

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held in Conference room A and B of Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York, on January 3, 2022.

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

Staff: Ken Farrell, Supt. of Public Works- video
 Joseph Geer, Chief of Police
 Andy Anderson, Fire Marshal/Code Enf.- phone

Per new legislation signed into effect by Governor Hochul, the meeting was made available to the public by video/teleconference. However, the Board is currently meeting in person and invites the public to do so if comfortable. The Board requests that you wear a mask in the Village Hall, regardless of vaccination status, and if you have symptoms or feel sick, to please stay home.

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

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

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

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$14072.70
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$3964.11
#5-WATER	\$3464.11
#6-SEWER	\$14881.21
#TA00-TRUST & AGENCY	\$4948.33
TOTAL	\$41335.93

Manual Checks and Electronic Payments:

1. Jerry;s Backhoe Service	Balance of Trees	\$150.00
	TOTAL:	\$150.00
2. FED/NYS Taxes	P/R#21-26	\$17051.76
3. Nationwide Ret. Sol	P/R#21-26	\$1895.13
	TOTAL:	\$18946.89

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 electronically as he was unable to attend in person. He joined by video:

Past 2 weeks:

1. Installed new drain for catch under Erie- Attica walking bridge. Water would pond about 12-18” deep
2. Removed equipment out of concession stand
3. Brush pick-up
4. Installed speed signs on Hal-bar Rd.
5. Cleaned shop& worked on equipment

Next 2 weeks:

1. Collect Christmas trees
2. Run problem sewers (preventive maintenances).

Call Outs:

1. 2 -Salt Runs
2. 1- sewer call out, Reed St.(curves)

Looking to Spring- Lining work for sewer lines on Main Street. Trustee Zhe stated that the Parks Commission members will be removing the lights from the Christmas trees on Saturday January 8, 2022.

Several members of the DPW crew tested positive for COVID. Trustee McCormick asked what back up they have in place if there is an emergency or bad weather. Supt. Farrell lined up a few part timers to be ready should the need arise.

TEASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan provided the Board with the following update electronically as she was unable to attend the meeting:

- 2017 GVBA budget detail documents submitted to NYS Dept. of Ag for approval on 12/23/21, approval pending.
- Working on 2019 and 2021 GVBA grant documents and quotes...2019 project will be portable restrooms, and 2021 project will be a gazebo.
- National Grid streetlight documents to be reviewed and accepted.
- The Landmark Society is making final edits on the NR nomination. The final public meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13th at 6:30 p.m., will be virtual.
- Preparing open air structure RFP for NYMS-TA grant.
- Continue to work on Jen Talbot’s recommendations
- The Board needs to determine use(s) of the ARPA funds.

- Festival planning for 7/9/22 is underway. Next Walls mural meeting is Wed., Jan. 26th at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.
- Awaiting date/time from D. Brown’s family for park bench recognition event.
- Awaiting date/time from Olie Olson for BOCES benches’ recognition event.
- Submitted Gary Sinise Foundation grant (12 AED’s) on 12/22/21.
- Tree City application to the Arbor Day Foundation submitted on 12/29/21.
- 4th quarter IRS & NYS tax reports filed on 12/27/21.
- Filed FEMA Covid grant progress reports on 1/3/22.
- Preparing Firehouse Subs grant (12 AED’s) for submission on 1/6/22.
- Working on W2’s.
- Working on 1099-NEC forms

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the minutes from the January 3, 2021, 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:

- One member of the department has tested positive for Covid.
- 47 calls and 5 arrests in the week between Christmas and New Year’s.
- Will hold final interviews for a potential full time hire on Thursday January 6th, 2022.

FIRE MARSHAL/ CODE UPDATE:

Fire Marshal Anderson provided the following update electronically as he was unable to attend the meeting:

- Permit was filed for the Schoenthal property.
- Fire inspections continue.

TRUSTEE UPDATE:

- ✚ The Board reviewed the Covid policy in light of continued changes by the CDC and NYS. Trustee Zhe felt that we should follow the recommendation and change the policy to reflect the 5-day quarantine. Chief Geer added, as long as the employee has no symptoms. From a manpower standpoint, this makes perfect sense. We need to be aware of the different rules for essential workers as well. Being able to be fluid with the changing situation will allow the Village to stay as up to date as possible with the recommendations from CDC and NYS. Mayor Freeman discussed the importance of testing as well, stating that the over-the-counter test he has used and the tests the school is distributing to the public were the same. That being said, the Board feels that we should accept home tests. The return date for the employee will be five days from the positive

test date and then will continue wearing a mask for 5 days at all times. However, the Board requires that an employee remain home longer than the 5-day quarantine if they are still ill. Supt. Farrell and Chief Geer also suggested that if an employee experiences symptoms while at work, they be allowed to use their discretion for testing their department members. Finally, if an employee is sent home by their department head because they are symptomatic and they refuse to be tested, the employee will be required to quarantine for 10 days and must use their accrued hours for that time.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board decided to change the current Covid Policy to mirror the CDC and NYS recommendations as they continue to change. The Board agreed that the quarantine time for a person who tests positive will be 5 days from the day of the positive test, that employees may be tested at a medical office, hospital, County Health Department, Avon Central School, or a home test, and after the quarantine period, a mask must be worn for 5 additional days at all times. Testing will be at the department head’s discretion if symptoms are evident, and if testing is refused by an employee, there will be an automatic quarantine of 10 days, and the employees accrued time will be used. The motion was carried by the following vote:

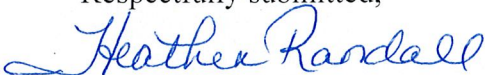
Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

In order to protect everyone’s health, the Board discussed “3 days on 2 days off” rotating schedule for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. The office will be locked down and if it is necessary to go there, the Board asks that employees call ahead and go to the front counter. The Board will reevaluate at the next meeting.

- ✚ Trustee Batzel Noted that the Fire Department will be issuing Home Covid tests to the residents once they have been distributed and received from the County. Resident Edward Forsythe confirmed this. There has been no date set at this time.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board adjourned at 6:52pm. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall
Village Clerk