

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 January 8, 2024.

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

Staff: Ken Farrell, DPW Supt.
 David Piampiano, Fire Chief
 Christine Quinlan, Treasurer
 Bill Davis, MRB
 John Barrett, Consultant
 Jake Whitting, Attorney

Visitors: Ashley Comeau, D'Angelo Parkway
 Jim Harrington, East Main Street
 George Brown, Genesee Street
 Kitty Bressington
 David Hoffmann, River Street

Absent: Tim Batzel, Trustee

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	\$18,593.36
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$11404.28
#5-WATER	\$3973.96
#6-SEWER	\$17133.61
#TA00-TRUST & AGENCY	\$7200.74
#V000- DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$-
#HH44-STORMWATER PROJECTS	\$-
TOTAL	\$58305.95

Electronic payments:

Fed/NYS Taxes	p/r 23-26	\$17725.10
Nationwide Retirement	p/r 23-26	\$2712.32

TOTAL: \$20437.42

Manual Checks:

NYS Child Sup. Proc. Ctr Child Support \$525.00

TOTAL: \$525.00

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	Absent
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 pickup after completion of leaf pickup.
2. Put out sidewalk & edge of road markers.
3. Worked on equipment (got sidewalk tractor ready for snow plowing)
4. Worked on cleaning shop.
5. Unloaded & moved ice rink, started setting up.
6. Ran sewers (routine maintenance).
7. Plowed snow & cleaned up snow piles.

WWTP

1. Routine maintenance around plant
2. Sam & Nick getting ready for WET testing for SPDES. This is to be done Quarterly for 1- year per SPDES. Years ending in 4 & 9.

Water

1. Routine maintenance.
2. Working on back wash lagoon pumps
3. Prepared to change out valves.
4. The crew worked at the water plant, changing out old check valves & gate valves.

UV Disinfection

1. Poured concrete at UV building for intake line, poured walls influent valve box.

Streetlights

1. Decorative street light top just delivered end of 1/2/24 week. Contacted Centrica to advise them about delivery.

Supt. Farrell also let the Board know that he will be running another advertisement for a laborer.

Pebble Beach Pump Station- John Barrett attended the meeting and provided the following update on the project: The pump station works well and came in perfect. We are having trouble with the pumping- routinely pumping 1000 gallons per minute, should be pumping 1400 gallons per minute. The solution has been to get the larger size impeller. Expecting delivery this week. If this doesn't work, we will go to a larger motor and a bigger impeller. However, under no circumstances will the Village pay any more money for this and will withhold payment until we have better results. We have already paid for 1400 gallons per minute to be pumped and we are not getting it.

UV Disinfection-the project is going well and continues to move forward. We could be ready for the U.V. Light System in March if things continue to go smoothly.

Mayor Freeman brought up the sledding at the Driving Park over the weekend, and resident Ashley Comeau commented on how busy the sledding hill and skating rink were! She expressed her thanks to the DPW crew for all of the work they have done down there.

TREASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan provided the Board with the following update:

Ongoing

- Gathering ideas 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 purchase for Erie-Attica. Hitch rails are completed.
- 2017 & 2018 GVBA grant reimbursement request to be made after all checks have been cashed.
- National Grid's approval to install arms in process.

New

- W2's prepared and distributed.
- Working on 1099-NEC's.
- Preparing budget sheets for Department heads.
- Attending Clean Energy Communities webinar on 1/10 at 6:30 p.m.
- Attending SLFRF webinar re: ARPA reporting on 1/17 at 3 p.m.

WIIA GRANT ACCEPTANCE:

The Village was awarded a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant in the amount not to exceed \$2,820,000 for the combined Reservoir Road/Valve Vault Project submitted. According to NYS, the Board must confirm the acceptance of this grant by 1/19/2024. If not accepted by that date, the project could be bypassed.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board authorized Mayor Freeman to execute the paperwork to accept the award from the NYS WIA grant in the amount not to exceed \$2,820,000. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Chief Piampiano provided the following update to the Board:

- Outage review- the scheduled National Grid Outage went well. Power came back on for residents about 1pm. Spectrum was also down, which we were not notified to expect. Chief Piampiano discussed possibly looking into another carrier and a hard line for phones in the fire department.
- Drills continue.
- Preparing for wind event. Discussed with Supt. Farrell about updating the generator.
- Officer meeting to be held 1/16/2024.
- Truck rep coming with drawings to discuss with department 1/11/2024.
- Sending airpacks to the departments down south at the end of January.

CLERK UPDATE:

The following items are updates from Clerk Randall:

- Deer Committee Update: Feeders turned on 1/2/2024. Week 1: 3 of 6 sites were harvesting. (1 site was out of operation due to a broken feeder motor. Replacement has been ordered.) Three sites spent 8 hours harvesting. 2 deer were taken. Two shots were taken, and all bolts were recovered for a 100% success rate. (both deer were donated). 18 deer were observed for an average of 6 per day.
- Provided- copy of Dept of Health VOA Public Water System Sanitary Survey 2023 report.
- Provided- copy of letter from MRB to Dept of Health re: Preliminary Engineering Report Water Filtration Plant Expansion and Improvements.

- Provided- copy of certified letter from Attorney Whiting re: motor vehicle @ 425 Wadsworth.
- Provided- copy of Chamber minutes.
- Provided- copy of public hearing notice to run in LCN Friday re: Jaguar – Joint public hearing with Planning Board.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- BOARD MEETING- January 22, 2024- Joint Public Hearing with Planning Board re: Jaguar Tubular
- January 11th @6pm at the Town of Avon, agenda provided.
- Village will be closed Monday January 15, 2024 (MLK Day).

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the minutes from the December 18, 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	Absent
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

DAVID HOFFMANN- HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR:

Mr. Hoffmann stopped in to briefly discuss the St. Patrick’s Day Parade for 2024. He explained that the group that has been put together to organize the event is a large, ambitious group and they have several ideas that they would like to see happen. However, before they get too far ahead of themselves, they would like to ask about a few things. First, they would like to ask the Board for permission to allow entertainment in the Pocket Park before the concert at the Park Theater to bridge the time between the end of the parade and the start of the show. They would also like to know if a bonfire could be allowed behind the Pocket Park, and if there is a chance that the new rest room trailer could be used? Finally, they would like to ask for permission to have a section of Genesee Street closed for a longer time after the parade, possibly until 6pm. Mayor Freeman and the Board decided that Mr. Hoffmann should reach out to the appropriate department heads to continue the discussion (police, fire, DPW).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Freeman opened the floor to public comments.

- Jim Harrington- asked if the Village would be withholding payments from MRB or contractors in regard to the Pebble Beach Project. Mr. Barrett responded that it will be from the contractors.

The Board took a break and resumed at 7pm for executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McCormick, the Board entered executive session at 7:05pm and exited at 8:40pm in order to discuss contractual and legal matters. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McCormick the Board voted to use the accrued sick time of a particular employee, who is set to retire, to pay health insurance for the spouse until the amount has been exhausted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee McCormick, the Board adjourned at 8:50pmpm by a unanimous vote (Trustee Batzel, absent).

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Randall
Village Clerk