

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 April 15th, 2019.

- Present: Mark McKeown, Trustee
Tim Batzel, Trustee
Bill Zhe, Trustee
- Staff: Christine Quinlan, Treasurer
Chief Joseph Geer, Police Chief
Chief Brian Strozewski, Fire Chief
- Visitors: Jim Fusco-Dooer Ave
- Absent: Thomas Freeman, Mayor
Rob Hayes, Trustee

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

DPW UPDATE:

Superintendent Barrett gave a brief update on the following:

- Crew is picking up brush throughout the Village.
- Planting trees
- Grinding and paving- the crew will be grinding North Ave., and Genesee Street from Pine View to Lake Rd. April 23rd and 24th. Clean up will be the 25th and 26th, with the paving to occur May 1st.
- West Main St.- received a call from Dick Martin that the house on the corner was backing up with a sewer issue. Upon investigation, Supt. Barrett found problems that needed immediate attention. Supt. Barrett stated that the crew was able to correct the issue and cleaned everything up.
- Working on rolling the fields for Little League. Opening day is Saturday April 27th.
- Lead Operator Vanderbilt is in Saratoga for a water competition.
- Supt. Barrett will get his projects together to have the permissive referendums put into the newspaper.
- The Board discussed the Water Board meeting. The water rate will remain the same.

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

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

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$36509.03
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$10324.01
#5-WATER	\$319.90

#6-SEWER	\$12540.02
#49-CAPITAL	\$
#50-CAPITAL	\$
#54-CAPITAL	\$1697.00
#57-CAPITAL	\$
#59-CAPITAL	\$
#93-CAPITAL	\$17.97
#17-TA	\$
#11-DEBT SERV	\$15360.00
TOTAL	\$76767.93

Manual Checks:

Nationwide Ret. Sol.	Def. Comp p/r#19-08	\$1745.48
Law Enf. Off. Union	Police Dues for April	\$331.04
SEIU 200 United	DPW Dues for April	\$369.58
TOTAL:		\$2446.10

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

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

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Geer provided the following update:

- The new police car is in service.
- Opening Day for Little League is April 27th, 2019.
- The Torch Walk and Crop Walk are both being held on May 4th, 2019.
- Camera System- Chief Geer discussed the quote from Hurricane Technologies. The cost is \$3300.00. This includes 8 cameras, with a 16 camera capacity so the Village can add up to an additional 8 cameras in the future. Chief Geer stated he can get a quote for an additional 8 cameras.
- Discussed “cashless bail”. Cashless bail eliminates monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non- violent felony charges, and they would then be released on their own recognizance. The effect this will have on the Village is that the officers on duty may spend more time out of the Village driving to and from court.

CLERK UPDATE:

Clerk Randall provided the following update:

- Two certified letters were sent to residents who have not had their water meters repaired/replaced. These were sent at Lead Water Operator Vanderbilt’s request in order to gain access to complete the project.

TREASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan provided the following update:

- Year End Transfers: Treasurer Quinlan provided the Board with a request to have the following transfers completed for year-end:
 1. General Fund (A9951.9)> Equipment Reserve (HR22-5031A) \$39,500
 2. General Fund (A9952.9)>Fire Reserve (HR21-5031A) \$25,000
 3. Schedule C (C9956.91)>Filtration Plant Reserve (HR33-5031C) \$168,929
 4. Water Fund (F9956.6)> Water Eqt. Reserve(HR32-5031F) \$118,151
 5. Water Fund (F9958.9)> Equipment Reserve(HR22-5031F) \$139,500
 6. Water Fund (F9959.9)> Buildings Reserve(HR23-5031F) \$125,000
 7. Water Fund (F9957.9)> Water Lines Reserve(HR31-5031F) \$100,000

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board approved the year end transfers per Treasurer Quinlan’s request. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

2019-2020 Budget Approval

Discussion continued regarding the tentative budget. Some of the things discussed were the following:

- Five Lot turnaround project- when will the end roads in Five Lot be ready for paving? Supt. Barret stated that it looked to be a possible project for next year, due to budget and time restraints.
- Curbs- Supt Barrett stated that repairing curbs is not really an option. Curbs are better repaired by completely being redone with paving.
- Drainage- Supt. Barrett discussed the continued work on the drainage projects on North Ave, High St, and at Driscolls. The pipe for the Forsythe project has already been ordered.

The Board discussed the final budget and reviewed items including projects, taxes and wages. There were several modifications from the tentative budget.

The following is a list of the changes made:

- \$1948 was included for deer supplies.
- The tax rate for the Village of Avon will be \$5.61/1000. There will be no overriding the Tax Cap.
- Tax Levy will be \$1,023,390.
- Office furniture in the amount of \$10,000 and flooring in the amount of \$30,000 will be included under the Building Reserve.
- Five Lot turnaround project will be considered under the Streets Reserve.
- The pickup truck will be coded under the Water Equipment Reserve.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel the 2019-2020 Budget was approved. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

FIRE ELECTION 2019:

The Fire Election was held April 4th, 2019 in which the results of the election were as follows:

1. Fire Chief- Brian Strozewski
2. 1st Assistant Chief- Dan Snyder
3. 2nd Assistant Chief- Bill Boyd

A total of 15 ballots were counted. Information was provided by the Fire Department Secretary Barb Ippolito.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the results of the 2019 Fire Department Election have been accepted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Fire Chief Strozewski was in attendance to discuss with the Board the following:

- Received two applications for active membership in the department. The Chief stated that he was excited to have the applications and recommended the Board to approve them.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board approved the applications of Abby Smith and Skylar Cuzzo for active membership into the Fire Department.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

- Chief Strozewski provided the Board with 2 PO’s for approval. One was for bail out systems to remove from air packs. 10 complete sets and 2 bail out systems for 12 interior firefighters. The total would be \$4433.48. The second was for 4 sets of Exterior Turn out Gear, totaling \$6204.96

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board approved both PO’s provided. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

NYSDOT CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE REVIEW:

The Village was selected for a civil rights compliance review in which NYSDOT will assist in the preparation and submission of documentation for the review. The will also provide training on how to ensure we maintain and enforce a non-discriminatory Civil Rights Program. Clerk Randall prepared the documentation for Board review and asked the Board to authorize Deputy Mayor McKeown to sign off on the documentation.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board authorized Deputy Mayor McKeown to sign off on the documentation for the Civil Rights Compliance Review. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

TRUSTEE’S UPDATE:

- Trustee Zhe stated that the lighting project with NYPA has been delayed and that the installation will not take place until Spring 2020.
- Discussed (with Jim Fusco) that the lights at the Downs may be included in the LED Light Project with NYPA. There are a few in need of repair and Supt. Barrett will check to see in the inventory and have the appropriate person fix it.
- Also discussed was the dumpster at the Horse Barn. Mr. Fusco stated that with Little League starting, a dumpster could work better. The Board agreed and stated that the dumpster should be kept locked, with appropriate people having a key. Supt. Barrett will call Shanks to get a dumpster.

- # Handicap Parking Signs were discussed. There is enough room for 9 spots to be spread through each parking area.
- # Dug outs are usually maintained by the Little League but Trustee Zhe stated that they can let the Village know if there is any help needed.
- # Discussed the idea of a dog park at the Downs. Trustee Zhe stated that the Park Commission supports the Lion’s club proposal for a dog park by a four to one vote.
- # Discussion concerning logs left behind at the walking trails and the dump. People have been asking if they can take them. Trustee Zhe will reach out to Steve Schiano who has been working on the rehab of the trees.
- # The Board discussed the special use permit. It was asked by the Planning Board Chairman Paul Drozdziel for the Board to consider that the issuance of these permits be granted to the Planning Board rather than the Zoning Board. The Board decided to table the discussion until they were all there to discuss it.
- # Deputy Mayor McKeown discussed the interviews held for the open positions of Fire Marshal and Planning Board Member.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, and based on the recommendation of both Mayor Freeman and Deputy Mayor McKeown, the Board appointed Andy Anderson to the position of Fire Marshal. Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, and based on the recommendation of Mayor Freeman and Deputy Mayor McKeown, the Board appointed John Gibson to the position of Planning Board Member.

The motions were carried by the following vote:

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

- # Deputy Mayor McKeown reviewed the meeting held with Maureen Wheeler and the Park Theatre representatives in which the deadlines for each piece of the project was stated.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Randall
Village Clerk