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Monday, September 19, 2011

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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, September 19, 2011.

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

Staff: Chief James Carney  
John Barrett

Visitors: Steve Stephenson

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown the Board went into executive session to discuss contractual matters at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Zhe seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board exited executive session at 6:30 p.m.

## **STEVE STEPHENSON:**

Steve Stephenson is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Avon Cemetery and was recently informed by an auditor of the new legislation. Any municipal corporation may provide goods and/or services to a public cemetery corporation as defined in article fifteen of the not-for-profit corporation law. At times in the past, it may have created problems with tax payers seeing the work being done by Village employees in a cemetery. The new law clarifies it's ok to do it as long as it's ok with the Village Board. We hope you'll continue to support us as the Village has done in the past. At some point we would like to perhaps oil & stone and pay for it with our own funds. An Eagle Scout is raising funds to put down some crushed stone from North Avenue to Rochester Street. It cost \$10,000 a year to mow. The Board is all volunteers except for the secretary/treasurer who gets \$25 a month for bookkeeping. We meet just once a year. Cemeteries are well kept in Avon. It represents something good about the community.

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe the minutes from September 12, 2011 are hereby approved as submitted. Trustee Hayes 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 made by Trustee McKeown the following vouchers were approved for payment:

General Fund	\$ 41,447.95
Water Fund	\$ 864.68
Schedule C	\$ 99,067.69
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,853.55
Fund #10	\$
Fund #11	\$ 3,065.85
Fund #17	\$ 1,950.96
Fund #47	\$
Fund #48	\$
Fund #49	\$ 5,130.03
Fund #50	\$ 30.03
Fund #51	\$ 543.25
Fund #52	\$
Fund #53	\$ 30.03
Fund #54	\$
Fund #55	\$ 165.84
Fund #56	\$ 30.03
Fund #57	\$
Fund #58	\$ 27.30
Fund #59	\$

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Fund #60	\$
Fund #61	\$
Fund #62	\$
Fund #63	\$
Fund #64	\$
Fund #65	\$
Fund #66	\$
Fund #67	\$
Fund #68	\$
Fund #69	\$
Fund #70	\$
Fund #71	\$
Fund #72	\$
Fund #73	\$
Fund #74	\$
Fund #75	\$
Fund #76	\$
Fund #77	\$ 2,093.31
Fund #78	\$
Fund #79	\$ 7,628.83
Fund #80	\$
Fund #81	\$
Fund #82	\$
Fund #83	\$ 31.99
Fund #84	\$
Fund #85	\$
Fund #86	\$ 5,926.71
Fund #87	\$
Fund #88	\$ 387.29
Fund #91	\$
Fund #92	\$
Fund #93	\$ 7.62
Fund #94	\$
Fund #95	\$
Fund #96	\$
Fund #97	\$
Fund #98	\$
Fund #99	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 173,282.94</b>

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

## **DPW UPDATE:**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board exited executive session at 7:15 p.m.

The Board reviewed the comments from the neighborhood meeting and talked about sidewalks on River Street.

Trustee Hayes suggested raising the speed to 25 mph at the Downs. Let's put a reasonable speed in there and enforce it. Speed bumps open a dangerous precedence.

John Barrett – It would be a nightmare with insurance to install speed bumps.

Chief Carney – I'm not a proponent of speed bumps.

Trustee Zhe – I'm opposed to speed bumps.

Mayor Freeman asked Chief Carney if his Department was doing extra patrols on Clinton Street since school started and on Spring Street.

Chief Carney – Yes we have.

Mayor Freeman went down to look at the drainage problems at 307 West Main Street & 291 West Main Street. When there is heavy rain it jumps the curb. The Village talked about putting a drain at the top of the driveway and daylight it out. It would butt up against the concrete. 4" tile will be used. The DPW will take care of the problem with catch basins and pipe.

Mayor Freeman went down and looked Schillinger's parking situation on Railroad Avenue and felt they can do a better job with parking. He will talk to Jim Schillinger.

## **POLICE UPDATE:**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee McKeown the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:35 p.m. Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board exited executive session at 7:55 p.m.

## **TRUSTEE'S UPDATE:**

**INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – COURT SECURITY REVISION** - Revisions were made to the existing Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village and Town providing Court Security Services for the Town Court. A motion was made by Trustee Zhe to approve the amended agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKeown and carried by the following vote:

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

## **DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNT:**

After last Monday's meeting the Board was in unanimous agreement to reduce the water flow to Mr. DeFisher residence because his water account was seriously delinquent and he had ignored letters sent to him. The Village DPW went to his property and reduced the water flow on September 14, 2011. Mr. DeFisher came to the office later that day and made a payment of \$200 toward his delinquent account and agreed upon with Mayor Freeman that he would make

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monthly payments of \$100 or more if possible, and after six months, the Board will review his account once again.

The Board was in unanimous agreement to give him the six months as recommended by Mayor Freeman.

## **CLINTON STREET CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was received from Rebecah Corcoran stating her concern with the speeding that takes place on Clinton Street. At a 2010 Neighborhood Meeting the subject was discussed and after that meeting she did see an increased police presence and the radar sign. Now with a new school year upon us, the speeding is beginning again. She would like to know what plans the Village has in place to correct this problem and to prevent it from continuing. Ms. Corcoran would like to see slightly raised speed bumps.

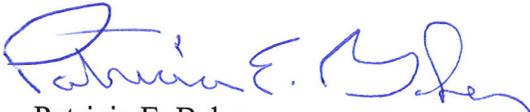
The Board discussed Ms. Corcoran's concerns and the majority of the Board along with Superintendent Barrett and Chief Carney were against the idea of speed bumps. The Police will patrol the area more frequently and the Board was appreciative of the letter and comments. With enforcement and active citizens it can be made safer. It was suggested that if an individual sees a continued abuser, please get the license number.

Trustee Batzel suggested soliciting the school to have them buy a radar sign of their own up by the school.

Trustee Zhe updated the Board on the Christmas Banners. Trustee Zhe informed the Parks Commission that the Village Board would like to see different banners on the light poles. After checking, Gail Westfall informed the Board that the cost would be considerably more and so for now 15 of the same kind will be ordered and perhaps next year we could order 15 different ones.

Upon a motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Patricia E. Baker  
Village Clerk