

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held in Conference Room B of the Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York, on August 5, 2024.

Present: Robert C. Hayes, Mayor
Amanda Hoffmann, Deputy Mayor
Ashley Comeau, Trustee
Tom Cushing, Trustee
Patrick McCormick, Trustee

Staff: Ken Farrell, DPW Supt.
Christine Quinlan, Treasurer
Tim Ferrara, Officer In Charge
David Piampiano, Fire Chief
Bob Alexander, Code Compliance
Corey Hurley, MRB

Visitors: Margaret Lee, LCN
George Brown, resident
Jim Harrington, resident
Allison Hayes, resident
Ellen Turner, resident
Bill Zhe, resident
Kitty Bressington, resident
Heather Arnold, resident
Richard Neth, resident
Kerry Murray, resident
Ray Tompkins, resident
Athena Cottone, resident
Brian Strozewski, resident
Steven and Lindsay Praino, residents

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

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Mayor Hayes took a moment to honor and present members of the Village of Avon Fire Department certificates of recognition to celebrate their achievements and to thank them on behalf of the Village Board. The following members were honored:

- ❖ Ray Tompkins- 10 years of Service
- ❖ Kerry Murray- 10 Years of Service
- ❖ Athena Cottone- The Ed McEvoy Firefighter of the Year Award
- ❖ Steven Praino- The Keith Farr Memorial Firefighter of the Year Award

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick, the vouchers and manual checks/electronic payments were approved for payment from the following funds:

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$14722.49
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$8718.92
#5-WATER	\$3396.45
#6-SEWER	\$12941.81
#TA00-TRUST & AGENCY	\$7353.94
TOTAL	\$47133.61

- Electronic payments/manual checks:

Paid electronically:

- Fed/NYS Taxes	p/r 24-15	\$17083.18
- Nationwide Retirement	p/r 24-15	\$3073.00
		TOTAL: \$20156.18

Manual Check:

- NYS Child Sup. Proc. Ctr.	Child Support	\$368.00
		TOTAL: \$368.00

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

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	No Vote
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

DPW UPDATE:

Supt. Farrell provided the following update:

DPW Activity

1. Brush
2. Trimming branches on sidewalk
3. Ground stumps & restoration of yards
4. Started sidewalk repair
5. CPR training
6. Worked at driving park prepping for WNYCCA (mowing, weed whipping, moved bleachers)
7. Worked on water leak & pulled bushes out for ACS

WWTP

1. Daily operation
2. Ran, moved & hauled sludge
3. Worked on & sent in DMR, DMR Q&A 44 & DMR WET test

4. Replaced internal parts on 1 of the piston sludge pumps & worked on valves
5. Worked on & unplugged coagulant feed line

Water

1. Daily operations
2. Read water meters & sent out water bills
3. Worked on back wash lagoons
4. Cleaned out raw water tank at filtration plant & repaired a small hole in tank

Misc./ Upcoming weeks

1. Finish prepping for Corn fest
2. Sidewalk, gutter & curb repair
3. Repair road cuts

MRB UPDATE:

Bill Davis was unable to attend the meeting. However, Corey Hurley provided the following update to the Board in regard to Triphammer Road:

Triphammer Road Water Main Project: (background)

- MRB authorized to complete a study of the water transmission main replacement along with a new water main per the request of the Town of Geneseo. Study will show justification for project and provide cost estimate. Study could be further utilized in the future for a Preliminary Engineering Report to seek funding.
- Study to also look at potential interconnection between Geneseo and Avon.
- MRB met with representatives from the Village of Avon and the Town of Geneseo in May to discuss and review potential alternatives for the Triphammer Watermain Replacement Study. Four different alternatives were discussed and have been evaluated in the report. Two costs have been prepared for each alternative: one for the work being publicly bid and completed by a contractor, the other is based on the estimated material cost if the work was completed by a shared services agreement between the Town of Geneseo and the Village of Avon. The estimated material costs do not account for the labor costs for installation, and it was stressed that these are just estimates.

The four alternatives that have been evaluated are as follows:

-Alternative 1 – Replacement in kind of the existing Triphammer watermain. Public bid cost estimate is \$4.5 million, material only cost estimate is \$1.3 million.

-Alternative 2 – Replacement of the existing Triphammer watermain by connecting to the existing watermain in the Town of Geneseo at Elm Road and North Road. Public bid cost estimate is \$2.1 million, materials cost estimate is under \$900K.

-Alternative 3 – Replacement of the existing Triphammer watermain by connecting to the existing watermain in the Town of Geneseo at Elm Road and North Road and connecting to the existing Village of Avon watermain on Pole Bridge Road. Public bid cost estimate is \$2.3 million, materials cost estimate is under \$1 million.

-Alternative 4 – Replacement of the existing Triphammer watermain by connecting to the existing watermain in the Town of Geneseo at Elm Road and North

Road and connecting to the existing Town of Avon watermain on Avon Geneseo Road (NYS Route 39). Public bid cost estimate is \$2.7 million, materials cost estimate is \$1 million.

As of the meeting, Mr. Hurley stated that the estimates for the alternatives are being updated to include labor costs. Preliminary numbers are being reviewed by Mr. Davis.

POLICE UPDATE:

Officer in Charge Timothy Ferrara Jr. provided the following update to the Board:

- 80 calls since the last meeting, 11 ambulance calls, 11 assists, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 13 alarms.
- Has received a request for more police presence on Reed St. and Rochester St. Has had traffic watches on High St. and Rochester St.
- Speed signs continue to be moved around the Village. As of the meeting, they were located on Lake Rd. and Rochester St.
- Officer in Charge Ferrara reported that he is starting to research a new vehicle for the fleet and possibly a used vehicle to be used for an SRO car in the future. We are looking to get back into a proper rotation for updating the cars.
- Corn Festival schedule is set.
- Training for first aid and CPR with the staff and DPW crews went well. Other training for the police department such as photography training and firearms recertification are forthcoming.
- The interest in a facebook page was discussed.
- Background check is in progress for Casey Medina.
- Mayor Hayes discussed the shared speed sign that the Village of Avon and the Village of Caledonia own jointly. Caledonia currently has the sign and has had possession of it for several years. Officer in Charge Ferrara said he would reach out to the Caledonia police chief to see if he could get more information. Jim Harrington asked if there was an attachment that could be acquired to attach to the trailer that could comprise data? Officer Ferrara stated that he isn't sure what could be available since we have not had the sign for so long.
- Ellen Turner asked Officer Ferrara what kind of calls the officers receive. Officer Ferrara explained that there are a variety of calls including but not limited to well being calls, check ins and mental health calls.
- Mayor Hayes took a moment to tell the room that he received a call from a resident who wanted to commend Officer Ferrara for his help with a computer hacking issue. He offered his personal cell phone number to her and stated that she could call him at any time for anything that she may need. Mayor Hayes expressed, on behalf of the Board, their gratitude for his service, along with the rest of the department, noting that he was proud of the way they always go above and beyond for the community.

TREASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan provided the following update to the Board:

- 95% taxes collected.
- Delinquent tax reminders were mailed today.
- Requested & granted time extension for Annual Financial Report.
- Gathering info. for NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities audit.
- Met with both local banks for relationship review. We will provide more information to them in order to get the best return for our investment.
- Meeting with Centrica on 8/14 to review Year 1 M&V report and discuss solar options.

CODE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Code Compliance Officer Alexander offered the following update to the Board:

- Completed a safety inspection at Avon on the Green.
- Sent letters out for property maintenance issues, specifically vehicles.
- Continues to issue permits.
- Code Officer Alexander thanked the Mayor for his help in reaching out to Habitat for Humanity. They are gathering a small crew to come help a resident fix the property maintenance issues that she is unable to take care of herself. Mr. Alexander will be there as well.
- Jim Harrington asked about a code issue involving a resident who did not put the proper footers needed for a deck on their property, and if a letter was received. Code Officer Alexander stated that he did not send a letter, however, the resident will not receive a certificate of compliance until the footers have been corrected.
- Jim Harrington asked about the property maintenance issues at Duffy's. Code Officer Alexander explained that he has sent a letter stating that they are not in compliance, and he has not received a call from the owners to discuss how to come into compliance. His next step will be to send a certified letter to the owner. Mayor Hayes said that he would like to organize a task force to work on trouble spots in the Village.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

The following update was provided by Chief Piampiano:

- Pumper meeting 8/5, VanZandts meeting 8/12, truck check 8/12
- Officer's meeting 8/20
- Department will be staffed for the Corn Festival.
- Drilled with Rush Fire Department.
- Will be providing lunch/dinner/ems services for the GVBA.
- Participated in the 110-year anniversary celebration for Kraft.
- Truck meeting to be held Wednesday 8/7 to finalize truck specs.
- WNYVFA Convention was a success!

CLERK UPDATE:

The following items are updates from Clerk Randall:

- Provided- Copy of the Avon Chamber minutes.
- Provided- Copy of the Livingston County Planning Board agenda- meeting to be held Thursday August 8th @7pm.
- Provided- GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee hosting 2 events: Household Hazardous Waste Collection: Saturday September 7, 2024, 9am -Noon and a Free Electronics Collection: Saturday September 21, 2024 8:30am- Noon. The flyers (posted in the office, on the community board, and emailed to the website) have lists of acceptable items, and if there is a fee. Appointments are required and can be made at glowsolidwaste.org, or by calling their offices.

Important Dates:

- **BOARD MEETINGS- August 19, 2024, at 6pm**
- **Corn Fest- Saturday- Aug 10th**

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Cushing, the Board approved the minutes from the July 22, 2024, meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	No Vote
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

TRUSTEE UPDATE:

- ✚ **Five Arch Bridge Project Award-** The Village Board advertised for bids for the Five Arch Bridge project in May of 2024.

Summary of Work Bid:

All work was limited to the north end (arch) of the bridge where accessible from grade. Masonry repointing in areas indicated on the drawings, dutchman repairs where missing or damaged in locations indicated on the drawings, and limited paint removal.

Bid Results:

Four bids were received. The four bids ranged from \$146,500 to \$250,518. The bid form required each contractor to provide a unit price for 10 linear feet of repointing, those prices ranged from \$180 to \$389. There were no alternates.

Recommendations:

Montanosa Restoration, LLC is the apparent low bidder. They are prepared to enter into an agreement with the Village of Avon, based on their June 13, 2024 proposal of \$146,500.00 for the Base Bid work. They provided a unit price for 10 linear feet of repointing at \$180.00 and a total time frame of 90 days to complete the work.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffmann, the Board accepted the bid from Montanosa Restoration, LLC at \$146,500. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	No Vote
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

✚ **Downtown Banner Selection:** The Board discussed the First Impressions grant that was awarded and the banner selections for the downtown. Several ideas were reviewed, however the Board unanimously decided to go with a picture theme for them. Treasurer Quinlan will schedule a meeting with local photographer, Larry Tetamore, to discuss picture choices for the Board to choose from.

✚ **WWTP Change Orders:** Presented to the Board for their consideration and approval were two change orders for the WWTP Improvements Project for electrical contractor, M.W.Controls Service, and general contractor, Blue Heron Constuction, changing the substantial completion dates for both contracts to September 1, 2024.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Cushing, the Board accepted the change orders from M.W.Controls Service and Blue Heron Construction with a substantial completion date of September 1, 2024. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	No Vote
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

✚ **Open Staff Positions-** Mayor Hayes pointed out to the Board that there were positions open on two of the boards and suggested that an advertisement be submitted to the Pennysaver.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Comeau, the Board agreed to advertise for the following positions in the upcoming weeks: Planning Board member, parks commission member and police chief. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	No Vote
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

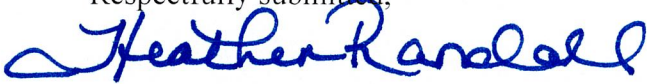
Mayor Hayes opened the floor for public comment:

- Jim Harrington asked if correspondence for the Joint Water project and the IMA was generated by MRB or the Village Attorney.
- Jim Harrington asked about the hiring process for a police chief. Discussion occurred on the process.
- Kitty Bressington asked if there was an update on our website improvements. Mayor Hayes stated that we have allotted approximately \$3000 from our First Impressions Grant award for updates , however, we are still meeting with vendors.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee McCormick, the Board adjourned at 6:55pm by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Randall
Village Clerk