

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avon was held in Conference Room B of Village Hall, 74 Genesee Street, Avon, New York, on December 19, 2022. The Town of Avon Board joined the meeting at 7:00pm for a joint meeting of the governing bodies.

Present: Thomas Freeman, Mayor David LeFeber, Town Supervisor
 William Zhe, Trustee Tom Mairs, Deputy Supervisor
 Tim Batzel, Trustee Malachy Coyne, Councilman
 Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee Paul Drozdziel, Councilman
 Patrick McCormick, Trustee Jim Harrington, Councilman

Staff: Ken Farrell, Supt. of Public Works
 Chis Quinlan, Treasurer
 Andy Anderson, Code Enf. Officer
 Bill Davis, MRB
 Dave Willard, MRB

Visitors: Margaret Lee, Livingston County News
 Edward Forsythe, Resident
 Alan Coyne, Resident
 Deb Spratt, Resident

Mayor Freeman called the meeting to order at 5:35pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Village Board proceeded with standard updates and regular business.

The Board took a break after completing regular business and at 7pm, members of the Town Board joined the meeting. Mayor Freeman greeted them, and the two Boards proceeded with their joint discussions.

JOINT MEETING with the TOWN OF AVON:

Pebble Beach Pump Station:

The Boards discussed the progress of improvements at the pump station. Construction began about a year ago and has been delayed by supply chain issues in the production of the pre-fabricated building which has required extensions for both the general and electrical contractors. According to MRB, this has also impacted the administration efforts. A revised schedule has been submitted by the general contractor for a delivery date of the building being February of 2023, and completion of the project by July of 2023. MRB has requested a contract amendment for continued administration they have/will continue to provide in the amount of \$18,500, which represents an hourly (not-to-exceed) amount. Trustee Batzel and Councilman Drozdziel both expressed concern with the amount questioning if there has been “down time” why is there a need for more funding for admin? Mr. Davis stated that if everything had been delivered on time, there would be no need for this increase, however, they are still certifying payrolls, and processing other administrative duties even with the down time on the project. Trustee Batzel would like to see the breakdown of hours already spent on the project and moving forward. Mayor Freeman asked for a motion to accept the amendment.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hoffmann and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board approved the amendment to the contract for additional services and compensation in the amount of \$18,500. The motion was carried, three to two, by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	No
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	No

The Town Board chose not to vote on this amendment, stating that the contract is with the Village.

Joint Water Study:

MRB provided a proposal for the Joint Water Study which will update the original to address added components and alternate ways of financing. They will take a look at the THM issue and the water storage tank scenarios that have been discussed and how it relates to county alternatives. Specifically addressed will be the positioning of a new tank at the water plant to eliminate the town elevated tank, the booster pump system, and the potential to feed water to the county in the future. This may boost pressure on the water line to the 2MG tank. Mr. Alan Coyne discussed the water system, stating that in the past, they have had issues with pressure, saying it is not constant. (Mr. Coyne is a resident of the Town). Mr. Davis said that discussion has included ideas to fix pressurization.

The proposal (attached) provides a background, scope of services and compensation, hydraulic evaluation, and a summary of findings in the amount of \$26,500. Upon review of the proposal Mr. Davis made notations as to other items the Boards would like to include in the study.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Batzel and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board agreed to move forward with the Water Study in the amount of \$26,500. Mr. Davis will redefine the scope of the project and resend for signatures. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Thomas Freeman, Mayor	Voting	Yes
William Zhe, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Tim Batzel, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Amanda Hoffmann, Trustee	Voting	Yes
Patrick McCormick, Trustee	Voting	Yes

RESOLUTION #240-A APPROVE THE WATER STUDY

Upon a motion made by Councilman Coyne and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Mairs, the Town Board agreed to move forward with the Water Study in the amount of \$26,500. Mr. Davis will redefine the scope of the project and resend for signatures. The motion was carried by the following vote:

David LeFeber, Supervisor	Voting	Yes
Tom Mairs, Deputy Supervisor	Voting	Yes
Malachy Coyne, Councilman	Voting	Yes
Paul Drozdziel, Councilman	Voting	Yes
Jim Harrington, Councilman	Voting	Yes

WWTP DISCUSSION:

Mr. Davis stated that the SPEDES permit is being reviewed by DEC currently and we are waiting to see what we hear back as far as the ability to increase or if a decrease of capacity is necessary and what changes there will be in regulations and/or requirements. Once we receive a draft permit, we will have a 30 day comment period where we can challenge findings if there is a concern.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION:

Resident Deb Spratt attended the meeting and voiced her concern in regard to the relationship between the Village of Avon Fire Department and the East Avon Fire Department. She said that the relationship needs to be repaired and would love to see a consolidated agency working together. Whether that is something that happens in the future or not, she feels that it is outrageous to have other fire companies from the county attend emergencies in the East Avon District when the Village of Avon department is 2 minutes away. Councilman Harrington stated that it starts with the two departments working together. Mayor Freeman would like to see at least the start of a conversation. He stated that Chief Strozewski is on board, and the Mayor feels someone on one of the Boards should reach out to East Avon to further the discussion. The Mayor proposed that if we can get two members of each fire department, the town and Village Boards, and two commissioners, this would be a great way to have an open dialogue and share information. Trustee Batzel thinks that comparing equipment is a good point of discussion- is it necessary to duplicate equipment? A general conversation to get on the same page he believes could be a good start. He also wanted it to be noted that the two departments ALWAYS work well together when on a scene. They will always come together for the benefit of the community. Trustee Hoffmann feels that a conversation between the chiefs would be a good way to start before working into a bigger conversation with more people involved. Councilman Harrington stated he would reach out to the East Avon Fire District.

SOLAR PROJECTS:

Deb Spratt spoke to the many solar projects that have been happening lately. She said that she understood that solar is the wave of the future, however she is concerned about the maintenance of panels and the fields. She would like to see the Town and Village look toward the sustainability of solar but enforce better care and maintenance. At a previous meeting, Supervisor LeFeber expressed that the laws regulating solar fields and their growth are always changing as the technology changes. The Village currently has a moratorium on ground mounted solar and is working on legislation.

AVON HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR:

Councilman Harrington commended the Holiday Spectacular Committee for yet another outstanding event! He feels the committee did a remarkable job and wished to encourage the Town Board to increase their contribution for next year's event to \$1500.00. Mayor Freeman

thanked Councilman Harrington for his encouraging words on behalf of the Holiday Spectacular Committee and said that those members will reach out to the Town Board next year.

The Mayor offered holiday wishes to all in attendance and asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Zhe, the Board adjourned at 8:35pm. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Randall
Village Clerk

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Sharon M. Knight, MMC/RMC
Avon Town Clerk