

Avon Village Board Meeting
Monday, September 22, 2008

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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, September 22, 2008.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor
William Zhe, Trustee
Philip Swanson, Trustee
: Robert Hayes, Trustee

Staff: John Barrett

Absent: Mark McKeown, Trustee

Visitors: Chuck Kanty
Christine Martin
Richard Martin

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 Swanson the minutes from September 15th, 2008 meeting are hereby approved as submitted. Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

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

CLOSED PROJECTS:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe the following project is hereby closed and the remaining monies returned to their original source:

Project Name Balance Remaining Original Source

H76-Buckle Up NY \$0.

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

Thomas Freeman, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Philip Swanson, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

VOUCHERS AND MANUAL CHECKS:

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

Fund # 1 General Fund	\$40,442.84
Fund # 4 Schedule C	\$80,921.76
Fund # 5 Water	\$ 3,220.35
Fund # 6 Sewer	\$12,503.92
Fund # 9	\$
Fund #10	\$
Fund #17	\$ 5,341.37
Fund #43	\$ 8,778.00
Fund #44	
Fund #45	\$
Fund #46	\$
Fund #47	\$ 2,657.04
Fund #48	\$
Fund #49	\$
Fund #50	\$ 30.03
Fund #56	\$
Fund #57	\$
Fund #58	\$
Fund #59	\$
Fund #60	\$
Fund #61	\$
Fund #62	\$14,894.40
Fund #63	\$
Fund #64	\$ 8,336.00
Fund #65	\$ 6,822.00
Fund #66	\$

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
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mayor Freeman asked Superintendent Barrett to work with the steering committee on the Five Arch Project. The Board intends to invite Bero's Architecture to a Village Board meeting.

Richard & Christine Martin entered the meeting. He made a request to the Board that he be charged only one water/sewer unit while he was going through construction at Iler Motors. There's actually a grant that Treasurer Quinlan has found for him and we're going to be looking at some of those things. We're going to gain more parking and I'd like to see the whole front of the building changed. There's no good quality retail space for people to rent on the strip currently. Richard Martin informed the Board that the main building is 5000 square feet and the rear building 4000 square feet. I think I will take down the metal buildings.

Mayor Freeman instructed Mr. Martin to submit something in writing.

Richard Martin - I'm going to ask for a variance for 5 units on my Linden Street property. The best thing for that area is to make four or five nice apartments.

Mayor Freeman – We've asked Mark Alexander to complete Pole Bridge Road with sidewalks and take them up to Five Lot Lane.

Mrs. McAllister talked with Larry Amadon of DOT and said they just never followed up and will be back out within the week. DOT will fix whatever needs to be fixed.

Tree trimming needs to be done on the corner of Spring Street and Linden and River Street.

Mayor Freeman reported that another bullet point to be added for neighborhood meetings agenda was to remind people that the trees in the area between the sidewalks and roadway are owned by the Village and if there is a problem the homeowners should notify the Village.

CHUCK KANTY:

John Barrett – The pipe we hooked up came apart and slid down the hill. I'll send Bryan Scott there tomorrow to put it back together and cover it with dirt. It's a drainage swale and when it rains water will sit there until it drains away.

Trustee Hayes – Since 2004 we did address the problem. Frank Csapo cleaned out one end and we cleaned out the other end.

John Barrett – When I was up there today it was not wet.

Chuck Kanty – The French drain and retention pond that was put in never solved the problem. I have standing water in the back yard that never drains off. I received my letter from the Code Officer to either bring my pool into compliance or remove it so I drained 3500 gallons of water out of the pool over a two day period and nothing ever came out of the pipe. There's not enough slope to run the water into the pond. I have standing water in the back yard that just doesn't drain off. There's never anything in the retention pond.

Mayor Freeman - We need to make sure that French drain was put in properly, and is it being graded properly with the new houses going in?

Chuck Kanty – I also wish something could be done to knock the weeds down. It was last done early May and not touched since. I'd like to get that cleaned up. There's standing water in the weeds.

Mayor Freeman stated that it is Frank Csapo's obligation to fix Mr. Kanty's problem and mow the weeds down. We'll have Tony look into this.

TRUSTEES' UPDATE:

A letter to Dooer Avenue residents was read aloud regarding no parking on sidewalks by Mayor Freeman. The Board was in unanimous agreement to send the letter to the Dooer Avenue residents. That was one of the major concerns at the last Neighborhood Meeting.

The Board discussed DOT work and sidewalks and it was mentioned that temporary asphalt patch will be put in before winter so that people can get in and out of their driveway. All the curbing will be concrete.

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The next neighborhood meeting will be Clinton Street, Hal Bar Road, Lacy Street, Temple Street, and Richmond Lane. Mayor Freeman suggested inviting someone from the school to attend.

Trustee Zhe – Are we going to accept DOT’s suggestion on the raised median? The Board agreed the mountable curb should work fine and that we should leave it alone.

Trustee Zhe – I spoke with Keith Herman of Tom Wahl’s about tying in to the back of CVS. He said that he never heard back from John Barrett.

Trustee Swanson – Would directional signals be part of the project in all four directions?

Trustee Hayes – Yes.

Mayor Freeman – I spoke with Kraft about their signs. They are more than willing to do more signage. Barilla reminded me that they are doing our mowing for us now.

TAX RELEVY RESOLUTION:

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Avon hereby requests that the County of Livingston collect certain delinquent Village taxes for the tax levy of June 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Avon will take no action to recover said unpaid taxes pursuant to Section 1440 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York and no sale on account of said unpaid taxes will be held pursuant to law,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Avon officially requests that the County of Livingston collect certain delinquent Village taxes for the tax levy of June 2008 pursuant to Section 1442 of the New York State Real Property Law.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Village Clerk of the Village of Avon shall be transmitted forthwith to the Livingston County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors.

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

Thomas Freeman, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

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Philip Swanson, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

PRESERVATION LEAGUE OF NEW YORK STATE:

A motion was made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Swanson to execute the contract from Bero Architecture P.C. which serves as a notice to proceed with the research and historical significance of the Five Arch Bridge. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

VEHICLE USE POLICY:

The Board along with John Barrett reviewed the proposed vehicle use policy. The Board agreed to let Superintendent Barrett take some time to review the Municipal Vehicle Policy and Procedure and bring it up at another Village Board meeting.

The Board along with Superintendent Barrett talked about different options for metering the gas usage. Mayor Freeman suggested that Trustee Hayes and Superintendent Barrett look into different options such as a card system or key fob that activates the pumps. It was also suggested to talk with J.O. Cooks to see about purchasing gas through them. The Village uses approximately 18,000 gallons of gas per year.

Trustee Hayes reported that he has no new information on the Electronic Signs. He will continue to research.

Upon motion made by Trustee Hayes the Board entered into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Trustee Zhe seconded the motion and the Board exited executive session at 8:15 p.m. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon a motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia E. Baker
Village Clerk