

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 January 22, 2017.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor  
Mark McKeown, Trustee  
Bill Zhe, Trustee  
Rob Hayes, Trustee (arrived at 6:40pm)  
Tim Batzel, Trustee

Staff: Tony Cappello  
Brian Glise  
Chief Joe Geer  
Superintendent John Barrett

Visitors: Conrad Baker- Genesee Sun  
Ann Younger  
Autumn Welch- Avondale Pub, Owner  
Leann Hill- Edward Jones

Mayor Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ANN YOUNGER:**

Mrs. Younger was in attendance to update the Board on the Park Theatre. She provided everyone with a business plan she created with some history of the theater, a description of work that has been done to the theater throughout the years, and an outline of the different ideas that could be implemented in this space. At this time, there have been no offers to buy the Park Theatre.

### **AUTUMN WELCH:**

Mrs. Welch was in attendance and discussed her concerns regarding the new court night. The newly elected justice, Jeannie Michalski, has changed the night for court to Thursday. This will in turn create a situation where there won't be easy access to the businesses on Genesee Street due to the limited parking. Mrs. Welch, who owns The Avondale Pub, expressed her concern as it is one of her busiest nights of the week for her restaurant, and feels this could really damage her business. Mayor Freeman expressed his concerns as well and asked the Trustees to reach out to Justice Michalski to see if she would reconsider. Discussion will continue.

### **DPW UPDATE:**

Superintendent Barrett updated the Board on the following:

- The crew will be tearing down the storage building behind the Town offices.
- Cleaned out sludge bed
- Superintendent Barrett has looked through the Village to find trees that need to be taken down. They are marked and he has a p/o for Terry Tree, who will be working on the project.

- Superintendent Barrett blocked catch basins that were connected to the storm sewer. He wants to see what kind of effect it will have on the water flow to the plant.
- The new instrumentation at Kraft will begin transmitting real time data beginning in February.

**VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:**

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

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$46313.36
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$59123.94
#5-WATER	\$8948.97
#6-SEWER	\$17839.31
#17-TA	\$
#50-CAPITAL	\$
#62-CAPITAL	\$
#65-CAPITAL	\$
#72-CAPITAL	\$2414.00
#73-CAPITAL	\$
#77-CAPITAL	\$
#78-CAPITAL	\$
#93-CAPITAL	\$
#DEBT SERVICE	\$77327.21
TOTAL	\$211966.79

Manual Checks:

Nationwide Retirement	Def.Comp Correction	\$3913.00
Law Enf. Off. Union	Police Dues January	\$392.16
SEIU 200 United	DPW Dues January	\$316.36
Nationwide Retirement	Def Comp p/r 18-01 &18-02	\$2750.00
Afflac	premium minus Gleason	\$510.40
US Treasury	Tax Pymt- flex to def.comp	\$598.70

**TOTAL: \$8480.62**

The motion 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

**MINUTES:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the minutes from January 8th, 2017 meeting are hereby approved as submitted. 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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:**

Code Officer Cappello and Fire Marshal Glise updated the Board on the following:

- Tony said he is still trying to locate Mr. Murphy re: his building.
- Empire Access- a telecommunications company that provides the latest communication technologies for business and residential customers- is looking to install a cabinet in the Avon Commons area. Tony informed the Board that the company wanted to move the cabinet from the original spot to a new location. When discussed at the Planning Board meeting, Tony said that they were ok with the change and would offer the Village Board a positive recommendation to allow it.
- Mr. Csapo is ready for his C of O. Lance Brabant of MRB has said there are a few things that need to be finished up and he would make a list. According to Superintendent Barrett, Mr. Csapo is also preparing for the dedication to the Village.

**POLICE UPDATE:**

Chief Geer gave the following update to the Board:

- Car- Chief Geer, at a previous meeting, discussed the idea of getting a Charger for the car for the department. After some more research, he has said that he would like to try a Ford SUV. He isn't interested in the Tahoe as they have had several problems with them being serviced and the bids he is seeing for the Fords are coming within range of what the bids for the Charger.
- Active Shooter Response- Free training on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> offered by the County. He would like to send all of the full time officers.
- There was an incident over the weekend involving a barricaded shooter. The incident ended peacefully. The State Police and Sheriff's Departments were also on scene and provided extra support, which was greatly appreciated.
- Girl Scout's 5K will be run on Saturday, January 27 starting at 9am. The department is ready.

**TRUSTEE'S UPDATE:**

- The Board discussed the 5 Arch Bridge and the grant that was turned down this past year. A conference call with Kathleen McIssac indicated that the Village had an excellent application. She stated that there was nothing more to improve upon it and encouraged the Village to re-apply again this year.



- Trustee Zhe and Parks Chairman John Marks are contacting DEC concerning the tree replanting grant for future submissions.
- The Board discussed the Cold War Veteran Exemption. Livingston County Board of Supervisors has adopted to amend the Local Law 6 of the year 2008 for the purpose of removing the 10 year limitation of the exemption and allows qualifying property owners the exemption for as long as they own the property. Those that wish to amend their local law need to do so by Taxable Status Day, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, and the exemption will be effective for the 2018 assessment roll.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the Board agree to have Attorney Whiting prepare the amendment for the Village’s Local Law #2 of 2008 which will remove the 10 year limitation of the exemption. This will be Local Law #1 of 2018. He will also prepare the notice for the Public Hearing for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 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 Zhe and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the Board approved the change order request supplied by MRB for \$3492.05 to relocate influent building RPZ. 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 McKeown and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board entered into executive session at 7:20pm to discuss contractual and personnel matters. The Board exited executive session at 8:30pm. 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 following action was taken:

- Superintendent Barrett will prepare an advertisement for a WWTP Laborer in accordance with the recommendation from DEC to have a plan in place by January 31, 2018 to address staffing at the sewer plant.

- Chief Geer expressed the request to hire Ian Hall as a part time officer for the department. Chief explained he would do most of the field training.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the Board agreed to the hiring of Ian Hall as a part time officer. 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 Board received a letter from former Village Clerk Patricia Baker requesting the payout of her accrued sick day at the time of her retirement. The amount to be paid would be \$24027.97. All taxes and deductions will be Mrs. Baker’s responsibility.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board agreed to the payout to Mrs. Baker in the amount of \$24027.97. 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 Hayes and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Randall  
Village Clerk

Trustee McKeown  
Deputy Mayor