

A regular meeting of the Town of Avon was held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Avon Town Hall, 23 Genesee Street, Avon, New York 14414.

PRESENT: Supervisor David LeFeber, Deputy Supervisor Thomas Mairs, Councilmen Paul Drozdziel, Councilmen Malachy Coyne, Councilmen James Harrington.

ABSENT: Tom Crye, Highway/Water Supervisor, Dave Willard MRB Group Engineer

OTHERS: Attorney Campbell, Brian Glise Code Enforcement Officer, and Diana Farrell, Town Clerk

VISITORS: Ashley Comeau, Charles Bailey, Rick Eichhorn, Cindy Kellen, Tim VanDevelt, Kevin Lyons, Kathy Cole, Meg Holmes, Deb Spratt, Edward Forsthye, Bob Westfall, Dave Gunther

Supervisor David LeFeber called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Supervisor David LeFeber asked if there were any visitor comments and there were a few.

Ashley Comeau representing the Avon Holiday Spectacular. The fun-filled event will be on December 2, 2023. She presented the Board with a request of \$1,500. Formally asking the Board for their continued financial support. The board agreed to \$1,500 same as the Village. Also, discussed an ice rink being in an auction for reasonable price.

Deb Spratt, a town resident discussed the concerns she has with the proposed budget that the East Avon Fire Department has proposed to the Town of Avon. She is concerned with the year-over-year increase. They are having a public hearing on the budget on October 17, 2023, she is unable to attend.

Tim VanDeVelt, East Avon Fire Department Commissioner, Firefighter along with being a town resident, discussed the proposed budget. Talked about the need for paid staff to respond to calls due to the lack of volunteers. Thus, reason for the significant increase.

Cindy Kellen made a comment about Fire Prevention week. She has been participating with East Avon Fire Department along with Avon Fire Department visiting Avon Central School and they are working together and been able to work as team.

Supervisor David LeFeber stated that we have no authority over the fire district budget. We collect the fire tax and release funds to Fire District.

Dave Gunthner questioned raises for the employees of the Town for next year. Most employees received a 3% raise, but we had some exceptions. First, we had a study done by The Burke Group for salaries. For the Town Clerk increased office hours, reduced conference(s) and reduced deputy clerk allocation.

RESOLUTION # 191 APPROVAL OF \$1,500 FOR HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

On motion of Councilmen James Harrington seconded by Councilmen Malachy Coyne the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE to approve funding \$1,500 to the Avon Holiday Spectacular.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Drozdziel – Aye, Councilman Coyne- Aye, Councilman Harrington - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Mairs - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber – Aye

RESOLUTION # 192 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

On motion of Councilmen Paul Drozdziel seconded by Councilmen James Harrington the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE to approve the minutes of September 28, 2023, as presented by e-mail and to request they be published on the Town of Avon website at townofavon-ny.org.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Drozdziel – Aye, Councilman Coyne- Aye, Councilman Harrington - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Mairs - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber – Aye

DISCUSSION-ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Campbell gave the following report:

- Continue working a lot on 1st draft for Solar Local Law for the Committee, coming along well.
- Had a phone call from the attorney for the Avon On The Green. Pilot concerns for 2024. Another pilot request for the future years will probably come before the Board. We will involve the School and the Village for any future for pilot conversations.
- Reviewed Proposed contract of the Comprehensive Plan. The board authorized Supervisor David LeFeber to sign the contract after attorney Campbell review.

DISCUSSION- The first step for the Comprehensive Plan is to create a committee to work with the Comprehensive Plan consultant. We currently have some Planning and Zoning boards members interested.

DISCUSSION- CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Brian Glise gave the following report:

- Met with Matt from MRB last Friday. Conducted our annual inspection with our 5 solar locations.
- No progress on 5&20 & Lake Rd Solar. Gave a go-ahead with trees/water & drainage.
- Agar & Henty Rds project they want to change the species of trees.
- Upcoming Zoning Board meeting – chiropractor on Dutch Hollow Rd would like to see patients within his home.

- Solar field trees are dying and not being maintained, mowing on south side. Spoke to the person in charge. He stated they are not in charge of maintenance outside of their lease. Will look into the lease agreement.
- Jim Garner had some questions regarding drainage on Tech Pk.

DISCUSSION- HIGHWAY/WATER REPORT

Highway/Water Superintendent Tom Crye was not present but following report was given:

HIGHWAY:

- **Shop maintenance on equipment & trucks**
- **Mowing roads sides & 2 passes**
- **Parks & Cemeteries mowing**
- **Mowed spots with boom mower – County and Town**
- **Restocked shop with aggregate**

WATER:

- **Everyday maintenance & sampling**
- **Some flushing**
- **Worked on lead inventory**

DISCUSSION – TOWN CLERK REPORT

Diana Farrell gave following report:

- Laserfische. Our representative from our area, Liz Mistretta from Laserfische came into our office. She met Clara, Gail and Diana. Talked about how to get the most out of the program. It's a great program as long as you use it to its potential. She stated that there is a lot of free training, in person training. Kim and Diana will be attending an all day conference in Rochester on October 20th from 9 am to 2 pm. The Town office will be closed, and website will be noted. Court should be opened. Will post notice on doors for the day.

DISCUSSION – ENGINEERING REPORT

MRB Group Engineer Dave Willard was not present. No report given.

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RESOLUTION #193 ACCEPT THE MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Thomas Mairs seconded by Councilmen James Harrington the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0.

RESOLVE to accept the monthly reports for September from the Town Supervisor and from the Town Clerk as shown below:

Town Clerk’s September 2023 Report:

Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$ 1, 968.78
New York State Department of Health	\$ 67.50
NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	\$ 32.00
NYS Environmental Conservation	\$ 4, 399.72
TOTAL	\$ 6, 468.00

Vote of the Board: Councilman Drozdziel - Aye, Councilman Harrington - Aye, Councilman Coyne - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Mairs - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber – Aye

RESOLUTION #194 ACCEPT THE CLAIMS

On motion of Councilmen James Harrington seconded by Supervisor David LeFeber the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0.

RESOLVE to accept for payment Abstract 2023-19 in the following amounts:

Concerning ABSTRACT of Claims Number 2023-19 including claims as follows:

General Fund	Amounts totaling \$ 171, 995.12
Highway Fund	Amounts totaling \$ 20, 442.38
Water Fund	Amounts totaling \$ 3, 106.10
Cemetery Fund	No Voucher
Opera Block Capital Improvement	No Voucher
Royal Springs Lighting	Amounts totaling \$ 1, 204.64
Cross Roads Drainage District	No Voucher
Bruckel Drainage District	No Voucher
Royal Springs Drainage	No Voucher
Town of Avon Fire Protection	No Voucher
Rte. 39 Water SW2	No Voucher

Vote of the Board: Councilman Drozdziel – Aye, Councilman Coyne- Aye, Councilman Harrington - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Mairs - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber – Aye

DISCUSSION- Avon Village Board put in a late request for \$2,000 more dollars for Village Parks.

DISCUSSION- Supervisor David LeFeber and Councilmen Malachy Coyne met with the Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority about getting water as the Village filtration plant is near peak production capacity.

DISCUSSION - OPEN ITEMS:

- Councilmen Paul Drozdziel mentioned the initial startup of the generator will be on October 17, 2023.

Visitor comments: There were none.

RESOLUTION #195 ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman James Harrington, seconded by Supervisor David LeFeber the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing employment history of an individual. The Town Board invited Attorney Campbell to participate. TIME 8:20 P.M.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Drozdziel - Aye, Councilman Harrington - Aye, Councilman Coyne - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Mairs - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber – Aye

RESOLUTION #196 CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Mairs, seconded by Councilman Drozdziel the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE to close executive session with no action taken at 8:35 P.M.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Drozdziel – Aye, Councilman Harrington – Aye, Councilman Coyne – Aye, Deputy Supervisor Mairs – Aye, Supervisor LeFeber – Aye

On a motion of Councilman Drozdziel seconded by Councilmen Malachy Coyne the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diana Farrell, Town Clerk