

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 April 18, 2022.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor
 Tim Batzel, Trustee
 Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee
 Patrick McCormick, Trustee
 Bill Zhe, Trustee

Staff: Ken Farrell, Supt. of Public Works
 Christine Quinlan, Treasurer
 Brian Strozewski, Fire Chief
 Andy Anderson, Fire Marshal
 Bill Boyd, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief
 Steve Praino, AFD
 Bill Davis, MRB

Visitors: Edward Forsythe, resident

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel the Board entered executive session at 5:00pm. And exited at 5:55pm in order to discuss contractual matters and the matters leading to the appointment or employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel, the Board will place an advertisement in the Pennysaver and other outlets for a part-time code enforcement officer. It was also asked that those who had applied previously for the fire marshal position be contacted as well.

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

JEFF MULLIGAN:

Mr. Mulligan has expressed interest in becoming an out of district water customer of the Village of Avon. He is willing to pay for the necessary work and is hoping to come to an agreement with the Village on a water rate for his consumption for his farm. A draft agreement has been

provided to the Village, Mr. Mulligan, Attorney Campbell (for comments and thoughts from the Town of Avon), and Attorney Presutti to be reviewed. The Mayor stated that the Village is still willing to work with him for his water needs and asked what he estimated that to be. Mr. Mulligan believes that he would be using roughly 1.2 million gallons of water per month, which would be used for the watering of his cows. He also has his own water source (ponds, etc.) that he would fall back on and use if there was an emergency.

Discussion continued about possible rates. At this time, no rate has been agreed upon. Once a rate has been established, Mayor Freeman stated that a contract would be drawn up stipulating a length of time for the agreement and the agreed upon rate. Mr. Mulligan has asked if a timeline could be established, and members of the Board responded that the timeline will be entirely up to him once a rate has been agreed upon and asked where we stand on any easements that may be needed. Attorney Whiting has not seen any easements at this point but knows that they are being worked on by Attorney Presutti.

Mayor Freeman thanked Mr. Mulligan and stated they will continue to move this discussion forward.

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

Upon a motion by Trustee Zhe, the vouchers and manual checks/electronic payments were approved for payment from the following funds:

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$60359.30
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$17016.01
#5-WATER	\$2675.70
#6-SEWER	\$14965.66
#TA00-TRUST & AGENCY	\$1050.32
#HH81-MASTER METER KRAFT	\$47998.75
TOTAL	\$144065.74

Electronic pymts:

Nationwide Ret. Sol.	Def. Comp p/r#22-07	\$3215.03
Fed/NYS Taxes	taxes p/r#22-07	\$13311.80
TOTAL:		\$16526.83

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

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

DPW UPDATE:

Supt. Farrell provided the following update to the Board:

DPW Activity – past 2 weeks

1. Tree Trimming and removal continues. 34 trees have been removed throughout the Village so far.
2. Put benches out on Genesee St.
3. Ran Sweeper last week.
4. New mower is in.

WWTP

1. Cleaned out 1 drying bed
2. Ran sludge to drying beds. Keeping the digester at a nice level.

WATER

1. Cleaning up around plant

Activity - next 2 weeks

1. Tree trimming & stump grinding clean up. We are using the grindings at the Driving Park around the trees. Once grinding is complete, the crew will start the replanting of trees throughout the Village. 45 trees will be planted.
2. Duane Staples and Ken Berbary will be starting back this week.

MRB UPDATE:

Bill Davis attended the meeting to give the following update:

- UV Disinfection- we continue to move forward and are in good shape.
- Pebble Beach Pump Station- have not received any information from National Grid for the relocation of poles as of yet.
- Valve Vault Replacement- Previously provided two cost estimates for the Board to review. The valve location is currently at the tank and there is not enough pressure MRB recommends moving the valve location down the road. This would be a cost of approximately \$70,000.
- Pole Bridge Road- Memorandum of Understanding draft has been presented to the Village and Town. Waiting for comments and how to proceed. Mayor Freeman will reach out to Supervisor LeFeber. The Board discussed cleaning out the ditch and other options to move the water.
- Mr. Davis also suggested that there is new stormwater, and culvert replacement monies available that may be helpful in funding these projects.

TREASUER UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan provided the following update to the Board:

Ongoing

- 2017 GVBA grant is in contract review w/NYS Ag and 2021 GVBA grant is in internal review w/NYS Ag.
- John Barrett is working on portable restroom quotes for 2019 GVBA grant project.

- Bank reconciliations to Jen Talbot to complete. NYS retirement deductions still need to be corrected.
- The Board needs to determine additional use(s) of the ARPA funds.
- Awaiting date/time from D. Brown’s family for park bench recognition event.
- Awaiting date/time from Olie Olson for BOCES benches’ recognition event.
- Committee is meeting regularly to plan Mural Festival event for July 9th. Sponsors, local artists, and food vendors are being contacted.

New

- 1st quarter FED & NYS taxes filed.
- Water/sewer relevied to property taxes. Prorated taxes calculated.
- Four out-of-district water users sent their respective outstanding statements (total for four is \$5856.80) with NYS LIHWAP flyer for help paying overdue water bills.
- Mural flyer printed and distributed to donors. Ordered box for mural flyers.
- Liv. Co. First Impressions grant awarded in the amt. of \$5,000 for Circle Park picnic benches.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe, The Board accepted the grant for the \$5000 Circle Park benches. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- NYMS-TA grant time extension approved on 4/5.
- The Landmark Society and the Village's tax credit virtual meeting on April 14th was cancelled due to low registration. A previously recorded tax credit webinar can be viewed on The Landmark Society’s website at <https://www.landmarksociety.org/oldhousehelp/>
- Pocket Park structure and roof bids are due on 4/29.
- Streetlight RFP due on 4/29.
- Working on Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Trail Town Grant for Livingston County.
- Working on Governor’s Traffic Safety Council (GTSC) and Bulletproof Vest Program (BVP) grants with Chief Geer.

CLERK UPDATE:

Clerk Randall provided the following information to the Board:

- Conference request: Clerk Randall has requested approval to attend the following two conferences:
 1. NYCOM Western NY Regional Training- continuing education for municipal officials. Held May 18- 19 in Ellicottville NY at a cost of \$80.
 2. NYALGRO School- Records Management Conference. Held June 12-15 in Albany at a cost of \$800 (Conference and lodging).

Total amount for both conferences- \$880.00

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Batzel the Board approved Clerk Randall’s request to attend the two conferences. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- BLSFR Program Funding: During the March 7, 2022, Board meeting, the Village Board voted to move forward with the BLSFR program, including \$14, 171.10 in startup costs. These costs would cover three AEDs and cases for the fire department, bags, electrodes, and other supplies.

Upon a motion made by Trustee and seconded by Trustee, the AEDs, cases, and supplies contributed to startup costs will be paid for from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- Treasurer Quinlan provided the following budget adjustments to the Board for approval:

- To adjust for FEMA COVID supplies grant for AFD:

Increase	A4089	Federal Aid	\$3341.13
Increase	A3410.4	Fire Dept.	\$3341.13

- To adjust for additional mural donation:

Increase	A2705	Gifts and Donations	\$100.00
Increase	A7989.4	Culture and Recreation	\$100.00

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board approved the budget adjustments as presented. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- Received notification that the grant submittal to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for funding for AEDs in the amount of \$33306.00 was denied.
- Received notification that the extension request for the New York Main Street Technical Assistance program was granted. (Request submitted in March) Completion date has been revised to September 30th, 2022.
- Notices to LCN for the RFP for the LED Streetlight conversion and the bid notice for the timber frame structure for 97 Genesee Street provided for your information.

- Gail Westfall’s term on the Parks Commission is complete.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board reappointed Gail Westfall to the Parks Commission for a term completing April of 2027. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- Fire Department Election- the department’s election was held April 7th, 2022. 20 ballots were mailed to eligible voters, 19 votes were cast. Totals are as follows:
 Chief- Brian Strozewski- 18 votes
 Assistant Chief- Dan Snyder- 17 votes
 2nd Assistant Chief- Billy Boyd- 12 votes
 -2 write ins for David Piampiano for 2nd Asst. Chief.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe the Board accepted the election results as presented. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- The Board received a letter from Livingston County Economic Development congratulating Mr. Coyne for the award of \$5000.00 to his project for improvements to 50 Genesee Street.

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Hoffmann, the minutes from the March 28, 2022, special meeting and the April 4, 2022, regular meeting, were approved as submitted. The motions were carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Geer was unable to attend but provided the following report to the Board electronically:

- Officer Hall has been working for two weeks and is doing a nice job.
- New cars are not ready yet. Waiting for the partitions to come in. Still hoping to have them in service by the Little League Parade at the end of the month.

- Conference request- Chief Geer requests Board approval to attend the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Training Conference to be held in Glens Falls, NY July 24-28th. This is continuing education and is always full of great information. The cost for the conference is \$1150.00.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board approved Chief Geer’s request to attend the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Training Conference in Glens Falls in July at a cost of \$1150.00. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Chief Strozewski provided the following update to the Board:

- Mutual Aid Agreement with Liv. Co.- Chief Strozewski reviewed the agreement stating it is basically the same as the previous agreement. The minor changes that have been updated are in the agreement are mostly corrections and terms. The Chief recommends the Board execute the agreement.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Hoffmann, the Board agreed to the Mayor and Chief Strozewski executing the agreement. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- Chief Strozewski reported that the Quint was sent out for its annual inspection to Gorman. The quint is in excellent shape for the year of the truck and can continue to offer the village several years of service in the future. He continues to be pleased with the work and service provided by Gorman and stated that the department may use Churchville Fire for minor jobs but will continue to use Gorman in the future. The Chief also stated that the rescue truck is in good shape as well and would like to continue to use it for smaller jobs and emergency services when a large truck doesn’t need to be rolled out. Mayor Freeman asked the Chief to keep the discussion of the truck as an open item on his Chiefs meeting agenda. Chief agreed.
- Chief also discussed the air packs. He explained to the Board that it is better to purchase them all at once in order to maintain continuity. If you try to buy them in a rotation, you run the risk of having different air packs and masks that are no longer effective for the type of pack on hand.

FIRETRUCK BID OPENING:

The fire department has been looking into a new truck and put out a notice for bids. Chief Strozewski, along with members of his truck committee, has worked at preparing specs for the need of the department. Several members toured other departments to get ideas for requirements. Bids were due back to the Village office on Friday April 8th, 2022 for opening tonight. Trustee Batzel opened the bids and presented them as follows:

Bid #1- Four Guys- \$377,916.00- if contract signed in 45 days, \$10,000 less.

Bid#2- Gorman- \$376,980.00 – delivery in 220 calendar days.

After a brief discussion, Chief Strozewski stated that the members of the truck committee will review both bids and will return to the Board with a recommendation and continued discussion May 2nd.

FIRE MARSHAL/CODE UPDATE:

Fire Marshal Anderson provided the following update to the Board:

- 242 Wadsworth Ave- sent a letter to the resident to clean up the furniture at this location.
- 36 Wadsworth Ave- the resident who was in the home has been evicted by the owner. This has been confirmed with the Sherriff's department. The family will begin cleanup on the property.
- Permit request for a pole barn for equipment storage on Wadsworth Ave.
- Received complaint re: 60 West Main Street. Fire Marshal Anderson has tried to reach out to the owner of the property and the renter but has not made contact with either. The Health Department has also been notified.
- Awaiting response from Attorney Whiting as to the next step with 52 West Main Street.
- Permits being issued:
 - demo and addition
 - deck permit
 - solar project- rooftop of home
- King Cole Bean- Jim Jerris has someone who has been staying on the property against his wishes and has been trying to remove him. Fire Marshal Anderson addressed the rumor that there was a business going into those buildings and he clarified stating that Mr. Jerris was considering holding a tent sale on the property- not in the buildings. However, that doesn't appear to be what will happen, and the sale could potentially be at the Trading Post. After the discussion, Mayor Freeman provided Fire Marshal Anderson with a report for these buildings with information on the structural analysis of them. Fire Marshal Anderson also stated that the bottle return on the property is being removed.
- The Board requested that Fire Marshal Anderson attend one meeting per month for reporting.

WATER RATE ADOPTION:

The Village Board received the following correspondence from Kim McDowell, Recording Clerk for the Avon Water Works Committee:

Avon Town Board
 David LeFeber, Supervisor
 23 Genesee Street
 Avon, NY 14414

Avon Village Board
 Thomas Freeman, Mayor
 74 Genesee Street
 Avon, NY 14414

Dear Supervisor LeFeber and Mayor Freeman,

At the April 5, 2022 meeting of the Avon Water Works Committee the committee recommended that a water rate of \$2.27 per 1000 gallons be adopted as the wholesale water rate to both the town and village for 2022. This rate includes the most recent projection for expenses as provided by Ken Farrell as well as projected consumption figures for the coming year. Copies of the most recent Schedule C as well as other supporting documentation were provided to those members in attendance.

The committee approved the reappointment of Bill LaBine whose term expires on April 26, 2022.

Please contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kim McDowell

Kim McDowell, Recording Clerk
 Avon Water Works Committee

The Board discussed the Water Works meeting and the information presented by Supt. Farrell.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee McCormick the Board adopted the water rate of \$2.27 per 1000 gallons as the wholesale water rate for the Town and Village of Avon for 2022 based on the recommendation of the Water Works Committee. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

In the correspondence, it was also noted that Mr. Bill Labine's term, who is chairperson to the committee, comes to an end as of April 26, 2022. The committee recommends Mr. Labine's reappointment.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board reappointed Bill Labine as the chairperson the Water Works Committee. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

2022-2023 BUDGET:

The Board briefly discussed the previously presented budget for the next fiscal year. The members are confident with what has been presented and had no further questions for Treasurer Quinlan.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McCormick, the Board adopted the 2022-2023 Budget as presented by Treasurer Quinlan. The motion was carried by the following vote:

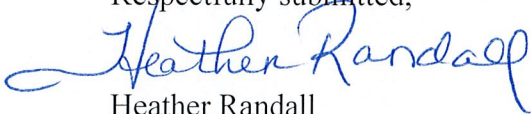
Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes

TRUSTEE UPDATE:

- ✚ Trustee McCormick stated that the horse barn is crowded with a lot of items that are not horse related. Mayor Freeman will reach out to the renters and request the horse be cleaned up.
- ✚ Mayor Freeman discussed several ideas he would like to bring to the next Parks Commission meeting re: Western NY Horse Carriage Association and racing at the Driving Park. With all of the work that the GVBA and the DPW crew has done to rehab the area, we would like to encourage events such as these to be held at our park.
- ✚ Mayor Freeman expressed that Mrs. D’Angelo is still in talks with her attorney as to what she would like to do with the funds that had been set aside for sidewalks in D’Angelo Parkway. She has come to no conclusion at this time and does not want the funds returned to her until she does.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board adjourned at 9pm. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall
Village Clerk