

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held in Conference Room B of the Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York on Monday November 7, 2016.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor  
Mark McKeown, Trustee  
Bill Zhe, Trustee  
Tim Batzel, Trustee  
Rob Hayes, Trustee

Staff: Tony Cappello  
John Barrett  
Chris Quinlan  
Reid Whiting- Attorney  
Brian Glise  
Chief Snyder  
Chief Benedict

Visitors: Charles McLaughlin  
Jim Fusco  
Mary Lou and John Marks  
Thomas Bartolini  
Scott Gage  
Nancy and George Sullivan  
Ken Greenwood  
David Kasowski  
Mark Gooding  
Art Kirsch  
Sally and Ted Sakshaug  
Dennis and Laurie Jo Turner  
Nancy Froome  
Dave Sharman  
John Tickner  
Jared Kanty  
Kathy Salvati  
Brenda McKeown  
Duane Dembroski  
Mary and David Kilgore  
Joe Montesano  
James and Leah Root  
Gary Boor  
Jim Blye  
Heather Arnold  
Conrad Baker- Genesee Sun  
Chuck Kanty- Deer Committee  
Don Mastin- Deer Committee

## **ASH TREE INFORMATION:**

The Board discussed with the community the Ash trees located in the Driving Park. They are infested with emerald ash borer bug, and the trees need to be taken down. The Village has bid out the project and the project will begin soon. The Village will also be having new trees replanted. There was discussion among the public including suggestions for different types of trees to be replanted. Because the wood is infested, the wood must be “quarantined” and will be chipped to keep from distributing the diseased wood to other areas of the state and spread the bug. The Mayor expressed his thanks to the community for their understanding of the need to take care of this quickly.

## **DEER INFORMATION:**

The Board discussed with the public the deer issues that the Village has been experiencing in the last few years. Members of the deer committee were present to inform the public of the idea they have come up with as a solution. The proposal is the harvesting of deer. The method used would be archery with the use of a deer stand. Archers would be approved by the APD and the committee and probably start with committee members. It would take place later in the winter. There would only be certain days and times, bait would be used, and permission must be granted from land owners and adjacent owners of properties that would be hunted. It was expressed by the committee that this is not a hunt, it is a harvest that would be a yearly event in order to see any kind of evidence that the population is decreasing. The public asked questions concerning locations and other ideas. The committee stated that they didn't want to try multiple ideas, they would like to choose one and stick with it. No action has been taken by the Board on this matter.

## **DPW UPDATE:**

Superintendent Barrett was in attendance to update the Board on the following:

- The screen is in place at the WWTP. The digester has been completed and they will be start working on the pipe.
- There is more work to be done by Howlett's. The plan is to put in a catch basin and run it to Driscolls.
- Received final drawings for the Lake Rd. project. Superintendent Barrett will review. Once he is comfortable with the plans, he will approach Mr. Wolfanger for an easement for his property.
- New dump truck is working very well with the plow.
- Christmas trees were delivered and the lift will be here next week to put up decorations in the Village.
- Sludge update: Superintendent Barrett explained that they have drying beds. 1 digester brakes down the sludge and the other digester is a holding tank that goes to the drying beds. With the improvements being made at the plant, we will be down 1 digester for approximately six months. We are looking for ways to take care of the sludge without having to haul it away at a relatively high expense. The idea that he is leaning toward is a sludge trailer. He will gather some more info for the next meeting.

**VOUCHERS AND MANUAL CHECKS:**

Upon a motion by Trustee McKeown, the following vouchers and manual checks are approved for payment:

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$145096.09
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$7452.14
#5-WATER	\$27503.64
#6-SEWER	\$39537.02
#17-TA	\$
#50-CAPITAL	\$1357.62
#62-CAPITAL	\$
#65-CAPITAL	\$652.98
#72-CAPITAL	\$1155.00
#73-CAPITAL	\$120.00
#77-CAPITAL	\$42416.54
#78-CAPITAL	\$3365.00
#DEBT SERVICE	\$
TOTAL	\$268656.03

Manual Checks:

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

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Chief Snyder was in attendance to ask the Board to approve a request to purchase a vent saw for the department.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the Board approved the purchase. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

**POLICE UPDATE:**

Chief Benedict gave the following update to the Board:

- The Chief received the contract for the upgraded radios for the County.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board approved the contract pending Attorney Whiting’s recommendation. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- The doors in the police offices have been re-keyed and the phones are now working.
- There was a K-9 sweep held at the school. It took approximately 20 minutes and there were three dogs that had a positive hit.

**TRUSTEE’S UPDATE:**

- Mayor Freeman invited Ken Greenwood to the meeting. A contact list was created of the members of the comprehensive plan committee and a meeting between Mr. Greenwood, Trustee Hayes and Mr. Steinmetz will be held to get a foundation and guide for the committee to move forward with.
- Avon Homes LLC sent a letter requesting to dedicate the pond located at 35 Almalfi Drive to the Village of Avon. Attorney Whiting had no objection and stated that the Village would have the added maintenance expense.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes, the Board accepted the pond dedication. It was seconded by Trustee Zhe and was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- The Board discussed the new policies and will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe, and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the change orders totaling \$0.00 for the WWTP improvements were approved and signed by Mayor Freeman. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes


**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the Board entered executive session at 8:40pm and exited at 9:20pm to discuss contractual issues. No action was taken. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel, the meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall  
Village Clerk