

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, September 23, 2019.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor  
Mark McKeown, Trustee  
Tim Batzel, Trustee  
Bill Zhe, Trustee  
Robert Hayes, Trustee

Staff: John Barrett, Superintendent of Public Works  
Chief Joseph Geer, Police Chief  
Andy Anderson, Fire Marshal

Visitors: Paul & Betty Lou Tilly  
Grace Blackmer, Livonia Central School  
Bonnie Taylor-Davis  
John & Mary Lou Marks  
Laura Roland  
Spencer Heeler  
Barb Dolgos

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

## **PUBLIC MEETING:**

Mayor Freeman opened the meeting by thanking visitors for their attendance. The Village has proactively addressed several concerns:

- Hired a crossing guard for Routes 5&20-plan to have the ACS students 5<sup>th</sup> graders come to the crosswalk, educate students regarding crosswalk safety with the SRO and the crossing guard
- Speeding within the Village
- Potential three-way stop at Genesee St. and Clinton St.

Mr. Heeler, USPS carrier, spoke to all forms of traffic at the Genesee St. and Clinton St. intersection. With the Library visitors, WIC program at Central Presbyterian, Village parking lot capacity for different events, some safety measure is needed at this intersection.

Chief Geer conveyed the following 2019 statistics to-date:

- 1751 calls for service
- 87 arrests
- 44 accidents
- 622 traffic tickets
- 21 crosswalk violations
- Drug-related incidents

Crosswalk awareness has been concentrated on by the Police Department. Public requests for specific sites related to speeding are also accommodated by the Police Department.

Ms. Marks has several safety concerns. She has witnessed vehicular traffic speeding on the s-curve near Case Park, nearly missing two children on bicycles. Also, she observed a near miss accident on East Main St. with a vehicle and two children in the Routes 5 & 20 crosswalk to High St.

Chief Geer addressed concerns regarding pedestrian(s) in the Rts. 5 & 20 crosswalk, where one car stops, and the oncoming car doesn't stop. Trustee Hayes expressed a similar concern when a vehicle will go around the stopped vehicle that is waiting for the pedestrian(s) in the crosswalk. Per Trustee Hayes, the Church residents who live at the T on Lacy St. and East Main St. have witnessed near accidents. Sun glare is also a major concern for visual sightings.

Ms. Davis expressed her appreciation to the Village for installing sidewalks down North Ave. from Reed St. to D'Angelo Parkway. She looks forward to the continuation of the North Ave. sidewalks from D'Angelo Parkway to Rochester St. Ms. Davis stated that the 30-mph sign is faded near 485 North Ave. and speeding is a continued concern.

Mayor Freeman noted that the next sidewalk link is North Ave. from D'Angelo Parkway to D'Angelo Parkway. Next year, the crew will also be installing sidewalks from River St. to the existing sidewalk on the Driving Park sledding hill.

Mr. Heeler attested to the steady stream of vehicular traffic up Reed St. around High St., from Gray Metal, Star Headlight and Barilla employees, to avoid the Circle Park.

Mayor Freeman and Ms. Davis announced an upcoming Village project through the Genesee Transportation Council's Unified Work Planning Program grant. A consultant will be hired to perform a Circulation, Accessibility, Parking study. Test sites for various recommendations may be implemented.

Ms. Dolgos questioned the DOT curb bump out at the top of West Main St. hill causing trucks to swerve into the oncoming lane. Discussion followed.

Mayor Freeman relayed the joint project with the Town to enhance the parking lot area behind the Genesee St. businesses. The Village and Town recently purchased the property at 97 Genesee St. to provide access and egress to this parking area. The Preservation and Historical Society, and the Town Historian, has requested that the Village save the existing building. A joint meeting with the Town Board is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Heeler asked Chief Geer if there is a yield sign on Genesee St. when a vehicle is heading south, to turn left towards Pizzaland. Chief Geer responded no. Superintendent Barrett stated that NYSDOT took that sign down as part of their 5&20 reconstruction project. Superintendent Barrett also commented on near misses at the Circle Park (in front of Pizzaland) and the those turning right into the alley between the Avon Fire Department and Pizzaland.

Mayor Freeman and Mr. Tilly reviewed the need for no parking signs on Oak St. and Temple St. Ms. Marks asked where the 15-mph starts on Clinton St. off Genesee St. Chief Geer stated that the 15-mph school zone begins past Temple St., before Richmond Lane, and is in effect from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mayor Freeman informed the public that the Village is sending a Dept. of Public Works worker to tree pruning seminar.

## **DPW UPDATE:**

Superintendent Barrett gave a brief update on the following:

- Brush pickup continues
- Drain and repair the primary clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant
- Striping parking and crosswalks
- Ditching project to prevent overflow at the stream, in the Avon Driving Park
- One pickup is on order, and Schedule C pickup is being ordered soon, with the two old pickups and old gator being sent to the Teitsworth auction in November

Next two weeks, the crew will be repairing small items, sidewalks and sinkholes; brush pickup, preparing for leaf pickup, and planting the additional and replacement trees. There have been no water nor sewer callouts.

Mayor Freeman, Superintendent Barrett and the visitors complimented the hanging flower baskets, the superb care by Olivia Findlay again this year.

Mayor Freeman questioned if the salt contracts for salt are in place. Superintendent Barrett affirmed the salt contract is in place.

Trustee Batzel reminded Superintendent Barrett that the Lake Rd. drains need to be fixed, a few fire hydrants need to be replaced and/or repaired, Wadsworth and Spring St. tree trimmed for line of sight.

Trustee Hayes asked when the leaf notice is normally advertised. Superintendent Barrett normally places the ad in mid-October, dependent on frost and when the leaves come down. Trustee Hayes expressed the continued need for storm drain cleanout after the leaves are picked up.

Trustee McKeown reminded Superintendent Barrett that one of the sports signs in front of Tops Market is hanging loose, and the Village property at the Five Lot subdivision needs to be bush-hogged.

Trustee McKeown asked the status of the following projects:

- rotating element at the wastewater treatment plant
- drying beds cleaned out
- epoxy floors at the wastewater treatment plant

- Wadsworth Ave. easements
- High St. easements

Superintendent Barrett said that the dog park project is progressing smoothly. The foundation, bases and corner posts have been completed. The concrete posts and the fencing should be done by end of the week. When the fencing is complete, the DPW staff will install the waterline.

**FIRE MARSHAL UPDATE:**

Andy Anderson updated the Board on the following:

- First three courses for Fire Marshal have been completed.
- First class of three has been completed for Code Enforcement designation
- Completed four fire inspections
- After reviewing the former Fire Marshal’s records, Fire Marshal Anderson will start from scratch, with estimation of nine months to bring all fire inspections up to date
- Laptop to be ordered with rest of Village computers
- Continually working with Chief Geer and Fire Chief Strozewski regarding safety issues

**VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:**

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

#1-General Fund	\$ 55,168.06
#4-Schedule C Fund	\$ 126,794.57
#5-Water Fund	\$ 7,386.55
#6-Sewer Fund	\$ 50,466.00
#50-Capital Project Fund	\$ 1,114.60
#55-Capital Project Fund	\$ 9,984.32
#93-Capital Project Fund	\$ 17.97
#99-Comm. Dev. Fund	\$ 500,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 750,932.07</b>

Manual Checks/EFT:

Nationwide Ret. Sol.	Def. Comp P/R#19-19	\$ 2,056.02
NYS Tax	W/H taxes P/R#19-19	\$ 2,295.27
Federal Tax	W/H taxes P/R#19-19	\$13,277.70
Law Enforcement Union	Dues P/R#19-19	\$ 402.88
SEIU 200 United	Dues P/R#19-19	\$ 372.82
Law Enforcement Union	Dues P/R#19-20	\$ 331.04
SEIU 200 United	Dues P/R#19-20	\$ 372.82
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$19,108.55</b>

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

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

**MINUTES:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the August 26, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**TREASURER UPDATE:**

Treasurer Quinlan presented the Tax Relevy Resolution to the Board:

Trustee Zhe offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

***TAX RELEVY RESOLUTION***

Whereas, the Village of Avon hereby requests that the County of Livingston collect certain delinquent Villages taxes for the tax levy of June 2019, and

Whereas, the Village of Avon will take no action to recover said unpaid taxes pursuant to Section 1440 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York and no sale on account of said unpaid taxes will be held pursuant to law,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Village of Avon officially requests that the County of Livingston collect certain delinquent Village taxes for the tax levy of June 2019 as of October 1, 2019, pursuant to Section 1442 of the New York State Real Property Law.

And it is further resolved that a copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Treasurer of the Village of Avon shall be transmitted forthwith to the Livingston County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors.

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

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

Treasurer Quinlan will place the notice in the official newspaper as required.

### TRUSTEE'S UPDATE:

- Clerk Randall provided the Board with the Senior Nutrition lease agreement provided by Sue Carlock, Director, Livingston County Office for the Aging. Treasurer Quinlan will provide the lease agreement to Attorney Whiting for review and comment.
- Trustee McKeown stressed the need to provide the required travel/training form to the Village Board for approval.
- Trustee McKeown commented the need to review the audit recommendations and follow-up.
- Chief Geer stated that the second sexual harassment training course was held.
- Trustee Hayes will attend the Genesee Valley Rural REDI Planning workshop on Fri., October 4<sup>th</sup>.
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Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Quinlan  
Treasurer