

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 October 16, 2023.

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

Staff: Ken Farrell, DPW Supt.
 David Piampiano, Fire Chief
 Joe Geer, Police Chief
 Bill Davis, MRB

Visitors: George Brown, Genesee Street
 Jimmy Harrington, Councilman, Town of Avon

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

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

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

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$32008.84
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$10124.63
#5-WATER	\$5813.17
#6-SEWER	\$21489.53
#HH44- STORMWATER PROJECTS	\$2692.50
#TA00-TRUST & AGENCY	\$1061.64
TOTAL	\$73190.31

Electronic payments:

Fed/NYS Taxes	p/r 23-20	\$14555.70
Nationwide Retirement	p/r 23-20	\$2660.54
	TOTAL:	\$17216.24

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

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

DPW UPDATE:

Supt. Farrell provided the following update to the Board:

DPW Activity – past weeks

1. Brush continues for one more week. Heading into leaf pickup.
2. Service leaf machine for season.
3. Anti- graffiti rolled on mural wall -Ally way Genesee St.
4. Cleared leaves in Circle Park.
5. Removed flowerpots.
6. Serviced equipment
7. Cleaned catch basin in front of FD.
8. Replaced singles on fire department roof.
9. Started working on the front water line.

WWTP

1. Worked on cleaning out drying beds.
2. Loaded out Sludge.

Water

1. Worked on roof at filtration plant, replaced heated exhaust vent caps.
2. Stake outs in Village & for transmission line on RT256.

Pebble Beach Pump Station- Bill Davis stated that Keoster is suggesting that they feel the piping and pump need to be taken care of. The piping would be done first, then the impellor for the pumps as the lead time on the pipe is shorter. MRB has not heard from CP Ward yet.

UV Disinfection- Bill Davis provided the final contract for signature. Trustee Zhe signed all documents requested by MRB and MRB provided a copy to the Village to file.

Next 2 weeks

1. Leaves
2. Continue working on FD list.
3. Grind Linden St. on Tuesday.
4. Repair manholes on Linden St. and bring level.

Tractor- still waiting.

Dump Truck-Supt. Farrell asked the Board to authorize him to sign a new quote to the body manufacturer to lock in the same price we had before the rates increase in November. The Board unanimously agreed.

Generator- rep came out last week and a second technician will be coming out this week. They are hoping to be able to find parts to repair it as it is original to the building.

The entry door into the Fire Department at the former ambulance entrance is not working properly. Supt. Farrell has reached out to West Fire.

TREASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan was unable to attend, but provided the Board with the following update electronically:

Ongoing

- Gathering cost estimates for 2019 GVBA grant.
- The Board needs to determine additional use(s) of the ARPA funds.
- Continued review of IT policies w/Shawn Petti, Hurricane Technologies. Future Board approval.
- Heather working on reporting salary & contributions as our former employee does want to retire from NYS.
- Attorney Whiting responded to NYPA re: outstanding invoice. No response from NYPA yet.
- Organizing sign & hitch rail purchase for Erie-Attica.
- 2017 GVBA grant reimbursement request to be made after water work is complete and all checks have been cashed.
- 2018 GVBA grant reimbursement request to be made after all checks have been cashed.
- Still waiting on National Grid's approval to install arms & release CD.
- Five Arch Bridge RFP for consultant's deadline is 10/19.

New

- Received Trail Town certificate of recognition and NYS Senate citation at the Trail Town Fall Gathering on 10/2.
- Submitted grant reimbursements for PTS and BUNY.
- Submitted progress reports for PTS and BUNY.
- Turned delinquent taxes over to Liv Co Treasurer on 10/5.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Chief Piampiano provided the following update to the Board:

- Code Officer Anderson has been put onto the BRYX system and will add Bob Alexander when he has completed his training.
- Call at Hunter Hall on Clinton Street- dryers- maintenance is taking care of cleaning and changing out the heads.
- Continue with drills.
- Back on the auto call for Caledonia (zone 2).
- Truck Committee- will be discussing at the chief's meeting who will head the committee and when they will start meeting. Department intends to keep the rescue for use as the first responder truck at this point.

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Geer provided the following update to the Board:

- Halloween detail is prepared with extra patrols.
- Officer Tetreault is in his third week of FTO and will continue until mid-December.
- Deer Committee is getting ready to start up for the year. They will hold meetings on Thursday evenings as they have in the past.

- Mental Health calls- as of the date of the meeting, officers have transported 10 people to the hospital. On average, the wait time at the hospital is approximately 45 minutes.
- Sexual harassment training continues.

CLERK UPDATE:

The following items are updates from Clerk Randall:

- Received a letter of “Congratulation” from Liv Co First Impressions project for our bistro tables and sealant for mural project. The Village was reimbursed \$10,000.
- Public Meeting Notice-LCWSA to be held 10/18 @ 8:05am re: 2024 rate and fee schedule.
- Provided- copy of draft agreement for review re: FD/Village/Members- given to Chief Piampiano for review as well.
- The Deer Committee is gearing up and will start holding meetings.
- Association Dinner- Clerk Randall suggested that the Village of Avon help reinstate the Association of Villages Dinners by offering to host one in November. At the last Mayor’s Forum, there was a lot of interest in the Village’s deer program. Clerk Randall thought this might be a good topic for discussion and offered to reach out to Mr. Gage to see if he would be willing to come discuss the program. Clerk Randall will also reach out to Mayor Briffa, Village of Leicester to find out if it would be ok to hold one. Will report back.

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the minutes from the October 2, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

TRUSTEE UPDATE:

- Members briefly discussed the complaints received due to the compressor at Kraft. After the last meeting, there was an electrical issue that caused Kraft to turn on the temporary compressor until it could be repaired. The office took many complaints and Mayor Freeman reported that the repairs were being done with National Grid and we were told by the plant manager that the compressor would be off by Tuesday 10/17/2023.
- Trustee Zhe spoke with Jen St. Hilarie at Livingston Insurance in regard to the hold harmless agreement that members have been reviewing. Ms. St. Hilarie stated that its not required, but highly recommended and the Village can waive this for smaller vendors should they choose to. The Board stated they will continue to review and asked Clerk Randall to resend the draft to the members.
- Trustee Hoffmann discussed the committee that has been created for the solar eclipse events that are being planned for April 2024. There will be activities and food and the committee is requesting the public reserve tickets (which will be free) for the day in order to have an idea of the number of people to expect. There is also a planning and safety committee that will be working with the school and public safety officials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McCormick, the Board entered executive session at 7:03pm to discuss contractual obligations and exited at 8:15pm. The Board asked Bill Davis to remain for this conversation. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Zhe the Board decided, after review of the letter received from Don Cardinal of DEC in regard to concerns at the WWTP, to have Bill Davis prepare a response to Mr. Cardinal, along with input from the Village attorney. They also asked that MRB provide DEC with the report that MRB has prepared for our plant and reiterate that we are currently waiting for our SPEDES permit and will not commit to any project until we have it. This response is not required but the Board and Mr. Davis feel this is an appropriate move. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board adjourned at 8:20pm by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Randall
Village Clerk