

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held in The Whitney Room of Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York on Monday March 4th, 2019.

- Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor  
Tim Batzel, Trustee  
Bill Zhe, Trustee
- Staff: John Barrett, DPW Superintendent  
Tony Cappello, Code Enforcement Officer  
Chief Joseph Geer, Police Chief  
William Boyd Jr, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief
- Visitors: Kirk Vanderbilt, Avon Rotary  
Josh Tonra, Avon Rotary  
Rodney George, Avon Rotary
- Absent: Rob Hayes, Trustee  
Mark McKeown, Trustee

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

### **AVON ROTARY CLUB:**

Kirk Vanderbilt, on behalf of the Rotary Club, was present along with Josh Tonra, and Rodney George, to discuss the Corn Festival and the return of the craft beer garden. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Corn Fest will be held August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is one of the highlights of the community. The Craft Beer Garden made its first appearance last year with an exciting turn out. They are looking to bringing it back this year to the same location (located between the Village Hall and the hair salon and gym.) They are looking to have a larger tent and another great selection of beverages to choose from. They also discussed the some of the logistics of the festival, including parking, and the vendors. Mr. Vanderbilt was pleased to announce that the food vendors from last year are looking forward to participating again, that the vendor letters will be going out this week, and the SkyCoasters will once again be the big concert in the evening. Mayor Freeman and the Board expressed their thanks for the update, and looks forward, as they do every year to the event.

### **DPW UPDATE:**

Superintendent Barrett gave a brief update on the following:

- Continue with snow removal.
- Working on repairing equipment.
- Continue working on the tree inventory and getting everything entered into the GPS. Discussing with representatives for the grant as to whether the software portion can be utilized in a different way as we do not need to purchase the software. Looks favorable. We will be working with MRB.
- Still working on getting estimates for the HVAC system.

- Supt. Barrett and Mayor Freeman discussed the meeting held with MRB, the Town of Avon regarding water tanks. The Mayor wants MRB to remember that the Village and Town needs may not necessarily be the same thing. We need to make sure that we are aware. The Village of Lima has inquired about purchasing water from us, but we need to keep track of the impact it will have on the Village. We need to do what is in our best interests as well.
- Briefly discussed the pump station. Supt. Barrett will get a schedule from MRB. He would also like to have MRB check into the cost of a prefabricated building versus building a brand new building. This could provide a cost savings to the Village. No testing is done at the pump house, only at the plant. Therefore, a prefabricated building could be advantageous.
- Bill Boyd asked Supt. Barrett if the snow pile in front of the Fire House could be a priority to clear out as it is difficult to see when pulling out the firetrucks. Supt. Barrett agreed.

**VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:**

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

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$20854.36
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$5534.27
#5-WATER	\$3077.55
#6-SEWER	\$11407.82
#49-CAPITAL	\$
#50-CAPITAL	\$
#52-CAPITAL	\$
#57-CAPITAL	\$
#59-CAPITAL	\$
#93-CAPITAL	\$1808.52
#17-TA	\$3548.79
#11-DEBT SERV	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46231.31</b>

Manual Checks:

Nationwide Ret. Sol.	Def. Comp p/r#19-05	\$1886.83
Com. of Tax/Fin	Tax Repayment 19-05	\$180.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$2066.83</b>

The motion was seconded by Trustee Batzel and 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	Absent

**CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:**

Tony Cappello updated the Board on the following items:

- Permit has been issued for McDonald’s renovation. Work to begin around April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Discussed a ramp that Mr. Coyne wants to add to his building. He is interested in modeling it after the ramp at the Town office.
- Potential buyer for the “”building. The price was listed at \$375k.
- House on Dooer Ave. will be going up for auction.
- Noted that there have been two couples who have looked at the Zion House.
- Received a letter from the State regarding illegal signs in their right of ways. Tony will check them. He has also asked the vape shop to remove a large sign in their window due to a complaint from the school. It advertised the wares of the shop and used the school colors.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Boyd discussed the following with the Board:

- Knox Blox Program- this program allows for the placement of secured keys in an area of a structure that the fire department is able to access in order to get into buildings during an emergency. Safes will be installed in the fire trucks that will hold master keys. Several local businesses are interested in joining this program and will become a requirement for commercial buildings and industrial buildings and apartments in the future.
- Discussed that the fire department is considering other ideas instead of escorting the school busses into the Village after a sporting event win or special occasion. They are concerned about the liability. The Mayor and Board hopes that they continue the discussion as this is a tremendous show of support for our students. Perhaps some compromises can be made. Either way, the Board doesn’t want to see that tradition come to an end.

**POLICE UPDATE:**

Chief Geer provided the following update:

- 92 calls since last meeting.
- Moving over to the new office once the warmer weather comes.
- Getting a quote from T. Vonglis for a 16 camera system capability in order to prepare for the future.
- Drug Drop Box- discussed the possibility of offering the box in the community. The county has 7 boxes throughout the area. There are three boxes located close to the Village and the general opinion is that it isn’t a necessity.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board voted against a drug drop box in the Village 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	Absent

- Chief Geer and SRO McFadden met with ACS Superintendent Aaron Johnson who introduced them to the interim Superintendent Mr. Brondon, He will be taking over when Dr. Johnson leaves this month.
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Route will proceed down Clinton Street and turn onto Genesee Street to the Firehouse. The parade will be well staffed by the department and will also have one or two officers from the Sheriff’s Department. Chief Geer will sit with Superintendent Barrett to go over any other logistics for the day.
- First month with Officer Greco at full time has worked out well.
- Discussion was had regarding the parking on Reed Street. Rodney George, who is a resident on Reed Street expressed his continued frustration at the parking situation. Unfortunately, the parking tickets don’t really do much to change the situation. Chief Geer will do some research to see how other communities escalate these issues.

**CLERK UPDATE:**

Clerk Randall provided the Board with the following update:

- Received a letter from Maureen Wheeler, President of the Board of Trustees for the Avon Library, thanking the Board for their continued support of the library and requesting an increase of the annual support by \$1000.00. She would be willing to come to a meeting to discuss the request and review the library’s budget.
- Received from the Fire Department the 2019 voter eligibility list for the election.
- Received a letter from NYSDMV to announce this year’s grant opportunities.
- Received a letter from Livingston County Economic Development Downtown Coordinator, Louise Wadsworth, congratulating Mr. Coyne for the improvements to his building located at 78 Genesee Street, and 30-50 Genesee Street.
- Received from Parks Chairman, John Marks, an update regarding the Urban Forestry Grants. A meeting was held on February 27, 2019 to review the key activities that are important pieces to the DEC that the Village was awarded.
- Deer Cull Update: 42 deer observed at the five sites. 5 shots taken resulting in 5 deer culled- one from each site. (2 adult doe, 3 fawns). Total year to date: 681 deer observed, 35 shots taken resulting in 26 deer recovered, 2 mortally wounded but not recovered, 1 mortally wounded and not recovered due to loss of spoor, and 1 consumed by a coyote. Total 30 deer culled- 14 adult doe, 7 doe fawns, and 9 buck fawns.

**TRUSTEE’S UPDATE:**

✚ The Board was given the Commercial Sewer Rents that will be changing for review. Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board scheduled the public hearing for the commercial sewer rents assigned for the year commencing August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 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

Absent

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Randall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather Randall  
Village Clerk