

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 July 23, 2018.

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

Staff: Chief Joe Geer
Superintendent John Barrett
Treasurer Chris Quinlan

Visitors: Damien Brown, Genesee Sun

Absent: Bill Zhe, Trustee

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

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING:

The Village hosted an evening with local businesses to discuss ways to help attract clientele to the Village. The Board wanted to get ideas from businesses as to what they can do to help. The discussion started with signs. Few expressed that they felt the NYS signage was a bit too much. Others stated that the amount of flags, sandwich boards, and such are a distraction to drivers and residents. Business owners are worried what the 'fluttery' nature of the area up by Tops is giving the wrong impression. It's a bit chaotic. It was pointed out that a lot of these signs are put up and no one has ever gotten a permit for them. The Board feels that signage is something that needs to be reviewed, in all aspects. They are aware of signs that are falling down and fading and look sloppy. Mr. Tilly, of the Tilly Agency expressed that signs are imperative to direct people to local businesses in both the uptown area and downtown district. It was also pointed out that social media is an amazing tool to utilize. Nicole Martin of Temple Street stated that the Tops area and the downtown district are two very different areas that need to be treated that way. Paul Drozdziel expressed that there are communities that have a designated area for community signage. He also said that there are some communities that charge a yearly fee for signs that businesses must renew.

Discussion moved to grant funding and who gets funding for their businesses. It seems that the downtown district gets more funding than businesses outside of it. Mayor Freeman stated that the need to establish a core area was how things began. Perhaps it is time to re-evaluate and expand the footprint.

Donna and Bob Hunn of Avon Floral World discussed their business and how it has grown. They are running into issues with space and being ADA accessible.

Deb Drozdziel owner/operator of Sprinkles stated that she has recently been to the Village of Caledonia and they are booming!!! She stated that there needs to be a vision and everyone needs to work together and be supportive of one another.

DPW UPDATE:

Superintendent Barrett updated the Board on the following:

- Back parking lot behind the Village Hall has been paved.
- Superintendent Barrett has the layout for the new building at the Downs for the field.
- The crew did the blacktop on Oak Hill Drive.
- The electric car charging station is up and running.
- Work is progressing on High Street and the sidewalks have been started.
- The crew is looking to pave the parking lot between the police department and the barber shop after Corn Fest.
- Tim Holtz has been painting stipes and will paint the wall on Spring Street once complete.
- Paul Drozdzeil asked about the drain on Spring Street at Zobel’s. Superintendent Barrett says that he knows about the spot and will be looking into the repair.
- Superintendent Barrett offered the quote for a vehicle purchase of a 2019 Ford F-350, 4 wheel drive pickup truck. The quote was for the total amount of \$29,875.00 which includes cab steps as well.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the Board accepted the quote from Van Bortel in the amount of \$29, 875 for a 2019 Ford F-350, 4 wheel drive pickup truck. 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	Absent
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the Board agreed to pay MRB \$1500.00 to prepare and submit the disinfection grant. 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	Absent
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

Upon a motion by Trustee McKeown the following vouchers were approved for payment.

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$34629.78
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$8481.97
#5-WATER	\$535.66

#6-SEWER	\$8367.80
#44-CAPITAL	\$2951.30
#85-CAPITAL	\$1700.79
#75-CAPITAL	\$
#77-CAPITAL	\$
#93-CAPITAL	\$83.13
#94-CAPITAL	\$12511.69
#17-TA	\$758.92
#DEBT SERVICE	13570.34
TOTAL	\$83591.38

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

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

Upon a motion by Trustee McKeown and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the following manual checks were approved as submitted for payment:

Manual Checks:

Nationwide Ret. Sol.	Def.Comp P/R 18-15	\$2067.41
Avon Police Local	4/15-7/18 overpaid dues-PD	\$307.68
	TOTAL:	\$2375.09

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	Absent
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the minutes from the July 2, 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	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Absent
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

On behalf of Fire Chief Andy Pierce, Trustee McKeown discussed the request for approval to open a project for portable radios in the amount of \$11513.00

Upon a motion by Trustee McKeown and seconded by trustee Hayes, the Board approved to have Treasurer Quinan open a project for the portable radios. 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	Absent
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

TREASURERS UPDATE:

- *Five Arch Bridge Authorizing Resolution*

Resolution

The Village Board is applying for funding for the stabilization, preservation, and restoration of the Five Arch Bridge Project.

A motion was made by Trustee Batzel authorizing Mayor Freeman of the Village of Avon to file an application for funds from the NYS office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provision of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed \$290,500 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for financial assistance to the Village of Avon for restoration of the Five Arch Bridge and if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property. The Village agrees to provide a match of \$190,500, either in cash from General Fund Balance or in-kind contributions for this project, as well as a SAM (State and Municipal Facilities Program) Grant match of \$100,000 from the Dormitory Authority of the State of NY. The total amount of the project is \$581,000.

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

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the Board authorized Mayor Freeman to accept the Preserve NY Grant for the Village of Avon Reconnaissance Level Survey in the amount of \$10,000.00. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the Board approved the draft of the Restore NY Grant Disbursement Agreement for the Avon Inn. The also agreed to have Mayor Freeman execute the final draft with revisions once received. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Bank Reconciliations are up to date through June 2018 and have been reviewed by Jen Talbot of Ray Wager’s office.

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Geer gave the Board the following update:

- The month has been very busy. The department has had 156 calls since the first of July.
- The bike race went well. There were approximately 96 entrants. Mr. Tilly stated that there would be approximately 100 riders next week coming through the Village. The Zion Church is a rest stop on the route.
- The police department received 1 bid in answer to the request for bids for the new car. The bid was from Genesee Valley Ford for a Ford SUV Interceptor in the amount of \$30,639.00.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the Board accepted the bid from Genesee Valley Ford for the Ford SUV Interceptor in the amount of \$30,639.00. 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	Absent
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

TRUSTEE’S UPDATE:

- Trustee McKeown discussed the change of Chapter 65 Public Safety to allow the discharge of a bow in the Village. The language has been changed and looked over by Village Attorney Whiting, and the Board is setting a public hearing date.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board set the public hearing date for Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:30pm. The hearing will be posted in the LCN as required. 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	Absent
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- Clerk Randall presented the Village Board with three quotes for a replacement for the Ricoh copier in the office. As per our Procurement Policy and recommended by the Office of NYS Comptroller, the following are the three quotes received:
 - Toshiba e-STUDIO4505AC 45 PPM Digital Copier MFP @ \$386.96 per month.
 - Ricoh MP C4504ex @ \$464.79 per month
 - Eastern Xerox Altalink C8035 @\$464.79 per month

Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown, and seconded by Trustee Hayes and based on the recommendation from Trustee Batzel and Clerk Randall, The Board accepted the proposal from Toshiba for a new copier in the Village Office. The total amount per month for a 39 month lease will be \$386.96, which includes parts, labor, service and supplies. 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	Absent
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

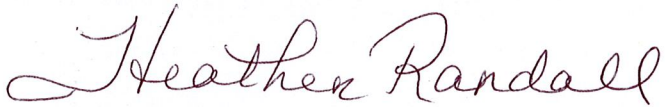
Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board entered into executive session at 8:30pm and exited at 9:00pm to discuss legal matters. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

No action was taken.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall
Village Clerk

The following is a list of attendees for the Neighborhood Meeting:

1. Paul Tilly 10 Oak Street/ 49 Park Place- The Tilly Agency
2. Edward Forsythe 154 Sackett Road Apt 804
3. Melisa Savino Cake Place
4. Deb Cooper- Drozdziel 255 Genesee Street- Sprinkles (Spring Street)
5. Paul Drozdziel 255 Genesee Street- Sprinkles(Spring Street)
6. Dick Martin 22 River Street
7. Leann Hill 87 Genesee Street- Edward Jones
8. Donna and Bob Hunn 63 Genesee Street- Avon Floral World
9. Peter Burke 49 Park Place- Burke Realty
10. Nicole Martin 70 Temple Street
11. Ann Younger 93 High Street