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The Neighborhood 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, May 18, 2015.

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

Staff: Chief Gary Benedict
John Barrett
Tony Cappello
Christine Quinlan

Ryan Colvin P.E., President, MRB Group
Kurt Rappazzo, MRB Group
Reid Whiting, Village Attorney

Visitors: Jan Rogers, Livingston Insurance Agency, Inc.
Tara Hapke, Customer Service Rep., Livingston Insurance Agency, Inc.
Annie Chwiecko, Community Rep., Senator Patrick Gallivan
Chris Zeltmann, Community Rep., Senator Chuck Schumer
Josh Williams, Genesee Sun
SEE ATTACHED LIST

Mayor Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

WATER DAMAGE ISSUE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING:

Mayor Freeman welcomed the public that attended the Neighborhood Meeting and introduced the Village Board, employees, and special guests to the residents and also recognized the Fire Department for their outstanding work.

Mayor Freeman explained the reason for the meeting tonight was to inform the community on the efforts the Village has been making to resolve the flooding issues and to share your observations with us.

Since the last storm, much work has been done and it all takes a little bit of time. It takes direction, easements and an engineering study that we are trying to do in a cost effective way.

We had a Drainage Improvement Study done and have been discussing it with Town Supervisor, David LeFeber and Superintendent Bruce Amey. This will be an ongoing process.

Ryan Colvin, President of MRB introduced himself to the public and informed them that he had worked with the Village over 30 years. For the first two years he lived in Avon. MRB works with 110 Villages and Towns over the United States. So I understand what you are going through. Our goal is to find solutions as quickly as possible to maintain stability when the region falls under intense rains is a series of improvements that will take time and money. Some potential improvements would be expanding the existing retaining ponds and ensuring they are properly functioning, as well as expanding and improving the existing drainage network.

One part of the solution would be placing a massive drainage pipe north under East Main Street near Pole Bridge Road into an alternative creek directing the water away from the Village.

After the heavy rainfall that was experienced by the Village in late July, the Village requested that MRB Group to find effective, economical solutions to reduce the impact of short-duration, high intensity storms.

MRB did a study to describe the observations and potential improvements to reduce flooding impacts in each of the following areas:

- Pole Bridge Road near Five Lot Farm
- Genesee and Spring Street area
- Sackett Road near the Hayes property
- CVS Plaza and the Martin Property
- Hal-Bar Road Pond

MRB walked these problem areas with John Barrett to observe upstream and downstream field conditions, gain an understanding of the issues, and consider potential solutions. Base mapping was developed based on digital data and these observations, to help determine the general extent of contributing watersheds for use in the conceptual design of potential improvements. The Village adopted the engineering plan in December of 2014.

Kurt Rappazzo, from MRB gave an overview of each problem area and a suggested potential improvement along with any alternatives.

Kurt explained the Drainage Improvement overview.

Pole Bridge Road near Five Lot Farm –

- Construct a storm water management facility in the farm fields upstream of Pole Bridge Road in the Town of Avon.

- Modify the existing Five Lot Farms detention facilities to better mitigate storm water runoff.
- Construct the designed Alexander Crossing regional storm water management facility.

Kurt Rappazzo suggested working with the current owner of Alexander Crossing or work with the school.

Genesee and Spring Streets –

- Construction of a regional storm water management facility in the Five Lot Farm/Pole Bridge Road area would have a positive impact on flooding at Genesee Street.
- The Village should consider installing an angled rebar grate on the system inlet at Genesee Street, and any other system inlet subject to potential debris. An angled grate would have kept the larger debris from entering and clogging the system.
- The Village could consider providing a stabilized channel down the embankment to a drop inlet that is connected to the storm sewer system along Spring Street.
- There is a 36” culvert that crosses Spring Street near the Kraft factory. During the extreme storm event in July 2014, the culvert overflowed and flooded the electrical station across the street. A large volume of storm water flows through this location, whose contributing watershed consists of everything captured by the Spring street system (which includes Genesee Street up to Five Lot Farm and Pole Bridge Road), the Sackett Road system and storm water runoff off the Kraft campus. The total watershed area is approximately 500 acres.

Since both areas are combining at this location, the improvements recommended in the Pole Bridge Road near Five Lot Farm and Sackett Road near the Hayes property would have a positive impact on flooding. To further reduce the potential for flooding, the Village could also reroute the Sackett Road storm sewer to flow towards Little Conesus Creek and discuss onsite storm water detention with Kraft.

- Reroute the Sackett Road storm sewer would involve the replacement/construction of approximately 2,000 linear feet of ditches, piping and structures from the apartment complex driveway to the Little Conesus Creek gully. This, in concert with the Oak Hill Road interceptor, would significantly decrease flow rates and volumes in the Sackett Road ditch and at the Spring Street culvert.

- The Village should also discuss with Kraft the possibility of adding storm water detention on to their campus. Kraft could consider providing onsite detention through traditional detention ponds or underground pipe storage.

Sackett Road near the Hayes Property –

- Improve the ditch line along the east side of 235 Linden Street to adequately convey the anticipated flows.
- Construct a small detention facility in the basin created by the rail road embankment.
- Install a storm sewer interceptor along Oak Hill Road.

CVS Plaza and the Martin Property -

- Improve the ditch line along the east side of the CVS property to adequately convey the anticipated flows.
- Work with Mr. Martin or the Avon Central School District to construct a regional detention facility to reduce storm water runoff rates and provide storm water mitigation for potential development.
- Install an interceptor swale along the rear of Pole Bridge Road properties in the Town of Avon.

Hal Bar Road Pond –

- In 1997 the Village and Avon Central School District collaborated on a detention pond located north of Clinton Street Extension behind the homes on Hal-Bar Road. The main purpose of the facility was to reduce flooding impacts on the school from the runoff generated by the farm lands to the east. An interceptor system was installed that routed that flow around the school property to the Hal-Bar pond.
- The Village could consider enlarging the Hal-Bar pond to take on the additional drainage area and diverting all of the flow to the Village storm system along Hal-Bar Road.

Mr. Rappazzo mentioned that he had met with DOT last week.

Don McFadden – You knew this was a problem last July. What can we do short term? We need sandbags. Is that something the Village could provide for us?

Mayor Freeman – Absolutely, we can work on that.

Ryan Colvin - No one improvement can satisfy an entire street. It's a cumulative project. The Village's DPW does more work in house than most communities. What's the first thing we can do, how quickly can we do it? It's not going to affect everyone immediately. The study includes detention, upsizing culverts and diversion. Which one can they get done the soonest with the money they have for it? There's always red tape involved

Art Pearson – Do you know the size of the pipe that comes down past my house? There's no place for the water to go.

Wanda Rowe – Has anyone checked the height of the catch basin that the DOT installed, it is too high, the water is not going in it.

Chuck McLaughlin – We need to look at all the possibilities and have the government help us to keep this going and check on the changes that are made to make sure it's doing what it is suppose to do.

Mayor Freeman – The school will be putting piping in behind Rich Hite's house which will help other areas.

James Gilmore – I have lived in my house on Pole Bridge Road for 12 years. In that time, I have had 20 over the road floods, and 30 basement floods. The house was built 4 ½' too low. I am stressed out. I've put in berms and have taken steps on my own to try to reduce the amount of water I get. Insurance and sandbags are needed.

The Village had a previous developer of Alexander Crossing design a housing development and add an extensive drainage plan which would have reduced the flow of water to the Pole Bridge Road area.

Ryan Colvin - Avon is a small, three-square mile municipality and as such is limited in its ability to self-fund many of these improvements. That is why they are asking for USDA's assistance to help officials identify and apply for federal funding assistance.

Roseann Jackura – I live at 166 North Avenue. The water seems to come from High Street and Tops.

A resident who lives on Temple Street asked why it took from July to December to get a plan.

Mayor Freeman – A plan had to be put in place and reviewed.

Ryan Colvin - We are trying to get through this as quickly as possible, and in the middle of winter we couldn't build anything. We are now in this process.

What qualifies a hot spot, how do you know where the water is coming from? I'm at the bottom of West Main Street.

Ryan Colvin - The storm water improvement report identifies several “hot spots” which means there are areas that are not adequately able to handle storm water loads. We have the entire town topographically mapped.

Kurt Rappazzo - Whatever we do at the top will improve things at the bottom.

Ryan Colvin – We are looking where we can get the biggest bang for the buck. If we don’t have to bid it out to a contractor we can get it done quicker and in house.

Mayor Freeman informed the visitors that the Village had pulled out chairs and fire pits from culverts. Residents need to keep an eye on stream beds and not put leaves and grass in the streets.

Ryan Colvin – More than 15 years ago there were no regulations. Data is not available back then. 1983 was the last time we got rain like we did last week. No one event caused it

Roseann Jackura – St. Agnes had four out of five buildings flood.

Are grants going to be written for the Town?

Mayor Freeman – That’s why we had joint meetings with the Town. Yes joint grants will be submitted. MRB is also the Town’s engineers.

Ryan Colvin – We will look for joint applications.

Dwight Brown suggested creating detention areas around the middle school.

Mayor Freeman – We are making a cooperative effort with the school to create the ponds.

Bill Schmerbeck - How long will this process take? What is the preliminary cost estimates? And what’s the percent of obtaining the funding?

Ryan Colvin – It depends on your State Representatives. There is a representative from Senator Chuck Schumer’s office and Senator Patrick Gallivan’s office present tonight.

Mayor Freeman informed everyone that the Burke Pond (Hal Bar Road) holds 1.4 million gallons of water and it never breached, that’s a positive action. The same with the Masi detention pond on Amalfi Drive.

Backyards on Wadsworth Avenue had stones wash into their yards from the Railroad on Spring Street. A resident called the railroad to report it and they were told that it was the Village’s problem.

Chris Embury - I lost my furnace, hot water tank, washer and dryer again.

Tara Hapke of Livingston Insurance reported that FEMA remapped everything. Now anyone can purchase flood insurance. The average cost in this area is \$800 for a \$150,000 home.

Several residents stated that they tried and were not able to get insurance. Insurance wouldn't cover a backed up storm drain.

Jan Rogers, Livingston Insurance – In a flood prone area the premium will be higher. You have optional deductions.

A Village resident reported that their claim was denied by Village.

Jan Rogers – There has to be negligent proven on behalf of the Village, like it wasn't designed properly. The Village's insurance won't cover a catastrophe like this because there wasn't negligent.

Debbie Smith - Why wasn't anything done 5 years ago. It's an ongoing thing, it's not when we just get 12" of rain. We were told when the new road was put in on 5&20 the drainage would be improved. The things they are talking about are going to take years. Do I get a tax reduction? Mr. Barrett was at my house five years ago. Why did we wait 100 years to fix it, why not fix it at 75 years?

Mayor Freeman – We are working hard to find out what's going on.

Pat Brede – We have been proactive since the 80's. Every year we get flooded. I have a two family home that cannot be used as a two family home. A new vehicle was destroyed back in July. From 5&20, and from Clinton Street, I am in the middle of it. I was flooded on three sides. We had water in January in 1998. It's flooded for a long time. Maybe we should think about bonding some of this and get the work done. Just because you apply for a grant, it doesn't mean you're going to get it.

Ryan Colvin - DEC regulations require detention ponds. Tops has one, Masi has one. Any new development that comes in has to put one in. Storm water does mitigate drainage that's what we're trying to do.

Richard Cassada - D'Angelo Parkway didn't put swales in and the water comes down between my house and my neighbors.

Ryan Colvin – When a permit is approved that's what we expect to be built. Homeowners go in and do something different.

Attorney Whiting – The Village and Engineers have done a prompt and through study and once the priorities are decided you may be hearing from me to have a drainage pipe, or culvert put in on your property. Your cooperation would be appreciated so the Village could do the work promptly and efficiently and the grounds will be returned in the same condition. We are currently in negotiations' for some easements on D'Angelo Park Way.

Hal Cole – My mother is 85 years old and lives on High Street. She has always experienced water problems, since the road went in it has been worse the last 2-3 years. Can we regulate the flow up top? We need to slow it down.

Hal Cole – The Fire Department was right there, and Mayor Freeman was right there taking pictures. We need to write our Congressman and Senators. King Cole has been around 65-70 years and in 1990 we built another plant in York. We always had water issues. We lost a great deal of inventory. SBA is offering assistance; they say we are a disaster area. I didn't know until I made a phone call. We should have known about it. Can we get a SBA representative at the next meeting?

Anne Chwiecko, Community Representative from Senator Gallivan's office stated that the best way to get in touch with her is by email. We have been involved.

Dave Sharman – Do you know that the Village was classified as a disaster area?

Anne Chwiecko – I did not.

Chris Zeltmann (Community Representative from Senator Schumer's office) – Loan funding is available for businesses at 4% and a little bit less for homeowners, it is a loan and below market rate. There is an open period of 10-12 months after the event.

Bob Austen – Can you put the email address of the two Community representatives on the Village's website so we can see what they are doing along with a copy of the water report.

Hal Cole – You have to be persistent with our Representatives.

Ted VanSon – I have lived in my home on Littleville Road for 35 years. Every time I call Supervisor LeFeber, he comes. It's going to take time, I understand that. We need to work together. Please everyone in this room help these people. The Village of Avon Fire Department came to my house with sand bags.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes the minutes from the May 4, 2015 meeting 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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes the minutes from meeting held on May 11, 2015, 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	Absent	

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes the minutes from meeting held on May 12, 2015, 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	Absent	

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hayes the minutes from meeting held on May 14, 2015, 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	Absent	

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel, the application of George Spezzano to the Avon Pumper Company is hereby accepted. Said motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes 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

NEW EMPLOYEE:

The Village Board had recently met for three nights interviewing possible candidates for the position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

After a lengthy process a motion was made by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee Zhe to appoint Heather Randall to the position of Village deputy Clerk-Treasurer. The motion 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

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PLANS:

To ensure that taxpayers receive a Tax Freeze Credit in the second year of the program (2015 for school districts and 2016 for local Governments), each local government and school district must file a Government Efficiency Plan by June 1, 2015. Since the Village's efficiencies realized are shared services with the County, the Village will be participating in that countywide plan. A spreadsheet was submitted with the Programs listed as: Economic Development Program. That shared service, established in January, 2013 will save the Village \$26,250 in 2017, \$28,875 in 2018 and \$31,762 in 2019. The program which was established in January, 2014 will save \$27,250 in 2017, \$29,975 in 2018 and \$32,972 in 2019. The program established in January, 2015 will save \$28,000 in 2017, \$30,800 in 2018 and \$33,880 in 2019.

Trustee Hayes moved to adopt the following resolution:

The Village of Avon Board of Trustees approved the efficiency plan as presented at their May 18, 2015 Board meeting. The Village of Avon, with Mayor Freeman certifying, agrees to undertake its best efforts to fully implement by the end of the local fiscal year beginning in 2017 the efficiencies and shared services specified in this plan. 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

Mayor Freeman asked Ryan Colvin how we can make this water improvement project cost effective.

Ryan Colvin suggesting taking the approved plan and identify improvements that can be done in house, that would take little effort from MRB. For the others we would give you a proposal and get them ready for a contractor. You need to categorize them and prioritize them. The potential within EFC program would be a loan, we need to exhaust that. We could get a planning grant but the planning is done.

Mayor Freeman asked Kurt Rappazzo if we could meet with Hunt Engineer regarding Pine View Heights. I think we should challenge the solar field and have some input into that.

Ryan Colvin suggested setting up a website for the Village where they could find updates and make comments for their community.

Mayor Freeman questioned if we should petition NYSDOT to replace the culvert on Wadsworth Avenue?

Ryan Colvin – I think it's a legitimate question.

Superintendent Barrett reported that he had paved Spring Street and they will be replacing the culvert on River Street.

VOUCHERS AND MANUAL CHECKS:

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

#1	\$25,711.93
#4	\$ 5,603.88
#5	\$ 218.24
#6	\$ 6,417.07
#11	\$
#17	\$ 2,644.98
#50	\$ 8,580.00
#54	\$ 1,463.00
#57	\$ 2,010.00
#64	\$ 540.00
#77	\$ 17,105.00
#80	\$ 36,108.50

#93	\$
TOTAL	\$106,402.60

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

CLOSED PROJECTS:

The following projects are completed and prepared for the Board to resolve to close and return monies to their original funding sources:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Original Source</u>
H54-Fire Hydrant Replacement	\$113.55	HR31-Water Dist. Lines
H57-Water Meters	\$270.70	HR32-Water Eqt.

A motion was made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Hayes to close the above projects. The motion 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

Upon a unanimous motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Patricia E. Baker
 Village Clerk