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, on March 28, 2022.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor (via phone)

Tim Batzel, Trustee

Patrick McCormick, Trustee

Bill Zhe, Trustee

Visitors: Amanda Hoffman, River St.

Bonnie Taylor-Davis, North Ave.

Melissa Stanton, North Ave.

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.

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

## SIDEWALK PROJECTS:

Bonnie Taylor-Davis addressed the Board regarding the need for sidewalks on the lower portion of North Ave. The first petition was given to the Board in 2013, and Ms. Davis recanvassed the neighborhood portion of lower North Ave. two years ago. Walkable communities and the comprehensive plan call for the need to complete sidewalks within the Village. Ms. Davis stated safety concerns for families with small children and strollers. Ms. Davis understands the need to prioritize sidewalks and appreciates their continued support. Melissa Stanton commented that Supt. Farrell continues to keep in touch with her.

Mayor Freeman stated that the Spring St. sidewalk from River St. to the Avon Driving Park is the priority sidewalk for 2022-2023. Trustee Zhe agreed that the Spring St. sidewalk has been on the schedule for at least ten (10) years. Supt. Farrell has proposed an elevated sidewalk with curbing for within the Driving Park. Mayor Freeman will reach out one last time to the Kime property owners. The Board agreed that the next priority sidewalk is North Avenue from D'Angelo Parkway to Rochester St. Mayor Freeman thanked Ms. Davis and Ms. Stanton for coming to the Board to address safety concerns in their neighborhood. At this time, both Ms. Davis and Ms. Stanton left the meeting.

## **BUDGET REVIEW:**

Treasurer Quinlan reviewed the Property Tax Cap calculation as well as the budget for each fund. The fiscal year end 2023 tax levy limit, adjusted for transfers plus exclusions is \$1,158,201. The proposed tax levy is reflective of a contested property assessment. Treasurer Quinlan related that Mortgage Tax and Police Service revenues are anticipated to increase. Notable expense increases include gas and electric, continued work on the code book project, an additional police officer, and health insurance premiums. The proposed tax rate is \$6.19/1000 with a \$16,000 contribution from General Fund balance.

Treasurer Quinlan briefly reviewed the Schedule C fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund with the Board members. The water committee is slated to meet on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall to set the Schedule C water rate and review the Pumpstation capital project. Trustee Batzel and Trustee McCormick will attend as the Village representatives.

Treasurer Quinlan reviewed the salary increases and allocations with the Board. The Village Board and non-union fulltime employees increase is three percent. An additional DPW laborer is included. Summer DPW help was discussed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the current open projects and the proposed capital projects. Priority projects to be completed in May-June:

- the shared project with the Town to provide an entrance from Genesee St. to the back parking lot area
- Pocket park slab poured at 97 Genesee St.
- Mural park walkway

Priority project to be completed mid-summer:

• Spring St. sidewalks

Priority project to be completed late summer/early fall:

Amafi drainage

The budget public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>, with the budget adoption at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **VOUCHER and PO's:**

Upon a motion by Trustee Batzel, the following voucher was approved for payment:

#1-General Fund	\$67,555.82
Total	\$67,555.82

## Purchase Orders:

PO #3665 USA Bluebook	Chlorine transfer pump	\$1,509.75
PO #3666 Ground Water Systems	Domestic water pump	\$1,535.20

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

Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

The Board reviewed and discussed the two police car purchases and associated accessories to outfit each vehicle. Upon a motion by Trustee Batzel, the two police cars and all accessories to outfit each vehicle, are to be paid for from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and carried by the following vote:

Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Quinlan

Treasurer