

Special Avon Village Board Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2007

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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, October 8th, 2007.

Present: Thomas Vonglis, Mayor
Thomas Freeman, Trustee
William Zhe, Trustee
Mark McKeown, Trustee

Absent: Philip Swanson, Trustee

Staff: John Barrett
Jim Carney
Tom Moran
Bryan Scott
Tim Holtz
Jim Fusco

Visitors: Steve Tuchrello

Mayor Vonglis opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

ACE CONTRIBUTION:

Trustee Zhe provided the Board with the following request for a donation:

Avon Community Engaged

This is a follow up to our letter concerning the plans for this year's 2007 Red Ribbon Week Celebration, October 21 through 27.

I hope you have budget monies to support Avon's youth during this week. We are planning many new activities that include youth of all ages from preschool through high school. We are also including some healthy activities for adult

community members. Because of the expansion of activities and the number of youth we want to reach, we need monetary donations from past supporters of Red Ribbon Week. We understand that budgets are tight, but donation of \$25 or more would make a big difference. Can we count on your continued support? In order to finalize our plans, we need to know how much money we have to work with. Please contact me by Friday October 12 with your level of financial contribution. If a financial donation is not possible, we need adult volunteers to support programs planned for Friday and Saturday evening, October 26 and 27. We are planning a High School Dance on Friday, from 8-10:30 PM, and a "Battle of the Bands" on Saturday, from 7-10 PM. We need adults to supervise these events, for about 2-3 hours. Avon youth have indicated through survey results that they feel the adults in the community do not support them. Your few volunteer hours would be a visible sign of the support your organization has for Avon's youth. Would your organization be able to send a few volunteers for these two evenings?

Thank you very much for your consideration.

I am looking forward to hearing from you by Friday, October 12.

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Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe, the Board agreed to donate \$100 to the ACE program as explained above. Trustee Freeman seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Vonglis, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Thomas Freeman, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

DETENTION POND:

The Board walked the area surrounding the Department of Public Works. With the area being centrally located between the new Barilla facilities and the proposed Greenway Trail, the Board is cognizant of the condition of their property. The Board reviewed the areas of concern with the Superintendent of Public Work and the Police Chief.

The Board walked the area to be designated as part of the Greenway Trail and discussed several options as to how it would tie in with the Village's abutting property.

The Board also discussed diverting the creek to have it flow directly into the detention pond allowing for a continuous flow. This proposal will need further investigation to determine if it is at all possible.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

The Board met briefly with the employees of the Department of Public Works.

PUMP HOUSE:

Tom Moran asked about the renovations to the pump house. Superintendent Barrett indicated that he was in the process of obtaining an additional electrical quote from Mike Loomis. As part of this quote, a set amount will be established as work to be done by the Village itself, thereby establishing a substantial savings for the Village.

Mr. Moran suggested that the outside piping be done prior to any restoration of the outside of the building.

Trustee McKeown asked if a bathroom was needed at the property.

Mr. Moran answered that this would be a small part of the renovation.

Trustee McKeown asked about the order of the renovations. The Board was previously prepared to start with the outside renovations, now he's hearing that (Superintendent Barrett) the electrical should be first; and (Tom Moran) the outside piping should be done first.

Trustee McKeown concluded that possibly the piping and the electrical could be done this year and the outside remodeling completed the following budget year.

OVERHEAD DOORS:

Trustee Freeman asked if all the overhead doors had been replaced. Superintendent Barrett answered that two out of four remain to be replaced.

SALT SHED:

Trustee Freeman asked if the new salt shed holds enough salt to last for the entire winter season?

Superintendent Barrett and Bryan Scott answered that it would hold more salt and therefore give the Village more leeway to getting additional salt on an as needed basis.

BLACKTOPPING:

Trustee Freeman asked if the Department was done with blacktopping.

Superintendent Barrett answered yes, except for some potholes.

AVON DRIVING PARK:

Trustee Freeman asked if the skating rink has been paved.

Superintendent Barrett answered yes.

Jim Fusco asked about the items stored in the skate house. Trustee Zhe indicated he would discuss with Tami Snyder.

At this point the Board left the Department of Public Works and thanked the crew for a job well done.

FISK PLACE:

At 4:30 pm the Board met with the residents of Fisk Place to discuss their concerns relative to a sidewalk/road for the area.

The Fisk Place residents presented the following petition to the Village Board:

*Fisk Place/South Ave.
Avon N.Y.14414*

*Avon Village Board
Avon, N.Y. 14414*

Subject: Proposal for safer road conditions near and around the Fisk Pl./South Ave. intersection.

Village board members:

Since the recent improvements and beautification around the Fisk Place and South Avenue intersection, all of the residents have noticed a tremendous increase in traffic activity "cutting through" either to Genesee St. or to West Main St. The majority of through traffic does not obey the posted speed limit. The clearing of the corner lot, (now 40 Fisk Pl.) has enabled the perception that a driver can see around the corner and this has made for a much faster traffic pattern.

In addition, two way traffic cannot pass by each other anywhere near the curve. This causes one of the two vehicles to either come to an abrupt stop or directly drive onto the lawn of 39 Fisk Pl. causing constant lawn repair and driveway apron repair. It is disturbing to know that 13 children live in the six houses surrounding this area. We also would like to make mention of the large increase in pedestrian walking and bike riding without any sidewalk. We the residents would like to know why our street located right in the heart of the village has been forgotten while streets like Linden St. located on the village outskirts have just received brand new sidewalks???

Fact:

Recently residents at 34 Fisk Place witnessed a Ford mustang crashing head on into a tree right in their front yard. A police report was taken.

We do not want to wait for that next accident for someone to propose a solution. We would like the Village to take action A.S.A.P. In the past 3 years residents of the neighborhood have put over \$650,000 into improvements and new homes; please do not respond to us with monetary constraints. There is no price that you can put on a child's life, and this letter serves as notice to the Village of Avon that you have been made aware of the following:

- A narrow road*
- Increased pedestrian traffic with no sidewalks on a main village street*
- Increased motor vehicle traffic and excessive speeding*
- Recent facts of known accidents*

We the residents would like to meet with the board and discuss solutions for a safer residential street. Please let us know when we should plan to come speak to you regarding any solutions.

The residents of Fisk Place and South Avenue:

Signed by the following residents:

Michael Froome
Nancy Froome
Tonia Meyer
Matt Meyer
Robert Erdle
Tonya Erdle
Rachel Washburn
Todd Washburn
Joseph LaGeorge
Stephen Tuchrello
Kimberly Tuchrello
Brian Lewis
Ruth Ann Lewis
David Mobley

The neighbors expressed their concerns about the increase in traffic, both foot and motor vehicle. The issue of drainage was also mentioned and Superintendent Barrett concurred with their concerns.

Stephen Tuchrello provided a proposed draft of a new roadway and sidewalk to the Board. The Board, Chief Carney and Superintendent Barrett reviewed the proposed draft. Superintendent Barrett suggested that he have the Village's engineering firm review the layout, confirm items such as the radius of the turn and try to put together some cost figures for the Village Board to digest.

Mayor Vonglis explained to the neighbors that the process goes as follows:

- Superintendent Barrett provides the Board with an actual proposal for a new road and sidewalk. A proposal which has been properly engineered and cost estimated.
- The Board will review the proposal and costs involved during the preparation of the Village budget which takes place starting in February.
- The project will be placed on a priority list to be either considered during the current budget year or at a future time.

The neighbors thanked the Board for their quick response to their concerns.

Upon a motion the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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Robyn Harris, Village Clerk