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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 10, 2012.

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

Staff: John Barrett
Fire Chief Bryan Scott

Visitors: Tim Stanton
Richard & Chris Martin
Chris Hetelekides

See Attached List

Mayor Freeman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe the Board entered into executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Trustee Batzel seconded the motion and the Board exited executive session at 6:40 p.m. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes the minutes from August 20, 2012 meeting are hereby approved as submitted. Trustee McKeown 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
Timmy Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Mayor Freeman informed Mr. Martin that he needs to take this information to the Planning Board and let them do their job. The Village Board will then wait to hear their recommendations.

CHRIS HETELEKIDES

Mr. Hetelekides wished to address the Board as a concerned owner of Peppermint's Restaurant. Salvatore's Pizza will be going into a space across the street from the restaurant owned by Richard Martin. The parking space availability was questioned. There are parking spaces marked in front of garage door openings and there are no marked fire lanes.

He also mentioned that McDonalds does not have enough parking spaces and their customers often park in Peppermints lot. Mr. Hetelekides feels that these businesses must have enough parking of their own to support their clientele.

Having people cross the busy road creates a danger in the community.

Mayor Freeman informed Mr. Hetelekides that he would have the Code Officer and Village Attorney investigate the issue further.

FIRE CHIEF SCOTT:

Chief Scott reported that Jeff Ayers and Mike Blonsky are still active members.

Chief Scott requested that the Board open the project for turnout gear so that the permissive referendum can be advertised.

OPEN PROJECTS:

PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM:

RESERVE 21 - FIRE EQUIPMENT:

Trustee Zhe offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Resolution

A resolution authorizing the expenditures of **\$10,000** from capital reserve funds *HR21-FIRE EQUIPMENT* for the Village of Avon, Livingston County, New York.

Be it resolved, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon as follows:

The specific object or purpose of the Village of Avon, Livingston County, New York for which the expenditures of monies from the capital reserve funds is for monies needed for ***TURN OUT GEAR***. The maximum estimated costs of the aforesaid specific object or purpose of **\$10,000**.

Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in the LIVINGSTON COUNTY NEWS, the official newspapers together with a legal notice of the Village Clerk as provided by law.

This resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

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

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

There was a brief discussion held on the Fire Department budget and capital projects.

AMBULANCE BOARD: (copy of attendees attached)

Don Mastin announced to the visitors that the Ambulance Board is here tonight to give you information on the ambulance and answer your questions. The Ambulance Board of Directors consists of three Rotary members, three Lions Club members, and three members from the community, Ted Coyne, Jim Ryan and Helen Zamboni (Rotary members), Don Mastin, Kevin Patrick and Jim Gerace (Lions Club), Jan Cole, Tom O'May, Howard Forsyeth are members of the community.

Tom O'May discussed why they were present and gave some history of the Avon Rotary Lions Ambulance.

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Over 57 years ago, The Rotary and Lions Clubs of Avon came together to fulfill a need within the Town and Village. An Ambulance service.

Town residents such as Bill Mulvaney and Ted Coyne as well as many other concerned citizens manned the first vehicles.

A "Call" consisted of placing the patient onto a gurney and transporting them to a medical facility.

It was 100% volunteer and included drivers and medical personnel.

Housing of the Ambulance was provided when the Village Board offered space in the new Village office structure.

In 1987 the ambulance service was incorporated as a not for profit corporation. This status remains today.

In the past, the ambulance service was able to maintain quality service with a volunteer staff.

As N.Y. State regulations and medical certification mandates have increased; it has become necessary to change to a professional, paid medical staff.

Today, medical staffing positions are "Career" jobs requiring ongoing training and expense to those individuals.

The N.Y. State requirements for medical equipment have also changed dramatically over the last years, with some devices costing thousands of dollars if not more.

As the volume of calls continued to increase, and with N.Y. State response times mandated, it was important that the ambulance service grow to meet those needs.

The service has a Business Manager to handle the everyday operations. Those include billing, purchasing, contracts, payroll and many others.

The service also has an Operations Manager. Managing the Medical staff and operations as well as supply inventory, vehicles, certification requirements, training and operating procedures.

Volunteers are always welcome and we encourage anyone who would want to help to contact us at the ambulance service.

The Avon Ambulance is a "Certified Service" operating under the medical certificate of an approved N.Y. State medical doctor.

Providing two medical services, BLS "Basic Life Support" with Emergency Medical Technicians and ALS "Advanced Life Support" with Paramedic Technicians.

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The service has “two” fully equipped ambulance and a “Fly” car.

Our goal has always been to provide highly trained medical personnel utilizing the equipment necessary for 24 hour care seven days a week.

The Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance collects “NO” Town or Village tax dollars of any kind.

Avon is one of only two area agencies that operate without tax dollars.

In the past, with a volunteer staff, memorial and United Way donations and Insurance payments, our expenses were covered.

With all the N.Y. State mandates regarding response times and certification of medical staff, the ambulance is now operating at a monthly loss.

Our monthly expenses are in line with other area agencies and we have even seen a reduction in some expense since the move to the new Ambulance facility and the addition of the Business and Operations Managers. Insurance payments do not cover all the expenses.

Some insurance companies have adopted restrictions applied by Medicare and Medicaid which are severely below the cost of medical treatment and transport.

United Way and private donations have seen a drop due to the economy as have the number of people able to volunteer.

With no ambulance service available within the town and Village of Avon, residents would have to rely on the Livingston County Emergency Services.

Other towns could also cover some calls depending on if they had an ambulance available. How response times would be effected is unknown.

The Board has created a Financial Organization Committee to review the future needs and resources that may be available to meet the operational and reserve cost.

The committee contacted other area services who have gone through a similar situation a few years prior.

Their solution was the formation of an “Ambulance Medical Service District”.

This would give the Town Board full responsibility of the ambulance service with funding received from Town residents, billing of service and contracts with neighboring towns.

The ambulance is currently operating at a monthly loss.

Richard Martin – What kind of deficit and how much are you loosing and how does it equate to tax dollars?

Tom Bartolini - \$50,000 - \$75,000 at first. In the first year we got down to \$2,000 now it's up to \$5,000. We're not meeting expenses and are unable to put aside money for capital purchases. We have gone to the Town Board and kept them abreast.

Richard Martin – How much money are you talking about?

Tom Bartolini – I can't tell you that now. Because of government restrictions we are losing money on our runs.

Richard Martin – Who would be administering the district?

Tom Bartolini – The Town.

Helen Zamboni – The way the law operates is that one of the choices would be for a Board of Commissions who would be elected and they would be the governing body but the current corporation would be under contract with the Town and under the jurisdiction of the Board of Commission. They are not an assessing district on their own.

Darlene Kiehl - How is this handled in other districts?

Rick Race – Livonia and Gates have districts and there are benefits to the residents. Livonia has a Commission and local people run it. The benefits to the community are that it gets the ambulance there quickly; it covers co-pays, and there are community base CPR classes that include training with AED equipment. You would be provided with the best medical care possible. Currently our response time is good right now and we want to make sure that continues to happen.

Al Beach – Since doing your study for the last couple of years do you have an average of what it would cost per trip?

Tom Bartolini – Taking an average the cost is over \$900 per one individual.

Al Beach – Do you save money by purchasing the building on Lake Road?

Don – The building was available for \$110,000 and we had outgrown the Village garage.

Brian Shannon – The paramedic services with Avon ambulance runs only until 9 p.m., after 9 p.m. the service is coming from somewhere else. ALS service is not 24 hours a day.

Rick Race – ALS goes up until midnight, from midnight to 7 a.m. it's coming from further away.

Brian Shannon – What is the operating cost with having a basic ambulance to an ALS service?

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Rick Race – Since the middle of August we had just an ALS, we've now expanded service and reduced cost.

Dick Martin – Did anyone do research on how the Obama health plan will affect you?

Don Martin – We don't know for sure what will happen

Richard Martin – Livonia, Gates and Henrietta have formed districts, what about Lima?

Don Mastin - Lima is supported by the Village and Town of Lima.

Richard Martin - Have you looked at other organizational structures that would make more sense?

Rick Race – If we get a call we have to take them.

Ken Ippolitto – You averaged the cost per the number of runs. What is the basic cost as oppose to ALS?

Tom Bartolini – I can't tell you that.

Rick Race– Calls vary, it depends what is needed if you need to use a lot of medication.

Al Beach – How many local people on staff?

Tom Bartolini - 15-20

Rick Race – Most drivers are from Avon and EMT's are local. EMT's get \$50 per 8 hour shift and drivers get \$35 per 8 hour shift. If there is more than one transport an additional \$35.

Tami Snyder – Have you looked at other avenues?

Tom Bartolini – We are looking at the County.

Rick Race – Livonia tax payers pays about \$60-65 per year.

Bob Wiard – ALS is costing money why not turn ALS back over to county?

Rick Race – We break even with ALS. The county bills us about \$200.

Bob Wiard – If we drop a call what do we get charged?

Rick Race – It doesn't cost the ambulance anything, the patients pay.

Dick Martin – Certain line items are tax deductible, is the ambulance tax deductible?

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Helen Zamboni– I couldn't tell you, I haven't looked at that

Jeremy Batzel – Annual operation of ambulance \$300,000 -\$400,000?

Tom Bartolini – There were 658 individuals billed last year. 35-40% comes off the top and if it's Medicaid or Medicare we don't get paid.

Mike Carol – Average return on a call?

Helen Zamboni - 2011 \$343,285 total revenue from all sources. Total expenses \$379,866, we lost \$36,581.

Brian Shannon – When are you looking to implement this project?

Kevin Patrick – We're looking into now and if it happens it wouldn't be until 2015.

Mike Manning – Doesn't the Board have to do a resolution?

Helen Zamboni – The Village would have to do a resolution saying it's alright for the Town to charge Village residents.

Mike Manning – Lions and Rotary only commitment is to provide members for the Board of Directors. They don't put money into it?

Rick Race – There are five ALS employees who receive \$18.00 an hour. They are not full time; and no one receives benefits.

Brian Shannon – What is the average response time?

Rick Race – Ten minutes.

Chris Batzel – Any vision down the road on improving staffing for that 2nd rig?

Rick Race– Absolutely we're looking at it.

Kim Quinlan – If they went to a tax district will that cover the co-pay?

Tom Bartolini – I can't answer that but we're looking at 24-7 ALS and BLS coverage.

Tom Bartolini - We have been getting our fuel at school and that has been a savings.

Darlene Craig – Response time is something to think about if we go with the county.

Dick Martin – The ambulance needs money and we need to find a way to get the money to them. We have to know if the Obama health care will make a difference. I have a problem when you don't make any attempt to collect money.

Don Martin – We will look into that.

Mike Manning – If your between \$35,000- \$50,000 in the hole in operating expenses, what are you doing to do with the additional money you collect.

Don Mastin – Operating expenses and reserve fund.

Tom Bartolini – We would make sure we'd cover all expenses; we would put away money for new vehicles, AED and create a revenue base. We would plan for the future, outfit the second vehicle and have more ALS available.

Helen Zamboni – This study has just started, it's very early. There will be lots more definition around this.

Darlene Craig – When the library was added, it was put up for a vote? Will it go to a general vote?

Dave LeFeber – The ambulance would have to submit document, cost, and goals and open it to the public and have a public hearing. The state has set up ample opportunity for the public to see what it's all about. It will be subject to a permissive referendum.

Ken Ippolitto – We can leave with a clear understanding the cost has not been determined.

Bernie Kiehl – I've been involved with the ambulance since 1991 it's a good service for the community. The community has to determine what type of service they want and the better it is the more it's going to cost.

Brian Shannon – Do we have a designated backup ambulance service?

Rick Race – The closest available ambulance.

Al Beach – We have two fully equipped ambulances?

Don Mastin – Yes, we don't have a scheduled 2nd ambulance crew.

Darlene Kiehl – Could someone address the qualifications or process for joining the ambulance?

Rick Race – There would be background checks, interviews and you would go to Board of Directors. The drivers would go through driving training class, and EMT's would go to classes.

Darlene Kiehl – Who would pay for the training?

Rick Race - In Livingston County NYS pays.

Art Pearson – What is the average on turnaround time on an ambulance call that goes to a hospital?

Rick Race – It could take 3 hours; we have to wait with patients until they get a bed.

VOUCHERS AND MANUAL CHECKS:

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

Fund #1 General Fund	\$13,470.31
Fund #4 Schedule C	\$ 5,971.58
Fund #5 Water	\$ 2,530.58
Fund #6 Sewer	\$ 5,754.30
Fund #9	\$
Fund #10	\$
Fund #11	\$
Fund #17	\$ 1,520.46
Fund #44	\$
Fund #45	\$
Fund #47	\$
Fund #48	\$
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Fund #60	\$
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Fund #91	\$	
Fund #92	\$	
Fund #93	\$	298.50
Fund #94	\$	
Fund #95	\$	
Fund #96	\$	
Fund #97	\$	
Fund #98	\$	
Fund #99	\$	
TOTAL	\$	29,545.73

Manual Checks:

Law Enforcement Officers Union – Police Union Dues	\$426.44
NYS Child Support Proc. Ctr. – Child Support	\$256.00
SEIU 200 United – DPW Union Dues	\$187.00
Nationwide Retirement Solution – Deferred Comp.	<u>\$1026.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1895.44

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

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

TRUSTEE’S UPDATE:

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE:

Ken Farrell requested that he be allowed to attend a training seminar at The Dansville Fish & Game Club for operator renewal credits on September 14, 2012.

A motion was made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee McKeown to allow Ken Farrell to attend the workshop. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

DISASTER/MUTUAL AIDE PLAN (AVON NURSING HOME):

Mayor Freeman received a request from Richard Taromino of the Avon Nursing Home requesting permission to use the Avon Village Building as a stopover point for the Nursing Home if the Nursing Home needs to evacuate its patients to a safe location.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe, Mayor Freeman is duly authorized to execute an agreement between the Village of Avon and the Avon Nursing Home stating that in the event of an emergency requiring the evacuation of Avon Nursing Home, the Avon Fire House is being established as the homes stop over point. The purpose of the stop over point is to act as a temporary location for residents to allow time for a more permanent transfer to take place, or if conditions allow, a possible return to Avon Nursing Home once the reason for evacuation has been resolved. Trustee Batzel 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
Timmy Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

SRO AGREEMENT:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe, Mayor Freeman is duly authorized to execute an agreement between the Village of Avon, Avon Central School District and the Town of Avon.

WHEREAS, the District, the Town, and the Village have determined that it is in the mutual best interests of the residents of the Town and Village, and the students and staff of the District to have a fulltime police officer, herein the "School Resource Officer" or SRO" available to provide security and necessary law enforcement services at the Avon Central School; and

WHEREAS, the District, Town, and Village agree to share the cost of providing a "School Resource Officer", or "SRO" not covered by grants or paid by Livingston County for an SRO or a replacement officer hired by the Village.

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
Timmy Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Robert Hayes, Trustee	Voting	Yes

TAX RELEVY RESOLUTION:

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Trustee McKeown offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Avon hereby requests that the County of Livingston collect certain delinquent Village taxes for the tax levy of June 2012, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Avon will take no action to recover said unpaid taxes pursuant to Section 1440 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York and no sale on account of said unpaid taxes will be held pursuant to law,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Avon officially requests that the County of Livingston collect certain delinquent Village taxes for the tax levy of June 2012 pursuant to Section 1442 of the New York State Real Property Law.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Village Clerk of the Village of Avon shall be transmitted forthwith to the Livingston County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors.

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Hayes authorization was given to Mayor Freeman to submit a Section 211 waiver for James Noble as part-time patrolman to the State Commission for its consideration. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

The Cancer Services Program of Livingston and Wyoming Counties, a service of the Livingston County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Health Cancer Services Program, invited the Village of Avon to join them and other participating Villages in Livingston County in the Main Streets Go Blue initiative, which will occur in March 2013. It focuses on raising awareness and increasing utilization of colon cancer screenings among community members. March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month and blue is the universally-recognized color for colon cancer. The Cancer Services Program would like to partner with local businesses on Main Street.

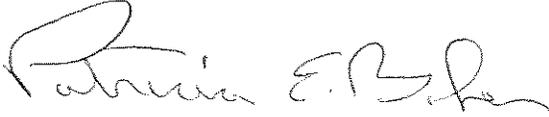
The Cancer Services Program would like to partner with the Village and a small group of volunteers from our community to ensure the success of this initiative. An informational meeting will be held for elected officials and volunteers on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Livingston County Department of Health.

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Mayor Freeman agreed to go and represent the Village.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia E. Baker".

Patricia E. Baker
Village Clerk