

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 Tuesday, December 4, 2012.

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

Staff: Chief James Noble
Bryan Scott
Christine Quinlan
Tony Cappello

Visitors: Tony Pino, Pino Agency
Dennis Catuzza
Kurt Klein – Tri County
Nancy Skelton, KAFL
Jim Ferrari, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network

Mayor Freeman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

KAFL, INC.:

Mayor Freeman explained the need for the Village to get competitive quotes for the Village's health care. That is why KAFL, Inc. was asked to attend and give the Board a presentation for managing our health care. It's a significant amount of money and we need an understanding on what we can expect.

Nancy Skelton, Chairman of the Board of KAFL Insurance Resources started 21 years ago and is a brokerage house in Rochester. She explained that they don't do personal production. We educate clients of Jim Ferrari who is a Financial Representative of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. Mr. Ferrari called KAFL to review benefits. Nancy explained that they have thousands of cases on the books from agents similar to Jim. We deal with Group Life, Medical, and Dental. We have the time to specialize in employee benefits because that's all we do; we have 30 employees at KAFL. KAFL has been in the insurance business for over 30 years. We work with Medicare eligible people.

A proposal for the Board's review was prepared and presented. They offer comprehensive benefits plans that can be customized to the needs of employers. Detailed benefits and summaries were provided.

Nancy had informed the Village that in 2014 Excellus underwriting guideline change announced that no employer group was to fund more than 50% for the high deductible. Its Excellus's right to make this stipulation. Excellus feels that using a high deductible health plan without consumer awareness is not what high deductible plans are all about.

Trustee Zhe and Treasurer Quinlan met with Nancy at an earlier time and asked her to do a comparison with our current high deductible plan, MVP, and enriched DBL.

Nancy's suggestion was not to move to a co pay plan but work with current high deductible health plan. Nancy stated she and Jim would like to talk with the employees to help them understand.

Mr. Ferrari – Nancy's done a considerable amount of work for us.

Mayor Freeman – It's a cultural change and takes educating everyone. Later this evening another agency is coming in to give a presentation.

BUDGET REVIEW:

Treasurer Quinlan distributed budget sheets to the Board. Department heads had met on Monday to review their accounts. All funds look fine. General Fund balance will be about \$500,000. By the end of May the projection for the Sewer Fund is \$350,000. Schedule C and Water Fund currently ok. Treasurer Quinlan will send the sheets in excel to the Board.

Mayor Freeman questioned Fire Chief Scott if there has been any conversation on upcoming purchases?

Chief Scott – Not that I'm aware of.

Mayor Freeman – I realize the review for the Police Department is a little more difficult. Officer Geer injured himself at his second part-time job at the school. It is either his ACL or meniscus. Overall covering Sergeant Geer's hours will cost \$12,000 up until the end of the budget year. Chief Noble reviewed his work schedule with the Board. He reviewed his expenditures and what he projected until May, 2013.

Chief Noble informed the Board that he would like to advertise right away for a part-time patrolman. He must meet all New York State civil Service requirements.

At the end of January there will be another intern that will work at the Police Department. It would be at no cost to the Village. This is the last week for our current intern, Brittany Smyder

to work. Last week we had a BOCES student from Avon here and will be getting another one soon.

The computers and radar unit have been purchased, but not the CPU unit until we figure out what we are going to do with office renovation.

DENNIS CATUZZA:

Mayor Freeman reminded the Board of where we were hoping to be at this time with 184 East Main Street. As indicated at the last Board meeting Mr. Catuzza thought that Tri County was interested in helping Dennis put a roof on his house. Mayor Freeman had a conversation with Kurt Klein informing him of what has been happening and would he be willing to work with Mr. Catuzza.

Mayor Freeman – The first thing needed before going to a bank is that a schedule of values needs to be put together. Mr. Catuzza has been asking for the wrong type of loan. He has been asking for a home equity loan.

Kurt Klein – I can't originate the loan but we could set something up with a bank and work it out.

Mayor Freeman – He needs to secure a contract with you and Dennis needs to sign it. The Board is going to put directives on the situation now.

Kurt Klein – They will send an appraiser out to look at the home. I did some research myself and talked with Bank of Castile so up to a point Mr. Catuzza is correct. Without a meter on the house, they don't consider it a home. They said they couldn't make it work without a meter. Dennis and I have only talked in general.

Dennis Catuzza – I'm doing everything I said I was going to do. One last angle I'm pursuing is a rehabilitation mortgage or a construction loan. I would like you to petition the court to rescind the order for demolition.

Kurt Klein – The lady at the bank said people will do what they have to do to save their house.

Mayor Freeman – Dennis needs to put his money up as collateral to get a loan because there is no equity in the house. He has good credit and a pension.

Kurt Klein – First thing is he needs to do is to get the roof done and get the electric back into the house. Do I understand that the tear offs can be done in a reasonable amount of time?

Fire Chief Scott – Fix the roof and have the electric redone, he would have temporary box put in the basement.

Mayor Freeman – Dennis needs to walk into the bank with a licensed contractor and a schedule. We believe the house is savable. Can you tell the Board that you will engage in a contractor contingent upon securing a loan? When are you meeting again with Mr. Klein?

Dennis Catuzza – I will work with him. Whenever he's ready, if he has time and opportunity to go to the bank with me and when I return in two weeks, we'll show you we've made progress.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion by Trustee Hayes, the Board entered executive session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zhe to exit executive session at 7:10 p.m.

PINO AGENCY:

Tony Pino owner of Pino Insurance introduced himself and gave the Board a little background. He worked for Preferred Care for three years. He then worked for a broker firm at which time he thought he could start his own agency and has been doing so for five years. There are three people working in the agency. Customer service is a big thing for him. The rates are set by carriers.

Mayor Freeman – When KAFI was first proposed to us, my concern was we didn't have any competition and it's a lot of money the Village pays out for insurance. Our path forward is a company that is working for us.

Tony Pino – I take on that challenge. Our customer service is fantastic, I don't lose any groups. It's a big improvement from Bond. With Nancy or myself you're not locked into anything. The Village has the control.

1st option –Is our current policy 1300 and 2600 deductible. We may want to bump up the deductibles. Healthy Blue Rewards. Mr. Pino believes the Healthy Blue Program is ideal.

The next item bumps up the deductible – rates are lower. 10% deductible works in their favor. Works just like what we have now and has the Healthy Blue Rewards.

The last plan Simply Blue-12, premiums are less but it removes Healthy Rewards.

Mr. Pino pointed out that our current dental plan Smile Saver IV is really outdated. A benefit summary was reviewed for the proposed dental plan.

In 2014 it will be different Obama Care will kick in. 50% is the most the Village can fund.

Mayor Freeman – I would like to digest this and meet next Monday to make a decision.

Mr. Pino also mentions that VPD, guaranteed life insurance is also offered through payroll deduction.

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Heard that some work was being done at 127 Prospect Street so Code Officer Cappello left work and came to Avon to find out. He talked with Charlene Haubner who said she was moving back and it was none of the Village’s business. The whole house should be inspected, electrical inspection is needed and the fence is falling down and needs to be repaired or removed. N.M. turned electric on and RG&E turned gas on and Village turned water on.

Mayor Freeman – You need to make a list of things in order to pursue it. Make a list of code violations.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel the minutes from November 19, 2012 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 Zhe the following vouchers were approved for payment:

General Fund	\$ 18,646.79
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Water Fund	\$ 2,350.48
Schedule C	\$ 4,965.10
Sewer Fund	\$ 6,574.38
Fund #10	\$
Fund #11	\$
Fund #17	\$ 1,688.48
Fund #47	\$
Fund #48	\$
Fund #49	\$
Fund #50	\$
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Fund #85	\$

Fund #86	\$	
Fund #87	\$	
Fund #88	\$	
Fund #91	\$	
Fund #92	\$	
Fund #93	\$	298.50
Fund #94	\$	
Fund #95	\$	
Fund #96	\$	
Fund #97	\$	
Fund #98	\$	
Fund #99	\$	
TOTAL	\$	34,523.73

Manual Checks:

NYS Child Support Proc. Center	\$ 256.00
Nationwide Retirement Solution	\$1,108.44

REPLACEMENT CHECKS

Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.	\$ 719.55
Rush Gravel Corporation	<u>\$ 288.00</u>

TOTAL: \$2,371.99

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

TRUSTEES’S UPDATE:

Earlier this year the Livingston County Development Corporation solicited the Village’s participation and investment in the County’s Villages Program. Since that time services offered to the Village through the program, the delivery of those services and the program’s image have been thoroughly reviewed. The new Downtown Revitalization Partnership offers an expanded scope of services to the Village.

The County asks that the Village sign and return the Memorandum of Understanding to the Livingston County Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Trustee Hayes authorizing Mayor Freeman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and the County. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zhe 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

SEAN DEMPSEY, LIFE SCOUT (AVON TROOP 86):

Boy Scout Sean Dempsey submitted a letter requesting permission to use the field of the Avon Driving Park for a 5k race to benefit the Avon Food Pantry. The race would occur in late spring of 2013. The participants will be asked to sign a waiver stating that they have been fully informed of the possible dangers of the course. The waiver will also include a section which confirms that the runners have read and understood the rules and expectations of being a participant of the race.

Mayor Freeman will contact Sean Dempsey and ask that he attend a future Village Board meeting on December 18, 2012.

CAROL LYTTLE:

A request was made by Carol Lyttle and Sheila Greer to have the property at 172 High Street reclassified from a multi-family dwelling on their water/sewer bill to a single family dwelling. There are no separate utilities. There is one gas meter and one electrical meter.

A motion was made to revert back to single family dwelling by Trustee Hayes and 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

Trustee Zhe questioned revisiting the County sewer rate.

Treasurer Quinlan reported that John Barrett is supposed to look at it. Kathy VanHorne from the County has been asking.

Superintendent Barrett reported that he had unexpected visitor from the DEC questioning the SPDES permit last week and inspecting the Village of Avon Wastewater Treatment Plant. He is waiting to receive a letter from them noting some deficiencies that were found.

Mayor Freeman suggested that once the letter is received, a copy should be forwarded to MRB.

Trustee Zhe once again questioned the training sessions for Zoning and Planning Board members and suggested a letter be sent to each the Planning Board and Zoning Board member reminding them of the mandatory requirements and set up a class with the County for the Board members to attend here at the Village building.

Trustee McKeown questioned the refund the Village will be receiving for the completed Routes 5&20 Reconstruction Project in the Village. Treasurer Quinlan will follow up with Bernie Donegans Office.

Upon a motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia E. Baker
Village Clerk