

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 February 19th, 2018.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor
 Bill Zhe, Trustee
 Rob Hayes, Trustee (arrived at 5:45PM)
 Tim Batzel, Trustee

Staff: Treasurer Chris Quinlan
 Brian Glise- Fire Marshal
 Tony Cappello- Code Enforcement Officer
 Superintendent John Barrett

Absent: Mark McKeown, Trustee

Visitors: Judy Hobbs- Rochester Street
 Christina Ficicchia- EV Connect
 Clara Mulligan- Historical Society
 Matt Vanderbrook- Sun Common

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board entered into executive session at 5:00pm to discuss personnel matters. The Board exited executive session at 5:55pm. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

After exiting executive session, the following action was taken:

- At the January 22nd, 2018 meeting, Supt. Barrett was instructed by the Board to prepare and place an ad in the Penny Saver for a Waste Water treatment Plant Labor position as per the recommendation of the DEC. An ad was placed, applications were received and reviewed. From the applications, interviews were held.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel, and seconded by trustee Zhe, the Board approved the hiring of Nicholas Kubinski in the position of Waste Water Treatment Plant Laborer at a rate of pay in accordance with the Service Employees International Union Local 200 United contract. A letter will be mailed by Clerk Randall and a start date will be determined. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

JUDY HOBBS:

Ms. Hobbs approached the Board with several issues she wished to discuss:

- *Margaret Biondolillo*-Ms. Hobbs came to the Board on behalf of Mrs. Biondolillo to ask for leniency on her most recent water bill. It was discovered there was an issue at her home, which she had no knowledge of, and has since corrected. She was hoping to get an adjustment to the bill, which was three times as high as her previous bill.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board agreed to find the average of Mrs. Biondolillo’s last four quarters of water bills and credit her the difference as a one-time courtesy. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

- *Ross Lane*- Ms. Hobbs discussed with the Board her concerns about water still flowing down Ross Lane. In the past she has had damage, prior to the black top and drainage project. However there is still water coming down the hill. She had some samples of rocks that appear to have come down the hill with water and is worried that these rocks could cause harm to pedestrians and damage to property. There is also a concern with the traffic coming down Ross Lane. The Mayor expressed that the Board has been in talks with the Village attorney about making Ross Lane similar to Richmond Lane. In order to do that, there must be new signage and a public hearing in order to enact this as a new local law. It will take a little time, however it is a good and safe idea.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the Board voted to have Attorney Whiting move forward with the creation of verbiage in order to start the process of a local law to make Ross Lane a one way up from Rochester Street but no exit from Ross Lane to Rochester Street. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

- *Barilla*- Ms. Hobbs discussed the noise coming from Barilla during the night.

PUBLIC HEARING- COLD WAR VETERAN EXEMPTION:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board opened the Public Hearing regarding the Cold War Veteran Tax Exemption by having Clerk Randall read the following notice published in the Livingston County News as required:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon on Monday, February 19, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Whitney Room at the Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York on the following matter:

A local law allowing the Cold War veteran exemption to continue.

Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2018 is available for review at the Village Hall located at 74 Genesee Street, Avon, NY, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Board of Trustees will, at the aforesaid time and place hear all persons in support of this local law or objection thereto. Persons may appear in person or by agent or attorney.

Dated: February 1, 2018

By Order of the Board of Trustees
of the Village of Avon
Heather Randall, Village Clerk

There were no public comments.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the public hearing was closed at 6:40pm. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board voted to approve the Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2018, allowing the Cold War veteran exemption to continue. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

EV CONNECT- Charging Stations

Christina Ficicchia, a representative of EV Connect, discussed with the Board charging stations in the Village. EV Connect is a network managing company. With the increased number of electric cars on the roads, these cars need places to charge up when they get low. Municipalities around the state are finding it a benefit to their communities to establish areas where these charging stations can be found and a network established for them. It is recommended that these stations are located places that are visible in order for the ease of finding them, and someplace centrally located in order to plug in and then leave it to charge. There would be one unit that holds two ports for charging purposes.

The proposal includes the following:

- 1 BTC power dual port pedestal	\$4750.00
- 1 network service for 4yrs	\$4170.00
- 2 NYSERDA rebates @\$4000 each	\$8000.00
- 1 shipping	\$100.00
- 1 extended warranty	<u>\$600.00</u>
Total Proposal	\$1620.00

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel the Board voted to move forward with the EV Connect charging station. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Superintendent Barrett will come up with a few ideas for a location to discuss at the next meeting.

SUNCOMMON- Solar Development

Matt Vanderbrook of SunCommon discussed with the Board the different opportunities available with solar power, and how solar power development can benefit municipalities.

DPW UPDATE:

Superintendent Barrett updated the Board on the following:

- 38 trees in total were taken down around the Village. Most of them were ash trees down Sackett (22), 12 trees elsewhere throughout the Village and 4 at the Downs. Avon Rotary is interested in pursuing a project of replanting trees down Sackett Road. They are interested in planting Evergreens, and they would pay for the trees.
- The crew has gone around and picked up some brush. The weather has been mild and the crew were able to get out there.
- Working on cleaning out the drying beds.
- Superintendent Barret is looking to get rid of the 1 ton dump truck in May. When that goes to auction, he will have to replace it. In his research, Supt. Barrett said a neighboring Village just purchased a new dump truck for approximately \$65,000.00. He has decided to look into a dump trailer, which is a separate piece of equipment that has the ability to be hooked into all of the pickup trucks. These trailers cost between \$12,000.00 and \$13,000.00. He would like approval from the Board to get quotes and get it into this year's budget.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board approved Supt. Barrett to look for quotes for a dump trailer. The purchase will be funded via General, Water, and Sewer Fund balances.. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

- Supt. Barrett and Treasurer Quinlan will be meeting with Heather Grant to discuss the Bridge NY grant.

MRB:

- Bill Davis of MRB discussed briefly the I & I grant. Supt. Barrett has a draft of the report from the study. MRB will provide a list of commercial and residential owners who had some sort of impact during the smoke testing, and the recommendations as to how to fix the issues. They recommend die testing and televising. With what is left from the grant monies could possibly be used for the televising.
- The 5 and 20 update meeting with the landowners will be rescheduled.
- The LOC release for Avon Commons is under review. We are waiting for an approval from the Village Attorney to move forward.
- Mr. Davis will finalize the draft of the Water Treatment Plant report and offer a presentation at the Joint Village and Town Meeting on March 12th, 2018.

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

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

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$25622.50
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#4-SCHEDULE C	\$3540.50
#5-WATER	\$3115.56
#6-SEWER	\$12639.42
#17-TA	\$
#50-CAPITAL	\$
#62-CAPITAL	\$
#64-CAPITAL	\$453.70
#72-CAPITAL	\$988.34
#73-CAPITAL	\$
#77-CAPITAL	\$
#88-CAPITAL	\$
#93-CAPITAL	\$
#DEBT SERVICE	\$
TOTAL	\$46360.02

Manual Checks:

Law Enf. Off. Union	Police Dues for Feb. 18-04	\$396.16
SEIU 200 United	DPW Dues for Feb. 18-04	\$316.36
Nationwide Ret. Sol.	Def. Comp 18-04	\$2750.00
National Grid	Sply svc omit from prev. chk	\$38.76
	TOTAL:	\$3501.28

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

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

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the minutes from the February 5th, 2018 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	Absent
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

TREASURER’S UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan gave the following update:

- *Livingston County Development-* The meeting held in Mt. Morris focused on the local Villages and their ideas to improve their Downtown Districts. The attendees broke up into groups to talk about ideas specific to each community. Louise Wadsworth wants to keep the momentum going and looking to the communities to continue meeting individually.
- *NYS Main Street Grant-* Treasurer Quinlan explained that the applications for the grant have been handed in. A committee will be meeting on Thursday to review the applications and award the monies.
- *Preserve NY Grant-* Clara Mulligan, along with Treasurer Quinlan discussed the possibility of the Village being designated a “historical district”. In a meeting held with representatives from the Landmark Society of WNY, there was discussion about the purpose of becoming a historical district and what it entails. A survey is conducted in order to catalogue the individual properties of the Village and deem them historic. The process includes planning, research, fieldwork, data collection and organization, evaluation, and reporting. This will help to document and identify historic resources, such as buildings, structures, monuments, sites and districts. The grant can provide funding up to \$10,000.00 with a required 20% match. If districts are in fact determined, there are tax credits available to homeowners who wish to partake in them.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the Board agreed to apply for a Preserve NY Grant. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

TRUSTEE’S UPDATE:

Upon a motion made by trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Hayes the Board agreed to schedule a public hearing in order to hear any complaints regarding the number of commercial sewer rents assigned. The hearing will be held March 19th at 6:00pm. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Master Cost Recovery Agreement-NYPA- This agreement is for energy audits at our facility. And will also cover all energy efficiency projects moving forward, including street lighting. The fee for this energy audit is \$6750.00. When the audit is complete, a report is given to the Village outlining energy efficient opportunities at Village properties. If the Village chooses not to move

forward with the recommendations, the Village is responsible to pay the fee of the audit. The agreement is indefinite.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board authorized Mayor Freeman to sign off on the Master Cost Recovery Agreement. The motion was carried by the following vote:


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

Steve Schiano- the Board received an invoice from Mr. Schiano, who will come to the March 19th 2018 meeting for explanation.

GVBA- the GVBA met with Trustee Zhe, Parks Commission Chairman Marks, Superintendent Barrett, and Treasurer Quinlan to continue discussing which projects will be tackled and which grants will cover the projects. At this point, the ideas are fencing, drainage, viewing stands or bleachers, a show ring, a pole barn or portable stalls.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall
Village Clerk