both sides of Wadsworth avenue

Trustee Zhe questioned the work to be done on the crosswalks on Genesee Street? Superintendent Barrett informed him that they will be started after meter reading is completed.

Mayor Freeman - Will all the crosswalks be the block system?

John Barrett – We will do the block system at the crosswalks without stop signs.

Mayor Freeman stated that he had recently attended a Park Commission Meeting and discussed with them the idea of a Park Ranger. I would like to dedicate someone to work with the Park Commission as a part-time job. Mayor Freeman questioned if anyone had any opposition and that the Park Commission was in agreement to this idea.

Mayor Freeman – I was evaluating some of the trees and there appears to be a lot of dead branches.

John Barrett - There's a root fungus going around in the soil and it's been a tough year. We've already cut down 20 trees.

### **TO DO LIST:**

Mayor Freeman instructed Superintendent Barrett to go ahead with the signs for Maple Street and Horseshoe Blvd. and also to put in the temporary gravel sidewalk in front of Randy Peterson's property as soon as time permits.

## **VOUCHERS AND MANUAL CHECKS:**

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Upon a motion by Trustee Swanson, the following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fund #1 General Fund	\$38,044.76
Fund #4 Schedule C	\$ 2,016.12
Fund #5 Water	\$ 2,171.93
Fund #6 Sewer	\$ 5,286.43
Fund #9	\$
Fund #10	\$
Fund #11	\$ 526.96
Fund #17	\$ 462.12
Fund #44	\$
Fund #45	\$
Fund #46	\$
Fund #47	\$
Fund #48	\$
Fund #50	\$
Fund #52	\$
Fund #53	\$
Fund #54	
Fund #55	\$
Fund #56	\$
Fund #57	
Fund #58	\$
Fund #59	\$
Fund #60	\$ 142.18
Fund #61	\$
Fund #62	\$
Fund #63	\$
Fund #64	\$
Fund #65	\$
Fund #66	\$

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Fund #67	\$
Fund #68	\$
Fund #69	\$
Fund #70	\$
Fund #71	\$
Fund #72	\$
Fund #73	\$
Fund #74	\$
Fund #75	\$
Fund #76	\$
Fund #77	\$
Fund #78	\$
Fund #79	\$
Fund #80	
Fund #81	\$
Fund #82	\$
Fund #83	\$ 1,967.90
Fund #84	\$
Fund #85	\$
Fund #86	
Fund #87	
Fund #88	\$
Fund #89	\$ 2,964.90
Fund #90	\$
Fund #91	\$ 1,616.81
Fund #92	\$
Fund #93	\$ 855.84
Fund #94	\$
Fund #95	\$
Fund #96	
Fund #97	\$

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Fund #98	\$
Fund #99	\$
TOTAL	\$ 56,055.95

Manual Checks:	Check #3043 Nationwide Retirement Solution	\$1,679.78
	Check #3042 NYS Income Tax Processing Unit	\$1,597.20
	Check #3041 NYS Child Support Proc. Center	<u>\$ 483.50</u>
		\$3,760.48

Trustee Zhe seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman Mayor	Voting	Yes
Philip Swanson, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes

**GARY MARGIOTTA:**

Mayor Freeman announced that the probationary period for Mr. Margiotta is past and that he is officially appointed to a full time position. The Board offered congratulations, and informed Mr. Margiotta that he would receive a \$500 per year increase.

**REID WHITING:**

Mayor Freeman informed the Board and Attorney Whiting that he had entered into a verbal agreement with the company that owns the utility poles on Rochester Street and for an immediate solution for now the poles would be unloaded and removed within a 24

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hour period. They are investigating an alternative location for storing the poles at Papermill Road.

Attorney Whiting reported that the Light Industrial Zone prohibits the dissemination of odor or fumes or other atmospheric pollutant beyond the boundaries of the immediate site where the poles are stored. If odors, fumes or airborne pollutants from the piles waft out of the Light Industrial District to a residential district, the storage of the poles can be addressed by our Code Enforcement Officer.

Reid Whiting – There's one outstanding issue that needs to be resolved before the Village should take dedication of the Livingston Industrial Detention Pond at the Light Industrial Park. Superintendent Barrett is waiting for the final survey report.

Mr. Whiting presented a survey map of the pond. It has 300+ feet of frontage. Mr. Whiting asked that Mayor Freeman sign the documents that go with the deed and as soon as John Barrett reviews the final survey report the Village can accept dedication.

Ryan Colvin – We have a maintenance bond in effect that's good until October 2009.

Mayor Freeman informed the Board that he called to set up a meeting with Pat Rountree, Henry Hanson, and Dick Ash to create some new relationships.

Mark & Judy Hennekey – Mayor Freeman informed the Board that Pat Rountree was aware of Mark and Judy Hennekey's property.

Reid Whiting – The Village doesn't have any liability, if they were turned down 2-3 times for a remortgage then it would warrant a more through study. I think in the long haul, Barilla's going to pump up property value in Avon. It will not detract.

## **FIRE CHIEF – JEREMY BATZEL:**

Chief Batzel entered the meeting and presented a breakdown and description with prices to outfit a firefighter to the Board for review.

They also brought samples of the clothing and gear to show to the Board.

Mayor Freeman requested having a display of the fire equipment and gear and cost sheet for the Corn Festival so tax payers would have a better understanding of the costs involved to outfit a firefighter.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM:**

### **RESERVE HR-21 FIRE EQUIPMENT:**

#### **TURNOUT GEAR**

Trustee Swanson offered the following RESOLUTION and moved for its adoption:

#### RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION authorizing the expenditures of \$15,000 from capital reserve funds HR21 – FIRE EQUIPMENT for the Village of Avon, Livingston County, New York.

Be it resolved, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon as follows:

The specific object or purpose of the Village of Avon, Livingston County, New York for which the expenditures of monies from the capital reserve funds is for monies needed for *TURNOUT GEAR*. The maximum estimated costs of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$15,000.

Upon this RESOLUTION taking effect, the same shall be published in full in THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY NEWS, the official newspapers together with a legal notice of the Village Clerk as provided by law.

This RESOLUTION is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

Trustee McKeown seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

Mayor Thomas Freeman	Voting	Yes
Trustee Robert Hayes	Voting	Yes
Trustee Mark McKeown	Voting	Yes
Trustee Philip Swanson	Voting	Yes
Trustee William Zhe	Voting	Yes

#### **CAPITAL PROJECT:**

Trustee Swanson offered the following RESOLUTION and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that a capital project be established in the amount of \$15,000.

Resolved, that said capital project shall be number H and entitled TURNOUT GEAR.

Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

Mayor Thomas Freeman	Voting	Yes
Trustee Robert Hayes	Voting	Yes
Trustee Mark McKeown	Voting	Yes
Trustee Philip Swanson	Voting	Yes
Trustee William Zhe	Voting	Yes

**ZION HOUSE:**

Rev. Stiegler entered the meeting and Mayor Freeman explained to Rev. Stiegler why they invited him to their meeting. After discussing the proposal of the Zion House the Board had questions on public safety and the potential strain on Village resources. The Board questioned if there was a contingency plan in place if issues do arise. If there are complaints, what would happen?

Rev. Stiegler - We will pull Veteran's from all over. Our principle market will be upstate New York. We will have 6 women, and at the most 8. The Veterans expressed a need for transitional housing for homeless female Veterans similar to programs available to men. In consultation with Homeless and Vocational coordinators at the Canandaigua, Rochester, Bath, and Buffalo facilities, as well as the MST program Batavia VA Hospital it was determined it was greatly needed. Currently there is no facility that meets the special needs of the women Veterans in New York or the United States. We are not a treatment facility. The ladies will be residents for at least 6 months. The VA will pay for them for up to two years. They will be coming out of a treatment program, and if they need more medical treatment they will be returned to the VA facility. Hopefully most of them will come to us with jobs. Other requirements will be filled like obtaining their GED, independent living and employment. The program is seen as the last step before independent living.

Rev. Stiegler - Since WWI the VA has had a Domiciliary Program. There's a Dom in Batavia and Bath for any Vet with a problem that needs long term care but not in patient

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care. I've worked with people in Canandaigua. They may be in the Dom for 9 months or 60 days. They would get vocational training and we as sponsoring agent will help with life skills if they want it. The women will run the house; there will be a resident manager to supervisor it and a licensed social worker will be contracted with or hired as a caseworker. The Zion House will have a Board of directors comprised of members selected from the Zion Congregation, the American Legion Post, and concerned members of the Avon Community. This Board will be responsible directly to the Rector and Vestry of Zion Episcopal Church. That's all part of the transitional program, how to run a house. When they are ready to move on, we help them find a place to live. Veterans Outreach has been doing this for 35 years with 20 or 30 beds for men. We will work closely with Veteran's Outreach. As far as medical, they are still Veterans and we will have volunteers to drive them around. Through the LATS service, they could work in Geneseo or in Rochester. We plan on having visitation days. There's a possibility that we could get a Veteran with 2 small children, and they could go to the Circle Nursery School.

Rev. Stiegler stated that they would not be getting the grant this year. They went to Veteran's Outreach and asked if we could work per diem under their grant. The biggest thing we would have to do to fix up the house would be to install a sprinkler system.

Trustee McKeown - From the church's perspective, long term, are they prepared to run the Zion House when you leave?

Sandy Walker - We are people of commitment. The Nursery School has been in effect for over 30 years.

Rev. Stiegler - If we get Zion House up and running, it's a full time job. It would be part-time priest and part-time director.

Trustee Swanson - How do you get your money for running the house through the year?

Rev. Stiegler - It's per diem \$33 per Veteran per day. We are also entitled to 1/3 of their gross earnings. We hope to keep half of what the women give us and start savings accounts for them. Interviews will be conducted by the Advisory Board with the Veteran while the Veteran is still in VA care. A care plan in the form of a Contract of Expectations will be drawn up and agreed to by the VA care team, the Veteran, the Zion Case Manager, and the Zion House Advisory Board. This Contract of Expectations becomes the instrument by which the progress of the Veteran is measured. Failure to meet the terms of the contract may lead to an adjustment in the contract, referral back to the VA for treatment, or removal from the program. The decision for a Veteran to move on to independent or assisted living will be made with the full consultation and acceptance by the VA care team, the Zion House Advisory Board, and the Veteran.

Trustee McKeown - What's the projected time frame?

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Rev. Stiegler – Rights now we have \$14,000, we've put \$6,000 into the house. We need to have a contract with Veteran's Outreach in place before we can go any further.

The Board felt their questions were answered and Mayor Freeman assured them that they would write a letter of support for their proposal.

Reid Whiting – I see no problems, there seems to be plenty of support staff and supervision.

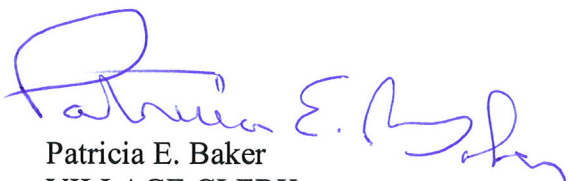
## **TRUSTEES' UPDATE:**

Mayor Freeman informed the Board that after a recent D.O.T. meeting, he and John Barrett had a conversation with Tom McTighe of the railroad regarding sidewalks on Linden Street. Since this is a "walking community" he informed them that there are funds available and the Village should formulate a request on receiving federal money. This is a walking community.

Trustee Zhe updated the Board on the grant from the National Trust and the proposal for the Historic Structure Report from Bero Architecture P.C.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McKeown the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia E. Baker  
VILLAGE CLERK