

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held in the Whitney Room of Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York, on June 6, 2022.

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

Staff: Ken Farrell, Supt. of Public Works  
 Joseph Geer, Police Chief  
 Corey Hurley, MRB

Absent: Tim Batzel, Trustee

Visitors: Edward Forsythe, resident

**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	\$85347.57
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$10891.9
#5-WATER	\$9965.94
#6-SEWER	\$23278.56
#TA00-TRUST & AGENCY	\$5424.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$134908.18</b>

Electronic pymts:

FED/NYS Taxes	p/r#22-10	\$15408.11
Nationwide Retirement	p/r#22-10	\$3192.79
FED/NYS Taxes	p/r#22-11	\$15325.54
Nationwide Retirement	p/r#22-11	\$3141.11
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$37067.55</b>

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

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Absent

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 weeks

- Brush pick-up
- Repaired 3 on catch basins on Cemetery St.
- Paved Prospect & Cemetery St.
- Planted trees on Sackett Rd. For Arbor Day ceremony
- Met with NG regarding lights(power) in park, blown fuses
- Picked -up flowers
- Watering flowers
- Picked up and spread mulch in Circle Park, Genesee St. & Office for Memorial Day Ceremony
- Put up Flags & banners
- Prepared Driving Park for Horse Show (bleachers, ran weed eater). Turned on water and electricity. Trustee Hoffmann expressed concern about the ability of people to access the center of the arena. Supt. Farrell will look into a six-foot gate for entry into the show circle for horse shows and events, in addition to the large gate that is already in existence. Resident Edward Forsythe discussed ideas for cleaning up the track area for events.
- Repaired water leak on 10” main, 77 Prospect St in front yard
- Made Topsoil
- Topsoiled where stumps were ground.
- Laid out where things are going (painted on ground) at Pump station for moving pole
- Ran sewer on Spring St. and RT. 39

### WWTP

- Nick, Sam, and I went to look at a used Belt Press for sludge in Bath NY. Many parts missing thought little too much to repair.

### Activity - next 2 weeks

- Meeting with NG, Tuesday regarding moving pole and CP Ward
- Planting trees
- Paint parking spots on Prospect St.
- Pocket Park preparation.

### Other Discussion

- Crosswalks- Trustee Hoffmann suggested that we look into trying to get the light up crosswalk signs, similar to the one at 5&20 and Lacy Street, and place them on Wadsworth Ave, possibly at Spring Street and route 39 and also at River Street and Spring Street. These

are locations that lead into the Driving Park and used by walkers in the community and children on their way to the park. Supt. Farrell said he will reach out to Mike Hinds for information and discussion.

- Mill Street Bridge- Supt. Farrell and Trustee Zhe will get together with Bob Stryker to discuss ideas to move to a solution to the bridge being washed out.

## **MRB UPDATE:**

Corey Hurley attended the meeting to give the following update:

- The following resolution was previously presented to the Village Board for consideration and approval along with SEQR Documents for the Water Tank Project. The Board reviewed the documents and agreed to a negative declaration on environmental impact. The resolution is as follows:

VILLAGE OF AVON  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESERVOIR ROAD WATER TANK VALVE VAULT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

### **SEQR RESOLUTION – UNLISTED ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Avon Village Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as Village Board) has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1, prepared by the MRB Group (hereinafter referred to as Village Engineer) on the above referenced Reservoir Road Water Tank Valve Vault Improvements Project (hereinafter referred to as Action); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board determines that said Action is classified as an Unlisted Action under Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has determined that the proposed development is subject to a single agency review pursuant to Part 617.6(b) (4) of the SEQR Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency for making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has given consideration to the criteria for determining significance as set forth in Section 617.7(c) (1) of the SEQR Regulations and the information contained in the Short EAF Part 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has completed Part 2 and Part 3 of the Short EAF; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Village Board has reasonably concluded the following impacts are expected to result from the proposed Action, when compared against the criteria in Section 617.7 (c):

- (i) there will not be a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems;

- (ii) there will not be large quantities of vegetation or fauna removed from the site or destroyed as the result of the proposed Action; there will not be substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species as the result of the proposed Action; there will not be a significant impact upon habitat areas on the site; there are no known threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such species; or, are there any other significant adverse impacts to natural resources on the site;
- (iii) there are no known Critical Environmental Area(s) on the site which will be impaired as the result of the proposed Action;
- (iv) the overall density of the site is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan land use recommendations;
- (v) there will not be an increase in the use of either the quantity or type of energy resulting from the proposed Action;
- (vi) there will not be any hazard created to human health;
- (vii) there will not be a change in the use of active agricultural lands that receive an agricultural use tax exemption or that will ultimately result in the loss of ten acres of such productive farmland;
- (viii) there will not be a larger number of persons attracted to the site for more than a few days when compared to the number of persons who would come to the site absent the Action;
- (ix) there will not be created a material demand for other Actions that would result in one of the above consequences;
- (x) there will not be changes in two or more of the elements of the environment that when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact; and
- (xi) there are not two or more related Actions which would have a significant impact on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, based upon the information and analysis above and the supporting documentation referenced above, the proposed Action WILL NOT result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Village of Avon Village Board of Trustees does hereby make a Determination of Non-Significance on the proposed Action, and the Mayor is hereby directed to sign the Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 and issue the Negative Declaration as evidence of the Village Board's determination.

Motion made by Member McCormick: Seconded by Member Zhe

Dated: 6-6-2022

The above Resolution was duly adopted on 6-6-2022 by the Village of Avon Board of Trustees.

Thomas Freeman, Mayor  
 Village of Avon

Upon a motion by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Mayor authorized Trustee Zhe to execute all documents required for the SEQR and resolution for the Water Tank Project. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

- WWTP Disinfection- reviewing report to finalize design. Then will be sent to DEC for review. DEC can take up to six months for review and to provide comments.
- Pebble Beach Pump Station- Shop drawing has been approved. Approval still needs to be made with the general contractor in regard to color (etc.) The Board requested renderings in order to decide on color. Mr. Hurley stated he can provide at the next meeting. Gas service will be shut down this week.

**TREASURER UPDATE:**

Mayor Freeman provided the following update on behalf of Treasurer Quinlan:

- Village taxes have been mailed out to residents and will be due without penalty until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Plans for the Mural Festival to be held July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, continue. Treasurer Quinlan is working with Maureen Wheeler. Supt. Farrell has a plan for laying the concrete slab for the Pocket Park.

**CLERK UPDATE:**

Clerk Randall provided the following information to the Board:

- Update from LCWSA: WWTP Evaluation provided.
- Avon Chamber of Commerce Minutes provided.
- For Approval: 2 training requests
  - #1- Sam Rugg- Basic Lab Procedures (for license) to be held July 11-15, 2022, to be held in Morrisville. Cost \$780.00
  - #2- Bob Gruenfelder-EMT Refresher Course (previously approved twice, both courses were cancelled) To be held multiple weekends beginning October 28, 2022, and completing December 18, 2022, held at the Fire Academy in Montour Falls at a cost of \$368.00

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee McCormick, the Board approved the training requests for Sam Rugg and Bob Gruenfelder. The motion was carried by the following votes:

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

- Records for destruction-Tax Searches -2016 and prior (6-year retention) and gross tax receipts for years 2015-2016 (6-year retention).
- Upcoming Important Dates:
  - ❖ June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022- next meeting- Public Hearing for local laws #1 & 2- stop signs on Genesee and Clinton Street/ Spring Street at 7pm.
  - ❖ July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022- Joint Meeting with Town of Avon at 7pm- Clerk Randall will notify the Town Board of the invitation. The Board will meet at 5:30pm in order to complete regular business and dedicate the 7pm time for the joint meeting.
  - ❖ July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022- Joint Meeting with the Planning Board to discuss solar- Special Guest Rob Richardson. Clerk Randall will coordinate with Deputy Clerk Margiotta.
- Two complaints received in the office. The Board reviewed.

**MINUTES:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the minutes from the May 16, 2022, meeting, were approved as submitted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**POLICE UPDATE:**

Chief Geer provided the following report to the Board:

- Officer Nick Greco has submitted his resignation from the Village Police Department. He will be moving to Georgia and will be pursuing a career as a full-time firefighter. His last official day will be Friday June 10, 2022. After school is done for the summer, Officer Matt McFadden will take over night shifts.

In light of Officer Greco’s resignation, Chief Geer requested approval from the Board to advertise to fill a full-time position. He will utilize the same interview schedule as previously used; advertise for three weeks and schedule interviews accordingly.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board approved the Chief’s request to advertise for a new officer. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Chief Geer and Clerk Randall will put together the advertisement and submit.

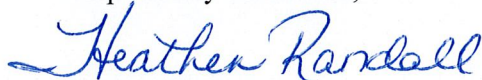
- Memorial Day went well.
- The school requested a second officer to patrol the grounds and be visible after the tragic school shooting in Texas. Chief Geer and the department provided the extra security and will be having a meeting with school superintendent Dr. Pacatte in order to plan for security measures in the future.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Senior Bash car parade. The parade will follow the route as they have in the past. Officers will be on hand after the parade for the painting of the wall on Spring Street.
- Speed Sign- Chief Geer has inquired with two vendors on the availability and cost of a new speed sign. He explained that both vendors are not expecting to be able to deliver a product until late in the year. He hopes to be able to acquire one by early 2023.

### TRUSTEE UPDATE:

- Trustee Hoffmann briefly discussed stop signs. She is concerned that a sign may not even be visible at Genesee and Spring Streets and wondered if it would even be worth it. Trustee McCormick expressed that he wanted to know more data, especially speed on Genesee Street. He feels that moving forward with knowing that may be jumping the gun. Resident Edward Forsythe stated that maybe it would be better to put speed limit signs on Genesee Street heading south as there are no signs to that affect. Chief Geer explained that the speed limit in the Village is already established as 30 miles per hour and multiple signs aren't really necessary. Mayor Freeman acknowledges that this discussion of stop signs on Genesee Street has caused quite a stir in the Village and reiterated that all of this will be discussed at length at the next board meeting during the public hearing at 7pm.
- The Board briefly discussed the new firetruck versus airpack. The Board would like to meet with all three fire department chiefs in order to discuss. Clerk Randall is working with Secretary to the Fire Department Barb Ippolito to schedule a time.
- The Board tabled the agenda items under the trustee update until all members are available to attend the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Hoffmann, the Board adjourned at 7:52pm. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall  
Village Clerk