

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held in Conference Room B of Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York, as well as via Microsoft Teams tele/video conference on Monday May 4th, 2020.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor
 Mark McKeown, Trustee- video
 Tim Batzel, Trustee
 Bill Zhe, Trustee-video
 Rob Hayes, Trustee- video/phone

Staff: John Barrett, Supt. Of Public Works
 Joe Geer, Chief of Police
 Christine Quinlan, Treasurer-phone

Visitors: Patrick McCormick-phone
 Kim McDowell-phone
 Jake Whiting, Attorney-phone
 James Coniglio, Attorney-phone
 William Bacon, Livingston County Economic Development
 David LeFeber, Supervisor of the Town of Avon
 Rodney George, Avon Central School Board

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

In response to the Covid-19 emergency, attendance for this meeting was limited. Several members of the Board and staff conferenced in with video and phone. The Board is following the safety protocol set forth by the Governor of NYS and being vigilant in social distancing while trying to continue serving the community the best way possible.

SENIOR BASH-KIM MCDOWELL

Kim McDowell, Senior Bash Committee Treasurer, called in to the meeting to discuss some ideas and changes to the Senior Bash. The Bash will not be taking place as scheduled and the committee still want to mark the occasion for the 2020 graduates. They are hoping to still be able to paint the bridge- a tradition in the community. Mayor Freeman will reach out to Kraft to see if its possible to use the parking lot on Spring Street in order for the students to maintain social distance. A few other ideas were discussed as well. The date will change tentatively to June 11th, 2020.

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

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

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$22678.05
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$7650.10
#5-WATER	\$3097.87

#6-SEWER	\$11325.95
#HH93-CAPITAL	\$1891.80
#TA00	\$3634.30
TOTAL	\$50278.07

Manual Checks: no manual checks

The motion was seconded by Trustee Zhe 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	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

DPW UPDATE:

Supt. Barrett provided the following update to the Board:

- Picking up brush. Will continue throughout the next two weeks.
- Removed snow and salt equipment from the trucks.
- Water service installation at two residences on Isham Ave.
- Pothole repair work on River Street and Collins Street. Repairs will continue through the next two weeks.
- Will continue with topsoil repairs throughout the Village where needed.
- Will be milling Temple Street starting May 13th. Will be paving the following week.
- Sewer Callouts- Rochester Street- sewer main in the street was flowing, but we cleaned it. Homeowner’s lateral was plugged with roots. Temple Street- found the main line sewer in the street to be blocked. We cleaned the sewer and the homeowner’s lateral cleared out.
- Fire in a storm sewer at Tops. No indication as to how it occurred. Dug it up and replaced the pipe.
- Sewer Camera Quotes: Supt. Barrett reviewed from the previous meeting his desire to replace the current sewer camera as it has not been working properly. At the previous meeting, he explained that there are no parts available for the camera now due to its age. Supt. Barrett provided three quotes for a sewer camera.
 1. Joe Johnson Equipment- \$9728.25
 2. Fiberscope Eq.- \$9970.00
 3. Explorer L330 Video- \$10490.00.

Upon review, Supt. Barrett recommends accepting the quote from Joe Johnson Equipment. There is a project open for video inspection from the sewer lines fund with a balance of \$27000.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board accepted the quote from Joe Johnson Equipment in the amount of \$9728.25 for a sewer push camera. 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	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- Supt. Barrett reviewed the trip taken to compare the types of buildings the Village is considering for the pump station. Everyone was impressed with the prefab buildings. Supt. Barrett stated that they were looking at an EFI station and they come in many styles. He received a portfolio of what is available and will forward it to the Board.
- Flowers for the Village- Supt. Barrett spoke to Gail Westfall of the Garden Club. Flowers will be picked up from Chases and J&A on May 18th and planted, practicing social distancing while doing what they can to beautify the Village.
- Supt. Barrett discussed summer help.

TREASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan discussed with the Board the Preservation Covenant for the Five Arch Bridge Restoration between the Village of Avon and the Office of Parks of Recreation & Historic Preservation. Grant funding has already been secured for phase I and phase II of the Five Arch Bridge Restoration project. After the review, Treasurer Quinlan asked for the Board’s approval to authorize the execution of the preservation covenant by Mayor Freeman.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board authorized Mayor Freeman to execute the required Preservation Covenant for the restoration of the Five Arch Bridge. 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	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

POLICE UPDATE

Chief Geer provided the Board with the following update:

- Livingston County is continuing to provide PPE on a weekly basis. The police department’s current supply is adequate.
- There were 74 calls for service since the April 20th Board Meeting.
- Purchased 2 new tasers (total\$3504.50). The new tasers are replacing models that are 14 years old.
- Will be purchasing two new laptops computers (cost \$2186.59) and tires for patrol vehicles (cost \$2680.00) prior to the end of May (one set for all vehicles). The laptop computers will replace a 9-year-old model and a 5-year-old model.
- Tahoe has been running well; however, it still kicks an emission code.

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the minutes from the April 20, 2020 meeting were 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	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

TAX WARRANT 2020:

Mayor Freeman presented the following legal notice to the Board and Treasurer Quinlan.

**LEGAL NOTICE
TAX WARRANT
VILLAGE OF AVON**

To: Christine Quinlan
Village Treasurer

You are hereby commanded to receive and collect from the several persons named in the assessment roll, hereto annexed, the several sums named in the last column thereof opposite their respective names, for the following purposes:

For the General Fund	-	\$1,105,811.00
For Water Liens	-	\$ 50,052.16
For Sewer Liens	-	\$ 28,431.33
For Prorated Tax Exemptions	-	\$ 4,015.41

Being for all purposes a total amount of- \$1,188,309.90

Upon receipt of the roll and warrant by you, and on or before the first day of June, you shall cause to be published in the official papers of the Village, once a week for two consecutive weeks, a notice that such tax roll and warrant have been left with you for the collection of taxes therein levied, and shall designate one or more convenient places in the Village where you will receive taxes from June first to and including July first from eight o'clock in the morning until four o'clock in the afternoon, except Saturday, Sundays and holidays.

For said period of time you will receive all taxes paid to you without additional charge.

On all such taxes remaining unpaid after July 1st, interest of five per centum shall be added for the month of July and an additional one per centum for each month or part thereof until payment or tax sale; all pursuant to Section 924(a) of the Real Property Tax law.

You shall attend at the time and place specified in said notice for the purpose of receiving said taxes.

After the first day of July you shall proceed to collect the taxes remaining unpaid, with interest as herein provided, but without any other fee or charge, and for the purpose you are possessed of all the powers of a Town Tax collector. All interest collected shall belong to the Village.

You are to make a return of this warrant on the first day of October after the delivery thereof to you, showing the total amount of taxes paid and each tax unpaid with the receipt of the Village Treasurer for all taxes paid to her, and shall file the roll and warrant in the Office of the Village Clerk. All unpaid taxes shall be sent to the County Treasurer, per Village Board resolution. And for so doing, this shall be your sufficient warrant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The Board of Trustees of said Village of Avon has caused these presents to be signed by its Mayor and the seal of the Village is hereunto affixed this 4th day of May, 2020.

Thomas W. Freeman, Mayor

Clerk Randall will run the notice in the LCN for the required 2 weeks.

TRUSTEE UPDATE:

- ✚ Trustee Zhe asked Supt. Barrett to place a crosswalk sign at Clinton Street and Genesee Street.
- ✚ Mayor Freeman discussed the Memorial Day Celebration for 2020. Unfortunately, due to the current health situation, the usual festivities will not take place this year. To mark the day this year, the Commanders stated that they will lay 5 wreaths in the Circle Park as usual, without the traditional fanfare. Two graduating seniors from Avon Central School will attend, one to play “Taps” and one to sing The National Anthem. The Fire Department’s chicken bbq will not take place this year. The Mayor suggested that perhaps a parade could be held later in the year around 9/11 or Veteran’s Day. The idea could be revisited later in the year.
- ✚ Trustee Hayes wanted to discuss the possibility of a privacy fence in the back of the Village Hall. He stated that he received a phone call from a resident who was asking about it. It was unclear after a bit of discussion whether the resident was concerned about the property owned by the Village or the property behind the apartment house. Trustee Hayes if that was the case, he feels the back of that building could use a little cleanup. Perhaps Code Enforcement Officer Cappello can request the owner of that building to clean up the area. Perhaps they can get an enclosure for the dumpster they use. Discussion continued as to whether that was something that could or should be required. Mr. McCormick stated that the Planning Board always makes that a part of the discussion when new builds/business comes to them with site plans.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McKeown, the Board entered into executive session at 7pm to discuss contractual and legal issues and exited executive session at 7:55pm.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe, the Board adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall
Village Clerk