

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 January 9, 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
 David Piampiano, Fire Chief
 Bill Davis, MRB
 Corey Hurley, MRB

Visitors: George Brown, resident
 Kitty Bressington, resident
 Marty Herkimer, resident

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

Pursuant to Village law §4-400, the mayor **may** vote on any matter but **must** vote in the event of a tie.

VOUCHERS and MANUAL CHECKS:

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

#1-GENERAL FUND	\$15537.67
#4-SCHEDULE C	\$7619.91
#5-WATER	\$4091.44
#6-SEWER	\$14718.50
#TA00-TRUST & AGENCY	\$7135.36
TOTAL	\$49102.88

Electronic payments/manual checks:

Paid electronically:

- Fed/NYS Taxes	p/r 24-26	\$19533.15
- Nationwide Retirement	p/r 24-26	\$17314.70
- Fed/NYS Taxes	p/r 25-01	\$17349.33
- Nationwide Retirement	p/r 25-01	\$5305.84

TOTAL: \$59503.02

Manual Check:

- NYS Child Sup. Proc. Ctr.	Child Support p/r 24-26	\$356.00
TOTAL:		\$356.00

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

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	Abstain
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Comeau, the Board approved the minutes from the December 16, 2024, meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	Abstain
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING- CHPT. 69 FD RULES AND REGS:

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Comeau, the Board opened the public hearing at 6:15pm. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	Abstain
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Mayor Hayes read the following notice:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Avon Village Board on Monday, January 9, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. at the Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York on the following matter:

A local law amending Chapter 69 – Fire Department Rules and Regulations.

A copy of the Local Law is available for review at the Village Hall located at 74 Genesee Street, Avon, NY, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Village Board will, at the aforesaid time and place hear all persons in support of this local law or objection thereto. Persons may appear in person or by agent or attorney.

Dated: December 2, 2024

*By Order of the Avon Village Board
Heather Randall, Village Clerk*

Discussion was had on the changes to the current rules and regs, along with allowing the FD to maintain these rules and regs and bring any new amendments to the board for approval by resolution once they have been adopted by the Board.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Comeau and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffmann, the Board adjourned the public hearing at 6:41pm until the next meeting held on 1/23/2025, to be reopened and continued. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	Abstain
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 to the Board:

DPW Activity

1. Worked on Equipment
2. Set up Skating rink & put straw around- returned straw wagon
3. Trimmed trees on Har-bar Rd.
4. Cleaned shop
5. Cold patched streets
6. Picked up & filled corn barrels for deer harvest
7. Ran 2 sewers
8. Started cleanup of Holiday lights
9. Ran a couple of salt runs

WWTP

1. Daily operations
2. Worked on and submitted DMR report
3. Cleaned Trickling Filter nozzles
4. Moved sludge

Water

1. Daily operations
2. Stake outs
3. Repaired water leak on Linden St. (old service saddle rusted off)
4. Worked on Chlorine pump at pump station
5. Took some final reads for houses being sold

Misc./ Upcoming weeks

1. Finish cleanup of Holiday lights

2. Repair water shut off at Methodist Church

POLICE UPDATE:

Officer in Charge Timothy Ferrara Jr. was unable to attend, but provided an update to the Board electronically:

- Calls for year-2064. 85 arrests, mental hygiene calls-51, penal law-29, assaults-2, criminal mischief-3, burglary-1, larceny-10, traffic stops- 1523, tickets issued- 611. 10 DWI arrests, AUO/suspended registration-54, reckless driving- 25, response to MVA-52 calls, response to EMS/assist persons- 276 calls.
- The Department continues to work traffic details throughout the Village.
- November 1, 2024, through April 1, 2025, there is no parking on the streets overnight (2am-6am).
- meeting held with Flower City Communications on 12/30 for a demo of body cameras. Setting up a second demo with Digital Alley.
- Officer Burnside of Caledonia will provide qualifying training for the new firearms. On hold due to ammunition hold up (new NYS regulations.) Must wait 30-90 days until ammunition arrives.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

The following update was provided by Chief Piampiano:

- 223 calls in 2024, which is up by 69 from 2023. Have had 4 calls in 2025 so far.
- Pumper meeting held 1/6/25. VanZandts meeting 1/13/25. Drills continue. Truck inspection 1/13. Fit test to be held 1/27.
- 1/21 Officer's meeting.
- Have been in touch with Utilitac in regard to new chief truck. Delivery approximately mid-February.
- Fire Department has smoke detector/CO2 detectors they supply to residents during emergency calls. Residents are also able to call the department if they need them.
- Rescue apparatus-looking for delivery in approximately 14 months.
- Have first applicant for the Rams/Jr. FF program.
- Working on budgets. Add line items for EMS.

TREASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer Quinlan provided the following update:

- Mayor Hayes, Trustee McCormick, Supt. Farrell & I met with Centrica on 12/18 to review the solar project & next steps. (need upgrade to existing switch gear)
- Submitted flex info. Working on HSA and limited purpose medical flex enrollment.
- Gathering support letters for Local Government Efficiency grant.
- Working on W2's & 1099's.
- Upcoming meetings for Trail Towns grant & Triphammer project. (Trail Towns mtg at Park Theater, 1/13)

CLERK UPDATE:

The following items are updates from Clerk Randall:

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- Minutes for 12/16 provided for approval
- Provided- Calendar of Events for the 2025 Fire Department Election. The election will be held April 3rd, 2025, which is the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in April (per rules and regs).
- Provided- copy of Avon Chamber minutes.
- Destruction- Bank Book pages (6-year retention) for the following: A201(2018), F201(12/2015-12/2018), G200(5/2015-12/2018), G201(2018), TA200(2018), TA200P(2018), V231(2018)
- Registrar and Deputy Registrar appointment terms expired. Request appointment of Clerk Randall and Deputy Clerk Margiotta as registrar and deputy registrar for the Village with the terms expiring December of 2029.

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Cushing, the Board appointed Clerk Randall as the Registrar and Deputy Clerk Randall as the Deputy Registrar for the Village of Avon, with the term to expire December of 2029. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	Abstain
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

- Municipal Clerk Meeting to be held on February 7th, 2025, in Canandaigua, hosted by Senator Helming.
- Joint Meeting with TOA on January 23rd at 7pm here at the hall.
- Republican Caucus to be held Monday January 27th, 2025, at 6pm in Village Hall.
Democratic Caucus to be held Tuesday January 28, 2025, at 7pm in Village Hall.

Important Dates:

- **BOARD MEETINGS-** **New Night! Thursday January 23rd at 6pm
- **Jan. 23rd** at 7pm- Joint Meeting with TOA
- Village Closed January 20th for Martin Luther King Day

MRB UPDATE:

Mr. Davis and Mr. Hurley provided the following update:

- WWTP Disinfection- waiting on the slide gate.
- Kraft- SIU permit issued on 1/1/25. Still working with them on their pilot program, collecting data, and reviewing.
- Joint Water Project proposal with TOA-proposal to provide engineering services for the Water Systems Improvements for the Joint Town and Village Comprehensive Water System Project. This project includes improvements to the TOA’s Avon-Lima tank and the VOA’s Reservoir Rd. tank.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Hoffmann, and seconded by Trustee McCormick, the Board accepted the proposal provided by MRB for the Joint Town and Village of Avon

Comprehensive Water System Project for a cost estimating in the amount of \$356,800. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	Abstain
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Triphammer Road project- Bill Davis and Corey Hurley explained in their last meeting with the Town of Geneseo and the Village of Avon regarding the Triphammer Road Watermain project; they discussed an alternative watermain scenario that would include:

- running a new water main along Triphammer Road (to serve existing customers currently fed by the Village of Avon water transmission line) – this is in effort for the Village to abandon the existing transmission line and alleviate a public health concern. Customers (both Town of Geneseo and Town of Avon customers) would be fed from a new water main along Triphammer Rd.
- connecting to the existing Town of Geneseo Elm Rd and North Rd watermains to serve the Triphammer Rd customers- this would transition these customers from being fed from the Village of Avon transmission line to being fed from the Town of Geneseo water system from both a North Rd and an Elm Rd connection. This would also slightly increase pressure to these residents, which would be a benefit, would loop North Rd and Elm Rd dead ends which would be a benefit, and would eliminate their current issue with being fed from the Village transmission line. The Town of Geneseo would form a district and service the Town of Avon users as “out of district” users. (a Town of Avon district could be formed in the future if desired).
- providing an emergency interconnection to the Village of Avon transmission line on Pole Bridge which would benefit the Village of Avon, Town of Avon, and Town of Geneseo in an emergency
- providing an emergency interconnection to the Town of Avon watermain on Rt 39 which would benefit the Town of Geneseo and the Town of Avon (including “Akzo” impacted customers in Fowlerville) in an emergency.

The Village would like to pursue potential grant funding for the project through the Local Government Efficiency program. This program could provide up to \$250K towards the project per participating/benefiting community as long as we show a cost savings and improved efficiency between the entities. The deadline for this grant application submission is January 24th, therefore we would need to move forward pretty quickly in compiling the items needed for this grant application.

In efforts to pursue this grant application, it would be beneficial to have the support of all the involved communities (Village of Avon, Town of Avon, and the Town of Geneseo; and eventually the Village of Geneseo. The Village needs to provide a resolution to support the application and the cost match (10%), and hold a public informational meeting between now and the grant deadline to show public participation and start to explain to the residents along

Triphammer Road what the project entails, and the need to form a district and resolve this current water issue.

MRB would also provide to the Village grant writing professional services at a cost not to exceed \$4000.00.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Cushing, the Board agreed to MRB’s professional service proposal for grant writing at a cost not to exceed \$4000.00. Th motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	Abstain
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

NEW BUSINESS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT RESOLUTION:

Bill Davis of MRB, discussed the Triphammer Road project and requested the following resolution of support be adopted:

**Resolution of Support from the Village of Avon
2025 Local Government Efficiency Program
Triphammer Watermain Replacement Project**

WHEREAS, the Village Board for the Village of Avon, located in Livingston County, supports the submission of a 2025 Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program (LGE) on behalf of the Village, for the replacement of the “Triphammer Road Watermain”; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State (DOS) provides a competitive statewide reimbursement grant program for two or more local governments with a combined project, prioritizing projects in the water and wastewater management systems; and

WHEREAS, the Village will apply in coordination with the Town of Geneseo and intends to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town on behalf of the proposed water district to be formed along Triphammer Road for the project; and

WHEREAS, an Engineering Report entitled “Preliminary Engineering Report for the Village of Avon Triphammer Watermain Replacement”, dated September 2024, recommends implementing the Project to help improve infrastructure, reduce water loss, reduce maintenance costs and protect public health; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Avon Village Board identifies the Village Mayor as the authorized representative of the Village to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for the grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board does hereby accept that they shall provide at least a 10% cash match of any grant funding awarded under the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program are hereby appropriated and obligated from the water fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board for the Village of Avon, recognizes and fully supports the submission of the 2025 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program Application by MRB Group on behalf of the Village.

Motion by: Deputy Mayor Hoffmann

Seconded by: Trustee McCormick

Passed by the following vote of all Village Board Members voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative Village Board Members: Mayor Robert C. Hayes
 Deputy Mayor Amanda Hoffmann
 Trustee Ashley Comeau
 Trustee Thomas Cushing
 Trustee Patrick McCormick

Affirmative: # 5

Negative: # 0

Abstain: # 0

I, Heather Randall, do hereby certify that the resolution was passed at a meeting of the Village of Avon Village Board held on January 9th, 2025, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended, or revoked and is in full force and effect.

[Signature of Clerk]

[Official seal of the Village of Avon]

The Village Board accepted this resolution of support unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. Brown asked about the FD rules and regs, wondering if members were allowed legal representation if there was ever disciplinary action ever taken against them. He also inquired about “rules and regs” for the police department. Mayor Hayes explained that the PD have their own general orders that they follow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee McCormick, the Board entered executive session at 6:43pm to discuss matters leading to the promotion,

appointment, or resignation of a particular person and collective bargaining negotiations. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	Abstain
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Comeau, the Board exited executive session at 7:27pm. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Robert C Hayes, Mayor	Voting	Abstain
Amanda Hoffmann, Dep. Mayor	Voting	Yes
Ashley Comeau, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tom Cushing, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Comeau, the Board adjourned at 7:30pm by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Randall
Village Clerk