

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held in the Whitney Room of the Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York on Monday, July 10, 2017.

- Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor
Mark McKeown, Trustee
Bill Zhe, Trustee
Tim Batzel, Trustee
Robert Hayes, Trustee
- Staff: Anthony Cappello, Zoning Officer
John Barrett, Supt. of Public Works
Brian Glise, Fire Marshall
Sergeant Joseph Geer
- Visitors: Bill Davis, MRB
Ann Younger
Jim Carney, Avon Lions Club

Mayor Freeman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the Board entered into executive session at 5:00 p.m. and exited at 6:00 p.m. in order to discuss personnel issues. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe, the Board unanimously voted in favor to promote Sergeant Joseph Geer to Interim Chief of Police effective immediately.

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

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

YOUNGER:

Ann Younger discussed community website ideas and the comprehensive plan progress.

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Geer reviewed the Dodge charger New York State Office of General Services mini-bid that will be placed. The current marked Crown Vic will be removed from the police fleet for surplus, possible for the Avon Ambulance to acquire.

Mayor Freeman updated the Board and Chief Geer of the revised bicycle race route on Sunday, July 23rd. Two marked Avon police vehicles will be at Rochester St. and River St. Mayor Freeman and Clerk Randall will reach out to the Methodist Church and adjacent property owners of the municipal parking lot of the plans.

Chief Geer stated that PT officer Zach Hinkson will complete FTO by July 31st. Chief Geer will be looking to fill another PT officer position.

Chief Geer plans to surplus the old Motorola police radios.

CODE UPDATE:

Zoning Officer Cappello mentioned that Tom Wahl's is interested in demolishing their existing building and replacing it with a larger building to store their new food truck. Also, Barilla is looking to expand their parking lot. The Board would like the Planning Board to review both of these projects considering drainage and other possible improvements.

Zoning Officer Cappello and Superintendent Barrett met with a NYS DEC representative at 90 West Main St. re: a complaint. The owner of the property is required to put in an oil/water separator. Trustee Hayes would like the business to comply with sign regulations.

Fire Marshall Glise commented that TYLIN was on site at the new Evening Star Coffee building to provide an inspection related to the energy code.

LIONS CLUB CLOCK UPDATE:

Jim Carney fundraised \$23K of \$29K for clock. The Lions Club placed the order to avoid a July 1st price increase. P.E. Jeff Younger to provide gratis services for the clock's base plan and to complete the NYS permit to erect the clock in the right-of-way. Superintendent Barrett to provide the 5&20 reconstruction plans to Jeff Younger.

DPW UPDATE:

Superintendent Barrett was in attendance to review the following projects with the Board:

- River St. Sidewalk is ongoing, decorative block has been ordered, and project will be completed this calendar year.
- Wadsworth Ave. drainage-stakeout has been called in.
- Sackett Rd. repave-grinding has been completed, cleanup and preparation is being done, awaiting a paving date.
- Ross Lane paving-stakeout has been called in. Suite Kote is working on a quote to remix grindings for the base.
- Lake Rd. drainage easements being obtained. Manholes have been ordered. Piping to be ordered soon. Project to be completed by mid-August.

- Drainage at the Downs-County Soil and Water has approved the project. County sending an elevation profile, and a materials list so pipe can be ordered. Project to be completed in September.
- D’Angelo Heights drainage-MRB to review possible alternative. Pipe and catch basin will be ordered soon. Project to be completed in September.
- WWTP project-second digester cover has been removed. Working in the tank to fix nozzles, etc. Installation of new piping to the flare is almost complete. Superintendent Barrett to provide the Aqualogics quote to finish the SCADA system for the next Board meeting.

Superintendent Barrett provided the Board with a NY Piggyback NJPA Landscaping and Grounds Related Equipment PC66663 quote from LandPro Equipment LLC for a John Deere Z970R commercial Ztrak lawnmower in the amount of \$12,391.61. Upon a motion by Trustee Zhe, the lawnmower purchase from LandPro Equipment is approved. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKeown, and was carried by the following vote:

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

Trustee Batzel requested Superintendent Barrett to look at the side fire department outside door as it needs to be replaced. Trustee Batzel also requested Superintendent Barrett to look at the ash tree near 373 Genesee St., and to ensure that all of the Temple St. drains are cleaned out.

ENGINEER’S UPDATE:

Bill Davis, MRB, provided the Board with the I&I study findings as well as a map of the sanitary sewer investigation priorities map. Bill and the Board reviewed the findings and map. Bill stated that smoke testing is best in the dry summer whereas televising can be done in the summer or winter months. The Board discussed the possibility of borrowing a smoker from MRB or Rural Water, and possibly contracting for the camera work where they normally charge by the foot for televising and cleaning. Bill will provide an outline to the Board for next steps.

Bill reviewed the I&I grant application that was submitted last year, and wasn’t funded. The program has been increased from \$2M to \$3M this year. If the study results in projects that need funding, it will get submitted to NYS EFC as a potential funding source. This will provide NYS DEC the Village efforts to pursue this issue and will help define future collection system costs substantiating the Village’s allocation to the collection system budget. Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes, MRB will include the recent I&I results and reapply for the engineering planning grant application in an amount not to exceed \$500. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKeown, and was carried by the following vote:

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

Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

NYS DEC requested potential effluent limits for the WWTP. MRB will provide this information to NYS DEC.

Bill reviewed the proposal for professional services for the water treatment plant expansion study. This study will review a third filter unit which will increase the current capacity of 1.0 MGD to 2.0 MGD. The building that houses the existing filter units will need to be expanded to fit a third unit, expansion of the filter support and foundation, and expansion of the piping. Ancillary items such as chemical feed, backwash storage, lift pumps, etc., will also be evaluated for the added capacity. The water storage tank elevation and assessment of pumps will be reviewed. UV disinfection will be investigated and the Pebble Beach Rd. pump station improvements will be evaluated. After review and discussion by Bill, Superintendent Barrett and the Board, Trustee McKeown made a motion to accept MRB's proposal in the amount of \$25,800. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zhe, and was carried by the following vote:

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

VOUCHERS AND MANUAL CHECKS:

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

#1-General Fund	\$16,810.12
#4-Schedule C Fund	\$ 7,609.74
#5-Water Fund	\$ 2,923.69
#6-Sewer Fund	\$10,976.67
#17-Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 3,188.52
#93-Capital Fund	\$ 1,748.25
Total	\$43,256.99

Manual Checks:

Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Deferred Comp	\$1375.00
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Law Enforcement Officers Union	Police Dues July	\$412.10
SEIU 200 United	DPW Dues July	\$308.66

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

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

TRUSTEE’S UPDATE:

Trustee Zhe and Superintendent Barrett updated the Board that Steve Schiano is approximately 80% complete on tree removals and plantings at the Avon Driving Park. The sledding hill and Mill St. areas still have more trees to remove. More plantings of black walnut and spruce trees will be in the fall at the southern portion of the Driving Park. Mayor Freeman spoke with Rotary President Vonglis who said that Rotary would like to volunteer to participate in additional tree plantings.

Trustee Hayes commented that the trees on the Erie-Attica trail are encroaching the trail. Treasurer Quinlan will contact the NYS Parks representative to see if Parks will cut them back.

Mayor Freeman reviewed the Avon Free Library’s request to consider an additional \$1,000 this year. Trustee Batzel made a motion to increase this year’s Library contribution by \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes, and was carried by the following vote:

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

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes the minutes from May 22, 2017, and June 5, 2017, are hereby approved as submitted. Trustee Zhe seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

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

WNY CHILDREN’S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER:

Trustee Zhe reviewed e-mail request relating to prohibiting the collocation of certain children’s facilities with adult facilities in Erie County. Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe, the Board resolves:

Whereas, the Western New York Children’s Psychiatric Center opened in West Seneca in 1970. The center takes seriously emotionally disturbed children between the ages of 4 to 18 years old

from 19 Western New York counties. The 19 different counties in New York State include: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Herkimer, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates; and

Whereas, despite the significant volume from these nineteen counties the Western New York Children’s Psychiatric Center has the lowest thirty day and ninety day reinstatement or re-institutionalization rate of any facility in New York State. The costs of long-term hospitalization and institutionalization are drastically reduced and eliminated when the readmission rates are low; and

Whereas, Governor Cuomo in his 2017 budget proposed that the West Seneca Children’s Psychiatric Center be moved to the Buffalo Psychiatric Center, an adult facility and campus. Moving these children into an adult setting would not be therapeutically beneficial and may in fact be detrimental to the psyches of many of these children; and

Whereas, the medicinal and therapeutic benefits of treating and counseling children with mental illnesses in both rural and school settings have been documented in many medical journals and academic papers. The Governor’s proposal to place these children in a lock down facility with adults run counter to science, logic and common sense; and

Whereas, the New York State Assembly and Senate unanimously passed A6506/S4630 which prohibit the colocation of certain children’s facilities with adult facilities in Erie County; and

Whereas, Governor Cuomo needs to sign this bill and save WNY Children’s Psychiatric Center in West Seneca.

Now therefore it be resolved: The Village of Avon supports the passage of the above bills in the New York State Legislature and also strongly encourages Governor Cuomo to immediately sign this necessary legislation into law.

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

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

DEPUTY COURT CLERK:

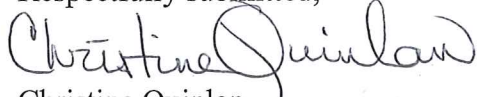
The Board received notification received on May 15, 2017, from Jennifer Sargeant, that she was resigning effective May 26, 2017.

After Board discussion, a motion was made by Trustee McKeown to appoint Holly Swafford as Deputy Court Clerk, and be paid at the rate of \$13.00 per hour on an “as needed” basis. Trustee Zhe seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Quinlan
Treasurer