

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 February 1, 2021.

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

Staff: Ken Farrell, DPW Supt.
 Joseph Geer, Police Chief
 Tony Cappello, Code Enforcement

Visitors: Bill Davis, MRB
 Edward Forsythe, resident

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.

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

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

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$20467.47
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$9029.70
#5-WATER	\$3223.35
#6-SEWER	\$11518.10
#TA00	\$4361.67
TOTAL	\$48600.29

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick 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:

- Supt. Farrell has made contact with Mike Tollson, the new plant manager at Kraft. Mayor Freeman advised the Board that he had a good conversation with him as well and will be setting up a meeting. Supt. Farrell also spoke with Eric Stanick, the environmental representative, who made a commitment to the Village to be diligent with efforts of maintenance, the clarifier running properly, and getting back into shape.
- Bids for the Water Filtration Plant Pole Barn: Bear Hill Builders and PR Craftsman both provided quotes to the Supt. Farrell as follows:
 1. Bear Hill Builders- 12’x24’x10’ Pole Barn- post and roof only. 29-gauge steel roof totaling \$10300.00
 2. PR Craftsman (2 options) A: 12’x24’x10’ Pole Barn Roof and Poles, 29-gauge steel roof totaling \$11,000 B: siding and door, 29-gauge steel siding on all four sides and installation of 9’x8’ overhead door totaling an additional \$7100.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board accepted the proposal from Bear Hill Builder’s in the amount of \$10,300, to be paid out of schedule c. 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

- Trees trimmed by Terry Tree.
- Problem with the backhoe (pump issue) quoted at \$6000 to repair. Supt. Farrell is looking into the warranty. The town was able to loan us their backhoe. Supt. Farrell is looking into quotes for a new backhoe, as our current one is a 2009 and has over 7500 hours of use in the last 11 years. Trying to find a way to work it into this budget year.
- Damage found on the F350 snowplow, changed harness.
- Sludge trailer being used to stay ahead. Sludge moved to the drying beds to dry out more after the sludge trailer.
- Crew did 5 salt runs and 2 plow runs in the last two weeks.
- Working with John Barrett and Treasurer Quinlan on the GVBA grant. Looking into a trailer that we will be able to hook up to a truck to haul away.
- 97 Genesee Street- all utilities have been cut. Spoke to the town about helping with the backfill. Looking at a complete tear down in March/April once the weather breaks.

MRB UPDATE:

Bill Davis provided the following update to the Board:

- Disinfection- waiting to hear back from DEC for design extension request.
- Pebble Beach Pump House- have not heard back from rep from Livonia Planning Board yet.
- Culvert at Tom Wahl’s- planning to revisit some previous ideas for sizing and to extend the road. Pipe size is important in order to compensate for the flow through. MRB will

look and provide a recommendation. There would be minimal amount of work required of the Village. Discussion was had about continuing the curb up to the end of the Village property. Resident Edward Forsythe noted that the curbing at CVS is badly damaged.

TREASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan provided the following update electronically:

- Treasurer Quinlan will apply for the Five Arch Bridge reimbursement & Covid reimbursement as soon as the checks clear.
- Shawn Dunwoody will be back in March or April weather permitting to complete the mural.
- Landmark Society webinars on 1/28/21 and 2/9/21 re: upcoming Genesee Valley Rural Revitalization (GVRR) grant opportunity.
- Mayor and I attended Liv. Co. Downtown Wayfinding steering committee virtual meeting on 1/29/21. Bergmann reps. and/or Louise/Maureen available to attend our 2/15/21 board meeting.
- Debriefing meeting on 2/11 with NYS DEC re: our Urban & Community Forestry grant.
- Attend one-day NYCOM virtual legislative meeting on 2/11/21.
- Attend Bridge NY 2021 grant webinar on 2/16/21.
- The first public meeting for the National Register project with the Landmark Society will be held virtually on 2/24/21 at 7 p.m.
- Scheduling Teams training with Shawn Petti, Hurricane Technologies.
- Working with John Barrett on 2017 GVBA grant quotes.
- UPWP CAP study Executive Summary (provided to the Village Board & the steering committee) will be presented by Bob Williams, GTC, and myself at the GTC planning board meeting on 2/11/21. The full report will be available this week.
- Restore NY Park Theater project...per our ESD Project Manager, “our project had no negative testimony and was approved by PACB”. The final GDA is in review at ESD, and we should have it for execution within the next week or so.
- 1099-NEC’s have been mailed.
- Preparing budget worksheets and developing a budget timeline.

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the minutes from the January 20, 2021 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

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Geer provided the following report to the Board:

- Chief Geer discussed car specs for the new police car. It looks like the Ford will be the choice this year at approximately \$45000.00. He also stated that he encumbered approximately \$5000 from last year for the outfitting.
- Reform Committee- Survey is on the website. The school will be pushing it out to the parents through the School Messenger portal and also putting it on their website, along with the LCN posting on their website and Facebook page. We already have 55 responses. The survey will remain online until the 14th. Trustee McCormick stated that the Lions Club is pushing it as well. The next reform meeting will be held 2/16.
- Mayor Freeman discussed the meeting held with Supervisor LeFeber, and Avon School Superintendent Ryan Pacatte regarding the SRO. The SRO is still an important program and well supported. The school is trying to enhance the communication system between Officer McFadden and the administration. The only discussion that is really needed is how long to make the contract for? (4 years or 5 years). Chief Geer expressed that contact and communication with the school is wonderful and Dr. Pacatte has been terrific to work with.
- Chief Geer has been advised by the Sheriff’s Department that Officer Gage’s last day with the Village will be the end of March.

CLERK UPDATE:

Clerk Randall provided the following update to the Board:

- Town of Caledonia Supervisor’s Clerk Laurie Sattora provided for the Board’s review proposed Local Law #1 for the Town of Caledonia and notice of the public hearing to be held Thursday February 11, 2021 at 7:15pm.
- Tax searches- Clerk Randall presented tax searches for destruction according to the LSG-1 destruction terms.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe the Board approved the destruction of the records. 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

- Fire Department Calendar of Events- The general election will be held April 8, 2021. The Board received letters of intent from Bill Boyd, Brian Strozewski, and Dan Snyder.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown and seconded by Trustee Batzel the Board accepted the letters of intent from Bill Boyd, Brian Strozewski, and Dan Snyder. 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

- Treasurer Quinlan requested approval in the NYCOM Virtual Legislation Mtg (2/11/2021, \$50.00) and Chris and Heather to participate in Springbrook Annual Conference.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel the Board approved the virtual conferences. 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

- Virtual Public Meeting National Register Nomination to be held 2/24/2021 7pm
- Notice to Residential Water Customers re: moratorium of water service termination sent with water bills. (letter provided to the Board for reference)
- Deer Committee Stats to date: 20 deer have been harvested, 26 shots taken with 4 misses, 1 non-lethal hit, 1 loss of blood trail (77% success rate). Email report and excel spreadsheet was provided for more detail.
- Thank you note from Heather Arnold (45 Clinton Street) re: tree in front of her residence being taken down.

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Code Officer Tony Cappello gave the following update to the Board:

- Puppy’s Bar and Grill is open. He is up to date with code and will be issued his C of C. Mr. Driscoll will be applying for a grant for a sign.
- Fire Marshal Anderson has been in contact with the new plant manager at Kraft and will set up a meeting time. He has also completed his inspection at Aldon.

D’ANGELO PARKWAY SIDEWALK RECOMMENDATION:

The Board received a letter from the Planning Board in regard to the placement of sidewalks in D’Angelo Parkway. The Planning Board held a public hearing in October of 2020, and held it open until January 19, 2021, on the Village Board’s application for placement of the sidewalks in the subdivision. While the Planning Board recognizes the merit of sidewalks, they took no action on the application. Therefore, they gave no recommendation to the Village Board and closed the public hearing that evening. The Mayor expressed his dissatisfaction with the letter and lack of recommendation and asked the Board their thoughts. Trustee McKeown stated that he felt we should put all options on the table along with any quotes we have received. Trustee McCormick felt that the easiest thing to do is to move forward with the plan that was approved in 2003. The only question he has is regarding cost. The Mayor agreed that if they move forward with the approved plan, there should be no discord since there would be no modification. The crew can do the sidewalks according to the plan and can also do it in phases if that would fit Supt. Farrell’s project schedule better. Perhaps in two to three phases-700 feet up one side of the loop from North Ave, 700 feet up the other side of the loop and finishing in the middle. Trustee McKeown thought that laying everything out for all to see-plans, cost estimates and providing a schedule, shows that we are transparent and move forward with the approved plan on record. He also asked if sidewalks were absolutely necessary. Village resident, Edward Forsythe, suggested that the road could be made a one-way. While that has been discussed in the past, the Board does not feel this is the solution. The majority still feel that sidewalks are necessary at this time. Trustee Batzel agrees that a schedule would be appropriate as the crew has several projects a year that they work on. Mayor Freeman asked if we should notify the public for the next meeting (in

February) or wait until April. It was agreed to table the discussion once again in order to get Supt. Farrell involved in the conversation and see what projects will be mapped out for the summer. Trustee McKeown stated that there needs to be an answer that can be provided to the residents now that the conversation has been put back onto the Village Board. It was decided that the Board needs to continue the conversation and review as all planning and decisions are now in the hands of the Village Board.

No action was taken at this time.

TRUSTEE UPDATE:

- ✚ Mayor Freeman discussed the call he and Treasurer Quinlan sat on for the Wayfinding committee. There are a lot of signs suggested and Mayor Freeman stated that they would be unique to the Village. He also expressed that we are committed to helping and suggested to Louise Wadsworth to get the chamber involved. Maureen Wheeler has offered to review the project at our next Board Meeting.
- ✚ Trustee Batzel added to the discussion stating he would like to revisit sidewalks at the downs. He is concerned about safety and Trustee Zhe agrees. We need to get over that culvert! Mayor Freeman said he will reach out to Mr. Ed Kime and Trustee Zhe will reach out to Mr. Jim Yencer to continue moving the discussion forward. Other areas of interest for sidewalks were discussed including continuing sidewalks on Genesee Street to Lake Rd, and Linden Street all the way to River Street.
- ✚ Trustee McKeown continues to work with updates to the Covid policies and will be working with Clerk Randall and Treasurer Quinlan on the Pandemic action plan.
- ✚ Trustee McCormick stated that he feels there has been a noticeable difference in the deer herd since the harvest began. The Mayor agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

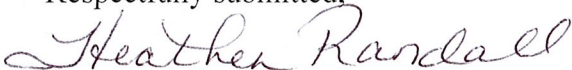
Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown and seconded by Trustee McCormick, the Board entered executive session at 8:15pm and exited executive session at 9:00pm to discuss contractual matters. The motions were carried by the following vote:

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

There was no action taken.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick, the Board adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall
Village Clerk