

Avon Village Board Meeting
Monday, August 2, 2010

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The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held at the Avon Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York on Monday, August 2, 2010.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor
Mark McKeown, Trustee
William Zhe, Trustee
Robert Hayes, Trustee
Timmy Batzel

Staff: Christine Quinlan
Tony Cappello
Chief Jim Carney

Visitors: Christine Martin
Chris Ryan
Mike Manning
Bill & Sandy Rabjohns
Dwight Brown
Sally & Ted Sakshaug
Kim Surdick
Heather Arnold
Ted Coyne
Kevin O'Donoghue

Mayor Freeman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RUSS LOUGHRY:

A 5k charity run was held on Saturday in the Village. Russ Loughry who organized the race updated the Board on the event. There were 144 people who signed up, 129 finished. Mr. Loughry complimented the Police for their help and thanked the Village for their support. He mentioned that they would like to continue to do this as a yearly event. The people had a lot of fun and it was a great event.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes the minutes from July 19, 2010 are hereby approved as submitted. Trustee Zhe seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Timmy Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes

VOUCHERS AND MANUAL CHECKS:

Upon a motion by Trustee McKeown, the following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fund #1 General Fund	\$ 12,071.39
Fund #4 Schedule C	\$ 7,098.01
Fund #5 Water	\$ 2,810.53
Fund #6 Sewer	\$ 6,275.92
Fund #9	\$
Fund #10	\$
Fund #11	\$
Fund #17	\$ 2,597.28
Fund #44	\$
Fund #45	\$
Fund #46	\$
Fund #47	\$
Fund #48	\$
Fund #50	\$
Fund #53	\$
Fund #54	
Fund #55	\$
Fund #56	\$
Fund #57	
Fund #58	\$

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Fund #59	\$
Fund #60	\$
Fund #61	\$
Fund #62	\$
Fund #63	\$
Fund #64	\$
Fund #65	\$
Fund #66	\$
Fund #67	\$
Fund #68	\$
Fund #69	\$
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Fund #71	\$
Fund #72	\$
Fund #73	\$
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Fund #75	\$
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Fund #79	\$
Fund #80	\$
Fund #81	\$
Fund #82	\$
Fund #83	\$
Fund #84	\$
Fund #85	\$
Fund #86	\$
Fund #87	\$
Fund #88	\$
Fund #89	\$

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Fund #90	
Fund #91	\$
Fund #92	\$
Fund #93	\$ 624.86
Fund #94	\$
Fund #95	\$
Fund #96	
Fund #97	\$
Fund #98	\$
Fund #99	\$
TOTAL	\$ 31,477.99

Manual Checks:

Check #3420 NYS Child Support	\$ 230.00
Check #3422 NYS Income Tax Processing Unit	\$1,641.04
Check #3421 Nationwide Retire. Solution	\$1,742.19
Check #3172, Postmaster	\$ 163.66
Check #3750, Postmaster	<u>\$ 163.66</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,940.55



Trustee Zhe seconded the motion and it was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Timmy Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Mayor Freeman gave the John Barrett update – The DPW is grinding River Street today and Valley Lane tomorrow. They should be complete by Friday. The crew is finishing up some sidewalks. They are right on target with the schedule John Barrett submitted to the Board.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UPDATE:

The Board reviewed a draft of a Local Law for property maintenance. If the Board wants to adopt the draft or a similar Local Law, it not only provides for a cleanup process but also for a lien to be levied with taxes on the property.

Clerk Baker will check with the County to see if this can be done and what we need to do to enact this Local Law.

Mayor Freeman announced that the application for the Block Grant was submitted and distributed to the Board for their review. Letters asking for support in getting the project funded were sent to Senator Volker and Congressman Lee.

EARLY RETIREMENT:

The Board discussed the early retirement incentive. A Resolution was made to hold a public hearing on the 16th of August at 6:30 p.m. for the 2010 Retirement Incentive Package.

A motion was made by Trustee Zhe to enact a Local Law electing a Retirement Incentive Program Part A as authorized by Chapter 105, Laws of 2010 for the eligible employees of the Village of Avon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Batzel and carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
Mark McKeown, Trustee	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Timmy Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Mayor Freeman questioned Chris Martin on the church property and if they were going to pursue senior housing.

Chris Martin said they were not going to do senior housing.

Trustee Batzel distributed a draft of the revised Procurement Policy that he had put together. The Board agreed to review the Procurement Policy prepared by Trustee Batzel and discuss at the next Board meeting.

Goods and services that are not required by law to be procured pursuant to competitive bidding must be procured in a manner as to assure the prudent and economical use of public moneys in the best interest of the taxpayers; to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances; and to guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud, and corruption.

To further these objectives, the governing Board is adopting an internal policy and procedures governing all procurements of goods and services which are not required to be made pursuant to the competitive bidding requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103 or of any other general, special, or local law.

Mayor Freeman asked Trustee Hayes to ask the Chamber at their next meeting what phone number can be given out when the Village receives calls for the Chamber. Many times the Village does not have enough information to help the caller. The Chamber's web site does not appear to be up to date. We don't have clear direction of what they are offering.

Mayor Freeman announced that Rock Vinci has made his deposit payment and rental payment for August on one stall. He is working on getting his insurance currently.

Sandy Stoddard is making payments as asked on a regular basis and originally gave up two stalls. She has requested that she get one back. The Board saw no problem with that as long as the payments continue.

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Carney gave the Board a brief update for the month of July:

- 78 tickets
- 11 accidents, including Avon On The Green
- 215 complaints
- 12 arrests

A robbery suspect is currently in Monroe County jail.

Mayor Freeman -What's a typical complaint?

Chief Carney – Calls for service, for example locking keys in cars.

Trustee Hayes – A resident asked what the distance between a 4 way stop and no parking on the side of the street was.

Chief Carney - 30', there is a section that is already labeled up at the school. The area across the street from the school down to Richmond Lane is marked. We can put cones out there when school starts so people are aware of that and they are to go out back and pick up kids.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING:

Mayor Freeman explained the reason for having the Neighborhood Meetings and he wants to make sure everyone's needs and concerns are addressed.

Mayor Freeman announced that they plan on doing luminaries' once again this year and we're always looking for volunteers. Please contact the Village Office.

A letter from Mike Manning was read aloud.

- Many thanks for the professional services provided by our DPW, Fire and Police Department. Village residents really do not know how lucky we are. Those dedicated individuals help make Avon great. Thank you for your Public Service.
- Water runoff is causing wet basements and yards on Clinton Street. This was previously mentioned however, it continues. I wonder how the various school projects affect us.
- Clinton Street curbs – Deteriorating curbs cause tire damage to vehicles and are dangerous to bicyclist.
- Trees – Raise crowns to allow increased visibility and safety for pedestrians and vehicles, especially at cross walks and intersections. Need to clear branches that blocking street signage, stop signs and street signs throughout village. i.e. North Avenue, Genesee Street, River Street, etc.
- There is a recurring problem with parked vehicles picking up children in front of the Primary school. This was previously discussed, however it continues. My fear is a child being struck walking out between a vehicle. The Village Police has tried to deal with this however, it continues.
- Parking spaces in front of Town hall are too narrow. The State painted them when they completed the project. The problem was identified last year.
- Temporary signs are sprouting up all along Main Street. These "A" Frame signs are placed in front of businesses 7-24. Finger Lakes Express, Richard martin's property, Avon Inn, Gas Station on the Circle and the two second hand stores on West Main Street. There was a time when businesses placed these signs out "Occasionally" now they are the rule. Is there a Village ordinance covering this?

Heather Arnold – How often do trees get checked?

Mayor Freeman– An arborist was hired and a plan was put in place to remove trees. John Barrett has a good handle on what trees are stressed.

Heather Arnold – I have a chestnut tree that is hollow and when they trim the tree they trim road side only.

Mrs. Rabjohns mentioned an oak tree on Genesee Street near Oak Street has a big hole in it. It's in the area of Michael McCormick's home.

Kim Surdick mentioned that there's a big oak tree in front of 30 Oak Street which is diseased. It's not looking healthy this year.

Dwight Brown – We have two problems on Pine View Heights. The first is the location of the dead end sign. It doesn't stop Birds Eye trucks coming up and turning around. At the other end of the street there's a street light and the light needs to be redirected. The corner needs to have better lighting.

The Board suggested a call be made to Laurie Mastin of National Grid.

Mrs. Rabjohns – Are we ever going to get the pine tree replaced that the truck took out?

Trustee Zhe – Yes that will be replaced.

Ted Coyne – Anything you can do about the deer?

Mayor Freeman – There are some sprays you can use, moth balls, or soap. Trustee Hayes has talked with the DEC previously.

Trustee Hayes – There's not a lot that they can do.

Christine Martin – I put up a fence and you can buy deer netting. That seems to work very well.

Dwight Brown questioned the Board on the idea of trash pickup? Is it a dead issue?

Trustee Zhe – It doesn't seem to be going anywhere at this time.

Dwight Brown - There's always something out front of people's homes. Either trash or brush. Having trash picked up the same time and day each week wouldn't solve the problem because they put brush out there.

Dwight Brown – I would rather pick my own trash hauler. I would rather have a choice.

Mayor Freeman – How does anyone else feel?

Kevin O'Donohue – I would rather hire my own.

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Kim Surdick - The 4 way stop at Temple Street and Clinton Street, people are just blowing through the sign. All the kids from Oak Street to 5&20 are mandatory walkers and it is very busy.

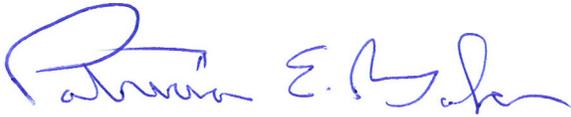
Chief Carney - We will definitely monitor that area since there is no crossing guard. As long as the kids that live on the north side of Clinton stay on that side until they get to Lacy Street and at that point use the crossing guard. We want the parents to go around the back to pick up their child.

I think we should talk to Bruce Amey and when they put together that final walking plan they need the parents to instruct their children to cross at the crossing guard.

The Board announced that Market Days are up at Tops Plaza every Wednesday from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., and this Saturday, August 7th is Saturday Night Out.

Upon a motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia E. Baker
Village Clerk