

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held in the Whitney Room of the Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York on Monday February 6, 2017.

Present: Mark McKeown, Trustee
Bill Zhe, Trustee
Tim Batzel, Trustee
Rob Hayes, Trustee

Staff: Tony Cappello
John Barrett
Chief Benedict

Visitors: Tom Vonglis- Avon Rotary
John Marks- Parks Commission Chairperson
Lance Brabant- MRB

Deputy Mayor McKeown called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROTARY LODGE- TOM VONGLIS and JOHN MARKS:

Rotarian Tom Vonglis and Parks Commission Chairperson John Marks came to the Board to discuss the idea of a Rotary Lodge to be built in the Avon Driving Park. This would be a Rotary project that would be approximately 32 feet by 64 feet and hold about 100 people. It would be a space that could be enjoyed by all of the residents of Avon for events, parties, and meetings and would also be available for non-residents. Mr. Vonglis stated that the estimated cost to build would be \$130,000.00. He was interested in seeing if the Village would be interested in contributing to the project. Mr. Vonglis and Mr. Marks reached out to Barefoot Septic Systems who said that a septic system could be used. The Rotarians would do the bulk of the labor and would be interested in possibly using Village equipment. They would use professional concrete layers. Discussion continued about the actual building, the location of said building, parking, maintenance, and drainage. Mr. Vonglis said that the Rotary has already set aside \$12,000.00 for this project and believes that they will qualify for grants through the Rotary. The Board stated that they have been setting aside funds for a project as well.

To close, Mr. Vonglis asked that they have a commitment from the Village by May 1, 2017 if they are interested in participating in the project. They would like to have a start date of spring 2018. The Board invited them back to continue the discussion at the Joint Village/Town meeting in March.

DPW UPDATE:

Superintendent Barrett was in attendance to update the Board on the following:

- WWTP- the chemical building is about 80% done. They are getting ready for the new digester. The new cover steel will start in March and the screen is “awesome”.

- The crew is starting to flush sewers tomorrow. (2-7-17)
- Tree trimmers will be in the Village one more day. Any trees that were a danger have been taken down.
- MRB is working on a traffic control plan for route 5 and 20. This needs to be done and approved by DOT before being given to CP Ward. Lance Brabant of MRB also discussed ulterior detour routs.
- Pre- Construction Meeting-Avon Commons- the developer has been advised that they are unable to move forward with the current electrical system, and that adjustments need to be made. It was also discussed that MRB can do the inspections needed for Avon Commons and they bill the developer directly. Superintendent Barrett thinks this is the best option.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Hayes, it was agreed to have MRB do the inspections at Superintendent Barrett’s discretion. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

- Superintendent Barrett spoke to Mr. McTighe regarding the railroad construction project on Spring Street. The tentative schedule, based on the availability of the steel and the weather, would be a mid- March shut down of the street until May.

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Zhe and seconded by Trustee Hayes the meeting minutes from January 9th and January 23rd were approved as submitted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Code Enforcement Officer Tony Cappello was in attendance and gave updates on the following:

- Avon Inn- the new owners are working on repairing the building.
- National Grid called regarding a building on East Main Street. It is a commercial building and they were inquiring about it changing to residential. Tony explained that if you change a commercial property to residential, you are unable to change it back.
- Tony drove around the Village at the recommendation of Trustee McKeown to check out the number of unregistered vehicles in the Village. Upon an initial look, he found over thirty unregistered vehicles. He has decided to construct a letter notify resident that they

need to be taken care of within a certain time frame, or he will start issuing court summons.

VOUCHERS AND MANUAL CHECKS:

Upon a motion by Trustee Hayes, the following vouchers and manual checks are approved for payment:

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$19144.09
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$8687.60
#5-WATER	\$5053.39
#6-SEWER	\$11779.44
#17-TA	\$3624.22
#50-CAPITAL	\$
#62-CAPITAL	\$
#65-CAPITAL	\$
#72-CAPITAL	\$
#73-CAPITAL	\$
#77-CAPITAL	\$
#93-CAPITAL	\$1748.25
#DEBT SERVICE	\$
TOTAL	\$50036.99

Manual Checks:

Nationwide Retirement	Deferred Comp	\$1375.00
Law Enf. Off. Union	Police Dues-Feb.	\$392.16
SEIU 200 United	DPW Dues-Feb.	\$308.66
Village of Avon	HSA- Patty Baker	\$500.00
Cardmember Services	Ace Industries, CVS	\$757.39
	Flags Unlimited, Adobe,	
	Amazon Replacement Bulbs	

TOTAL: \$3333.21

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

The Board was presented with three letters of intent for the fire department election for Chief, 1st and 2nd assistant chief. They also received 2 more applications for active duty for the Vanzandt Hose Company.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the Bard accepted the letters of intent for Fire Chief from Dan Snyder, 1st Assistant Chief from Brian Strozewski, and 2nd Assistant Chief from Andy Pierce. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the Board accepted the applications of Timothy Cole and Kevin Patrick for active duty in the Vanzandt Hose Company. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Benedict gave the following update to the Board:

- The department will be heading to the shooting range in order to be recertified.
- Senator Gallivan’s Office is looking for funding for license readers. Chief believes that DWI monies can be used toward this equipment.

TRUSTEE’S UPDATE:

Trustee Zhe discussed the Urban and Community Forestry Program in which the Village is applying for a DEC Grant for the emerald ash bore remediation project. The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, the Village of Avon is applying to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for a project grant under the Urban and Community Forestry Program to be located at the Avon Driving Park, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

Whereas, as a requirement of these programs, said Village must obtain the “approval/endorsement” of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located”,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of the Village of Avon hereby does approve and endorse the application of the Village of Avon for a grant under the Urban and Community Forestry Program for a project known as the Village of Avon emerald ash bore remediation project and located within this community.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Hayes, the resolution has been approved and agrees to endorse the application. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Randall
Village Clerk

