

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 October 19, 2020.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor
Mark McKeown, Trustee
Tim Batzel, Trustee
Patrick McCormick, Trustee
Bill Zhe, Trustee

Staff: Ken Farrell, DPW Supt.
Tony Cappello, Zone/Code Officer

Visitors: Barb Luty- Geocaching
Tom Murray- Lumalon
Edward Forsythe

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

In response to the Covid-19 emergency, attendance for this meeting was limited. Several members of the 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.

BARB LUTY-Geocaching

Ms. Luty attended the meeting in order to discuss “geocaching”. Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a GPS or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world. Ms. Luty wanted to ask permission to hide these containers around the Village. The activity gets people out into the community to utilize the parks and public areas. The Board was very supportive of the idea and offered suggestions for spots to hide the containers throughout the discussion.

LUMALON- Tom Murray

Mr. Murray attended to offer a lighting proposal for converting to LED lighting on behalf of Lumalon. Mr. Murray and the Board discussed the possible energy savings and terms of the proposal. Murray also suggested that sample lights could be available in order to see the difference in the lights, how it provides more directional light while being low maintenance

ultimately saving money. The Board is committed to energy efficiency and thanked Mr. Murray for his proposal.

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

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

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$45973.33
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$28192.63
#5-WATER	\$1377.86
#6-SEWER	\$16016.12
#TA00	\$701.08
#HH69	\$417.40
TOTAL	\$92678.42

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

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

DPW UPDATE:

Supt. Farrell provided the following update to the Board:

- Sidewalks on North Ave completed on 10/8/2020.
- Brush pick up complete.
- Leaf pickup has started. One round is complete, and the crew is keeping track where they are daily.
- New hire, Luke McKeown, has started. Marcus Stickel will be starting to assist with leaves.
- Stop sign was replaced on South Ave.
- Starting to prepare trucks for plowing.
- Prepare to install no parking signs on Reed Street and Temple Street November 1.
- Crew assisted Elmer Davis with the removal of gravel on the top of the Five Arch Bridge. A “dingo” was rented along with a power broom to aid in the removal fine gravel off of the top of the bridge. Took elevation shots and approximately 30 yards of flowable fill concrete will be used for leveling the top. Cut down a few trees and cleaned up area on the west side of the creek bank.
- Mural started on 10/12/20 on the side of the firehouse.

TREASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan was unable to attend but provided the following update electronically:

- Five Arch Bridge Phase 1 update-meeting minutes & pic provided
- Mural started...to be completed in one month...Mayor and I are seeking donations...
- The Landmark Society National Register nomination...Steering committee formed...kickoff meeting in Nov.
- Rob to attend the 11/3 Liv. Co. Wayfinding study meeting
- Bulletproof Vest grant awarded in the amt. of \$750
- Capital project list provided
- Open grant list provided

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McCormick, the minutes from the October 5th, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

CLERK UPDATE:

Clerk Randall provided the following update to the Board:

- D’Angelo Parkway Public Hearing will be held here October 20th, @ 7pm.
- Christmas Tree bid ad was sent to the Pennysaver. Will be in the 10/23 publication.
- Cancer Benefit policy for Fire Department- policy is up for renewal in January. This year there is a rider available for all forms of cancer for an additional \$51 per firefighter. Total per firefighter will be \$188 per qualified member. Currently, there are 18 members covered.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board accepted the rider to include all types of cancer in the policy renewal for the fire department. The amount per member will be \$188 for this coverage. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	No
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	No

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Tony Cappello gave the following update to the Board:

- Permit for Mr. Driscoll for work on Fat Sam’s has been prepared and is waiting to be picked up and paid for. Tony has noticed that there has been work going on. He said he will remind them to get the permit and if not, he will reach out to Attorney Whiting to issue an order to stop work.
- Tony received a complaint regarding Mr. Jerris and his property. A neighbor stated that there was a building being built on the property and that there was someone living in it.

Tony has found that the building was not built, it is a prefabricated shed- which a permit was issued for. There is also no one living in the building. It is being used for storage of yard equipment.

TRUSTEE UPDATE:

Mayor Freeman discussed the public hearing for D’Angelo Parkway. He explained that Attorney Whiting would be in attendance along with Supt. Farrell and reiterated that the hearing was to hear comments from the public, not debate. The hearing will be in person and available to phone in and video conference in as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board entered executive session at 7:45pm and exited executive session at 8:00pm to discuss civil service. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Upon exiting executive session and upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board established the probationary period of Supt. Farrell as 16 weeks from September 17th, 2020 which makes completion January 7th, 2021. At that point, the Board will appoint Supt. Farrell to be retained as the permanent appointee for the Village of Public Works Superintendent. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall
Village Clerk