

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 September 11th, 2017.

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

Staff: Tony Cappello
John Barrett
Chief Joe Geer
Reid Whiting

Visitors: Sharon Knight
Patty Ayers
Ann Younger
Art Pierson
Richard Burke- Lion's Club
Leanne Hill- Edward Jones

Absent: Rob Hayes, Trustee

Mayor Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SHARON KNIGHT and PATTY AYERS:

Ms. Knight and Ms. Ayers came to the Village Board to discuss a fundraiser they wished to have for the Republican Party. The candidates running for election on the Republican ticket, along with the Republican Committee, will ride on decorated floats (tractors and wagons) throughout the Village. The run will include three stops; the Avondale Pub, Duffy's, and the Spring Street Mill. The first float will leave the school at 6:00pm and the last at 8:00pm. The route seems a bit long at this point, going from the school, coming down Lake Road, and proceeding through the Village. However there is still discussion commencing for the finalization of the route. The police department is already aware of the event. Mayor Freeman thanked Ms. Knight and Ms. Ayers for coming in to discuss the event "on the record". He said that permission is not needed from the Board and that he hopes the event is a huge success!

ART PIERSON:

- Mr. Pierson came to discuss drainage issues he is having on and around his property. A resident living behind him installed a dry well to help with his own drainage problems. Mr. Pierson stated the dry well is no longer dry, and that there is water running along the footer of his garage. He is very concerned about structural damage to the foundation.

Mayor Freeman asked if he had any suggestions as to how to fix the problem. Mr. Pierson had no suggestions that were suitable to correct it, and Superintendent Barrett stated that the water is running through the pipes in that area as it is supposed to be. All the drainage work is on the opposite side of the street and he has never looked to see if they could tie into the pipe that goes through Mr. Pierson’s property to help alleviate the water. Mayor Freeman said that the DPW can get a camera to check to make sure everything is clear and maybe a small catch basin could help. However, there are other projects going on that are priority at this time. The Mayor discussed the 5 & 20 project and the Oak Hill projects, explaining that the goal is to stop the runoff that is coming into the Village. That in itself will help with Mr. Pierson’s drainage issues on his property.

- Mr. Pierson expressed concern that the residents turning onto Main Street from Bronson have a difficult time seeing because of a telephone pole blocking the view. Unfortunately, the Village has no jurisdiction over that.

LIONS CLUB CLOCK UPDATE:

Mr. Richard Burke was the representative for the Lions Club and discussed the fundraising for the Centennial Clock. There has been \$19185.00 raised in the community for the clock. The total cost for the clock and installation is \$29,000.00. This is a shortfall of \$10,000.00. Mr. Burke respectfully requested that the Board consider a contribution of \$2500.00 in order to help reach the goal. The Lions Club will also be asking the Town for the same amount. If the club is able to get a commitment from each Board, the Lions club will match the \$5000.00 commitment to complete the fundraising.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board agreed to contribute \$2500.00 for the Lions Club Centennial Clock Project. The motion was carried, three to one to one, by the following vote:

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| Thomas Freeman, Mayor | Voting | Yes |
| Tim Batzel, Trustee | Voting | Yes |
| Mark McKeown, Trustee | Voting | No |
| William Zhe, Trustee | Voting | Yes |
| Robert Hayes, Trustee | Voting | Absent |

Mr. Burke reminded the Board that the ongoing maintenance of the clock would be taken care of by the Lions Club.

ANN YOUNGER:

Ms. Younger was in attendance to discuss the possibility of having a speaker come to discuss the Main Street LLC concept for the Park Theater in the Downtown District. She is still interested in purchasing the theater, but looking to see if it would be a project better suited to a group of investors. She feels it is a good time to get involved with it as the Avon Inn is doing all of the upgrading there as well. She would like the Village to consider paying the \$450.00 fee to have Rick Hauser, the gentleman who works with the Main Street LLC. Mayor Freeman said that in discussion with Treasurer Quinlan, they determined that it may be something they can ask

Livingston County Development would consider paying for, and including several county groups to hear him speak. Treasurer Quinlan will reach out to Maureen Wheeler and Louise Wadsworth, who represent the county.

DPW UPDATE:

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

- Ross Lane is complete. Worked on drainage and water will now run into the catch basin on Rochester Street. The road will be much easier to take care of.
- River street sidewalks have two more pours and they will be complete. The cleanup will be next and hopefully completed by next week.
- Have the pipes for the drainage project on Wadsworth Avenue. We want to tie in so that if there is a backup, the backup will occur on the far side of the railroad.
- Manholes have been ordered for Lake Road.
- WWTP- there are just punch list items that need to be finished up. The covers are on, the digester is up and running.
- Energy Audit- Superintendent Barrett discussed having an energy audit to see what we can do throughout the buildings to become more energy efficient. If we go through the NYS Power Authority, they can do all of the Village buildings, design and engineer the ideas. We can also put it out to bid. If we choose to go with NYS, we can take it as a loan with a 1% payback. . The savings from the project would effectively pay back the loan.
- I & I study- the next step is the smoke testing. For the first round of testing, Superintendent Barrett would like to hire someone to do it so he is able to learn what needs to be done. After that, he is confident that the crew will be able to do it. The equipment can be rented- we have an agreement with Livingston County for equipment use and MRB also has equipment.
- Superintendent Barrett will coordinate with Fire Chief Snyder to get the old car to auction. Next auction is October 3rd.
- Easements for Oak Hill- Mr. Wolfanger would like to move the easement closer to the Farrell’s property so that if work needed to be done, the pine trees would be spared. Superintendent Barrett asked them to put flags where they would like to move it to and he would come down to get the GPS coordinates to Attorney Whiting to change the easement. He will reach out to both parties.
- Dick Davidson has been to the horse barn to bait for the rats that have become displaced due to the ash tree project.

VOUCHERS AND MANUAL CHECKS:

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

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| #1-GENERAL FUND | \$17292.42 |
| #4-SCHEDULE C | \$92146.82 |
| #5-WATER | \$2904.20 |
| #6-SEWER | \$8925.26 |

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| #17-TA | \$3295.74 |
| #50-CAPITAL | \$ |
| #62-CAPITAL | \$ |
| #65-CAPITAL | \$ |
| #72-CAPITAL | \$ |
| #73-CAPITAL | \$ |
| #77-CAPITAL | \$ |
| #93-CAPITAL | \$1748.25 |
| #DEBT SERVICE | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$126312.69 |

Manual Checks:

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| Nationwide Retirement | Deferred Comp. p/r#17-18 | \$1450.00 |
| Brodner Equipment | Generator F.Dept- VFA grant | \$1729.00 |
| Pike Hardware | Backpack Blowers-VFA grant | <u>\$1104.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | | \$4283.00 |

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

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

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the minutes from August 21st, 2017 are hereby approved as submitted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Geer gave the following update to the Board:

- Officer McFadden is back at school. The department is relying heavily on the part time officers to cover the hours.

- The speed sign has been moved from Pole Bridge Road to Hal Bar due to the start of school.
- The St. Agnes 5k will be held on Saturday.
- The library has been having problems with people using their open Wi-Fi. The police recommended that they lock the Wi-Fi.

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Tony Cappello updated the Board on the following:

- 507 Collins (the new apartments at Avon Commons) is ready to rent space. During the final inspection, the building did not pass the energy inspection. Originally, the company was supposed to complete 1 building and have it inspected in case anything was wrong. Then they would know what to do and not do in the next building in order to pass the inspections. Tony is having T.Y.Lin come out to explain that again. The bank reached out to Tony for a C of O. Unfortunately a C of O cannot be issued until they pass inspection.
- Renovations continue in the police department.

TRUSTEE’S UPDATE:

- Discussion continued about the old police car and whether or not to it should go to auction, go to bid, or be given to the ambulance company who is currently looking for a backup emergency vehicle. Attorney Whiting stated that an auditor would find no fault in sending the car to auction, however, if the car is declared as surplus, it should really go to bid. The Board tabled the discussion until all members were present.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board approved the Post Issuance Tax Compliance and Continuing Disclosure Policies and Procedures for Tax-Exempt Notes and Bond. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board approved the Deer Committee to move forward and send in the paperwork to the DEC for the Deer Damage Application and Permit. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

- The Board discussed the upcoming surgery for Jose Alvarado. Mr. Alvarado submitted a letter stating that he will be having surgery for an injury on his shoulder that will impact his duties here. He will be out of work and is hoping to have the Village find someone willing to cover his duties until he has been released by his doctor to continue work. The

Board discussed adding Shannon Geer to the payroll in order to take over the job duties of Mr. Alvarado until such time that he is able to return to his duties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

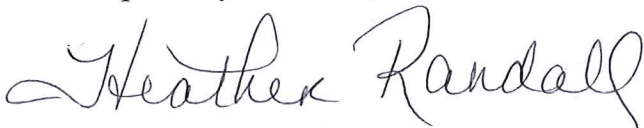
Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the Board entered into executive session at 7:35pm and exited at 10:00pm to discuss personnel and contractual matters. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

No action was taken.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe, the meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall
Village Clerk