

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 at 6:00 PM Monday February 20, 2017.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor
Robert Hayes, Trustee
William Zhe, Trustee
Timmy Batzel, Trustee

Absent: Mark McKeown, Deputy Mayor

QUORUM, 4 Present, 1 Absent

Staff: Gary Margiotta, Deputy Clerk
John Barrett, Supt. Of Public Works
Gary Benedict, Police Chief
Anthony Cappello, Code Enforcement Officer
Brian Glise, Fire Marshal

Others: William G. Davis, Sr. Civil Engineer, MRB Group

Pledge of Allegiance

STANDARD ITEMS:

DPW UPDATE:

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

The wastewater covers had arrived, Supt. Barrett reported. They were starting to put the first one on. The chemical feed building was 90 percent complete, he added.

They were staying ahead of sludge production with the sludge trailer they have on demonstration, Supt. Barrett continued. The Village's sludge trailer would be delivered in May, he said, noting they were trying to twist Crane Hogan's arm.

Laborer Chad Bailey had gone through the sweeper, other members of the crew were out flushing sewers.

Downs:

There wasn't much movement at the Downs, Supt. Barrett told Trustees.

Gas & Electric Contract Renewals:

The electric rate was 6.8 cents, Supt. Barrett said, but noted the market was down and the Village could get another 3-year contract at 4.9 cents – which would translate to a \$15,000 reduction in electric bills.

Gas:

The gas rate was 6 cents per therm. The market had dropped to 3.5 cents per therm and the Village might be able to lock in at 4.3 cents per therm, Supt. Barrett told Trustees.

MOTION: Trustee Zhe moved to authorize the gas and electric contract renewal, seconded by Trustee Batzel. Voting in favor were: Mayor Freeman and Trustees Batzel, Hayes and Zhe. Voting against were: none.

CARRIED, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Would street lighting costs go down, too? Mayor Freeman asked.

Yes, Supt. Barrett answered, street lighting cost the Village \$80,000 per year so, it was a sizeable amount. He said he would send the gas and electric contracts back the next day and lock in the rates he had mentioned.

Supt. Barrett also mentioned changing Genesee Street lights from 150-watt high pressure sodium lights to 45-watt light-emitting diodes (LED).

Mayor Freeman said he wanted to sit down with Supt. Barrett on spring brush collection.

Change Orders:

MOTION: Trustee Zhe moved to approve \$5,100.00 worth of change orders, seconded by Trustee Hayes. Voting in favor were: Mayor Freeman and Trustees Batzel, Hayes and Zhe. Voting against were: none.

CARRIED, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

POLICE UPDATE:**Shooting Range Qualifications:**

All Officers had qualified at the shooting range, Chief Benedict began.

Officers McFadden & Gage/20-year Retirement Program

The Village had received a copy of Bill S4254 from State Senator Partick M. Gallivan's, 59th District, office, which required a HOME RULE REQUEST from the Village. The request would move the bill forward and allow Officers Matthew McFadden and Richard Gage to participate in a 20-year retirement program.

MOTION: Trustee Hayes moved to authorize Mayor Freeman to sign-off on the HOME RULE REQUEST. Voting in favor were: Mayor Freeman and Trustees Batzel, Hayes and Zhe. Voting against were: none.

CARRIED, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Officer Bruckel to Irondequoit/Staffing:

Officer Evan Bruckel would be moving to the Irondequoit Police Department and would be leaving next week, the Chief continued. Their Board would be voting on him tomorrow. Officer Bruckel had done a “fantastic” job while here. The Village would be looking for a part-time individual to replace him.

Full-time officers were willing to work their days off at the part-time rate of \$23.00 per hour, Chief Benedict noted.

Could the Village bypass the State’s overtime rule of time and a half for more than 40 hours per week? Trustee Batzel asked.

The Livingston County Sheriff’s Department did it, the Chief responded. What are we staffed at now? Trustee Hayes asked.

Officer Tamara Bingham would be back April 1, Chief Benedict noted. She would be back on the schedule, the Chief said, adding she had qualified at the range.

Manual Updating:

The Department had been updating their manual and a new version should be in place by March 1, Chief Benedict told Trustees, that hadn’t been done in 15 years, he added.

ENGINEERING UPDATE:**WWTP Capital Project:**

Substantial completion of the \$3 million Wastewater Treatment Plant capital project was anticipated by June, MRB Engineer Davis reported. Final completion should follow by July. Contingency monies required for the project hadn’t been a significant amount, Engineer Davis added.

In addition to the change orders Trustees had signed, there was another one, \$700 for a transformer, that could be signed at a later date, Engineer Davis said.

Avon Commons Expansion:

Morgan Avon Court, LLC, was adding seven 8-unit apartment buildings on Collins Street and Georgian Way in the Avon Commons subdivision, Engineer Davis continued. Contractors had begun putting the sewer in the ground today, he said.

WWTP Capacity/Sewer Use Law:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) had written, signing-off on the Village WWTP capacity, Engineer Davis said, 1 million gallons per day.

The next step would be getting the sewer use law adopted by the Village. Barilla Pasta, Inc., and Kraft-Heinz have known it was coming, the engineer said. The plant, he added, has been doing well, things are much improved. They were dye-testing at Kraft.

Culvert Crossing at Pole Bridge Road:

The culvert crossing Route 5&20 at Pole Bridge Road would require closing the state highway for three days. The cost shouldn't exceed \$25,000. The detour route has yet to be established, Engineer Davis continued.

Mercury Limits:

The DEC, Engineer Davis said, had changed the limits on mercury. The Village may be able to eliminate the mercury limit from the sewer use law altogether.

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

148 East Main Street/Duplex Allowed:

Code Enforcement Officer Cappello had written a letter, consenting to an apartment at 148 East Main Street. The house has had an in-law apartment for nearly 50 years. The owners had placed the house on the market and wished to sell it as a 2-family.

184 East Main Street/Drainage Issue:

Terrance Lischer of Livonia had built a 1,427-square-foot, single story home at 184 East Main Street and was having drainage problems, reportedly pumping water from the basement onto neighboring properties. Code Enforcement Officer Cappello was going to investigate.

Anderson Meadows Expansion:

Developer Frank Csapo planned to build an additional three houses at the north end of the Anderson Meadows subdivision off Lake Road, Code Enforcement Officer Cappello noted.

Rochester Gas and Electric had called. Csapo must come in to the Planning Board and must submit a surety bond – he needed to fill out an application as well, Code Enforcement Officer Cappello added.

Avon Commons Expansion:

Morgan Avon Court, LLC, would be getting their permits, Code Enforcement Cappello told Trustees.

Inspections Continuing/Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

Fire Marshal Glise said he was continuing with inspections, noting even businesses had to have carbon monoxide detectors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Trustee Zhe moved for an executive session at 7:04 PM, seconded by Trustee Hayes. Voting in favor were: Mayor Freeman and Trustees Batzel, Hayes and Zhe. Voting against were: none.

CARRIED, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

MOTION: Trustee Zhe moved to return to open session at 7:48 PM, seconded by Trustee Batzel. Voting in favor were: Mayor Freeman and Trustees Batzel, Hayes and Zhe. Voting against were: none.

CARRIED, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

TREASURER'S UPDATE:

MOTION: Trustee Hayes moved to approve the vouchers, seconded by Trustee Zhe. Voting in favor were: Mayor Freeman and Trustees Batzel, Hayes and Zhe. Voting against were: none.

CARRIED, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Association of Villages/April Meeting:

The Village would host the April Association of Villages meeting at the Avon Inn at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, April 26. The Inn itself would be the topic. State Senator Patrick M. Gallivan, 59th District, was expected to be the guest speaker.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Gary Margiotta
Deputy Clerk