

A Joint meeting of the Town & Village of Avon was held on Thursday, October 24, 2024 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.

OTHERS: Attorney Campbell, Brian Glise Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Willard MRB Group Engineer, and Diana Farrell, Town Clerk

ABSENT: Tom Crye, Highway/Water Supervisor

VILLAGE BOARD: Mayor Robert Hayes, Deputy Trustee Amanda Hoffman, Trustee Tom Cushing, Trustee Pat McCormick, Trustee Ashley Comeau

VISITORS: Bill Davis, MRB Group Engineer, Bob Westfall, Cindy Kellen, Dan Cochrane, Sandy Schneible, Allison Hayes, Nicole Martin

Supervisor David LeFeber called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Dan Cochrane, President of APHS discussed there will be hosting an Avon resident, Caroline Weden as she launches her first book on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 – 3:00. To be held Avon Town Hall. Open to the public.

**RESOLUTION #167 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2024**

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

RESOLVE to approve the minutes of October 10, 2024 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: Supervisor LeFeber – Aye, Deputy Supervisor Mairs – Aye, Councilman Drozdziel – Aye, Councilman Coyne - Aye, Councilman Harrington - Aye**

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**DISCUSSION-ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Campbell was present, and report was given:

- Presented Proposed Local Law regarding 5695 East Avon-Lima Rd to be re-zoned to PDD. No response from Mike Sherman regarding residents agreeing
- Discussed residential property in agricultural district is going to make some improvements

**DISCUSSION- HIGHWAY/WATER REPORT**

Highway/Water Superintendent Crye was not present, report was given via email:

**HIGHWAY:**

- Worked in shop
- School project on practice fields
- Driveway culverts

**WATER:**

- Everyday maintenance & sampling
- Pressure washed tank

**DISCUSSION- CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Code Enforcement Brian Glise was present, and a report was given.

- Planning/Zoning meeting considering auto body Repair Shop application located on Rochester Rd/ Rte 15
- Approved Garner fencing in East Avon Steele Park
- Continue to work on closing out permits

**DISCUSSION – ENGINEERING REPORT**

Dave Willard from MRB was present. Nothing to report. Will discuss at Joint meeting along with Bill Davis.

**DISCUSSION – TOWN CLERK REPORT**

Diana Farrell was present, and report was given:

- Foot traffic at the Clerk’s office from October 11, 2024 to October 24, 2024 approximately ~ 50.
- Hunt & Fish traffic should increase as 2<sup>nd</sup> round of doe permits will open on November 1, 2024.
- Tax season slowly approaching.

**6:15 p.m. Supervisor LeFeber read the legal notice as follows:**

TOWN OF AVON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
PRELIMINARY BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF AVON  
For the year 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget of the Town of Avon for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, including General Town Funds, Highway Fund, Water Funds, Special Districts, Royal Spring Lighting & Drainage District, Crossroads Drainage District, Bruckel Drainage District, Cemetery, Water District Route 39, Ext, and Fire District, is completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Avon, 23 Genesee Street, Avon, New York 14414, the tentative and the preliminary budgets will be available for inspection by any interested person during office hours, Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Chapter 258 & 495, an exemption report is attached to the preliminary budget and includes every type of exemption granted by the taxing authority and the cumulative impact of each type of exemption, the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services, and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted.

The Town Board of the Town of Avon shall hold a hearing on said preliminary budget on October 24, 2024 at 6:15 P.M. at the Avon Opera Block/Town Hall, 23 Genesee Street, Avon, New York 14414, showing such changes, alterations and revisions as shall have been made therein by the Town Board of the Town of Avon. At such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained. The following are the proposed 2025 salaries of Town of Avon

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Supervisor	\$33,418.00
Councilperson(4)	\$ 7,314.00
Town Justice (2)	\$16,236.00
Town Clerk	\$58,470.00
Highway Superintendent	\$82,286.00

By Order of the Town Board

Diana Farrell

Avon Town Clerk

DATED: October 10, 2024

PUBLISHED: October 18, 2024

Supervisor David LeFeber opened the hearing and asked if anyone cared to speak about the topic of Public Hearing.

**DISCUSSION:** Supervisor LeFeber spoke about the budget having the levy increase at zero. Because of increased assessment the tax rate will go down. Our bookkeeper, who assists in formulating the budget, recommended that we do not reduce the tax rate. They recommend collecting \$36,000 more dollars in the levy. The Board had some discussion and decided to leave the hearing open and decide on this in 2 weeks. The Town is still well below the tax cap, if we collect this additional money.

Supervisor David LeFeber again asked if anyone cared to speak about the topic of Public Hearing.

*Nicole Martin – 78 Temple St, Avon:* asked about the Trail Town membership in the budget. Highly recommend this to be in the budget.

**RESOLUTION #168 TO AUTHOIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AUDIT PROPOSAL FOR 2024 FISCAL YEAR FROM MMB&CO**

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

RESOLVE to approve Supervisor LeFeber to sign audit proposal for 2024 fiscal year from MMB&CO.

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

**RESOLUTION #169 ACCEPT THE CLAIMS**

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

RESOLVE to accept for payment Abstract 2024-20 in the following amounts:

Concerning ABSTRACT of Claims Number 2024-20 including claims as follows:

General Fund	Amounts totaling \$ 35,959.82
Highway Fund	Amounts totaling \$ 36,819.07
Water Fund	Amounts totaling \$ 704.90
Cemetery Fund	No Voucher
Opera Block Capital Improvement	No Voucher
Royal Springs Lighting	No Voucher

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: Supervisor LeFeber – Aye, Deputy Supervisor Mairs – Aye, Councilman Drozdziel – Aye, Councilman Coyne - Aye, Councilman Harrington - Aye**

**DISCUSSION:** Supervisor LeFeber discussed that the Union meeting regarding the Highway Department is continuing to move forward.

**DISCUSSION:** To date, there have been 4 applications for the Code Enforcement Officer position. The application deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Would like Board to be involved; but will have committee to do initial interviews.

LMC last invoice paid for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor renovations.

Close out paperwork for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor renovations is almost complete. Once paperwork submitted, we should be receiving our check hopefully by the end of year.

The school project almost done by the Highway Department.

Supervisor LeFeber will get in contact with Senator Helming to inquire the status of a grant awarded by the State to make improvements at Papermill Park.

### **OPEN ITEMS TOWN BOARD MEMBERS**

Councilman Drozdziel stated he has a conflict and needs to decline the opportunity to receive the award in person for the 2024 Excellence in Historic Preservation Award from the Preservation League of NYS.

The Comprehensive Plan is moving forward. Meeting again in November. A draft should be available early next year.

Supervisor LeFeber asked again if anyone cared to speak about the topic of Public Hearing.

Supervisor LeFeber stated that the Public Hearing of Preliminary Budget for the Year 2025 will remain open.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** None.

Short recess, will resume at 7:00 p.m. for Joint Board meeting

*7:00 p.m. The Avon Village Board, joined the meeting.*

**DISCUSSION-** Inter-Municipal Agreement IMA contract. Attorney Whiting explained the agreement for joint tank project. The Town Attorney is happy with the agreement. Bill Davis explained where we are in the project at this time and told both Boards what to expect in the near future that would need action.

**RESOLUTION # VILLAGE APPROVAL INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT CONTRACT**

On motion of Trustee McCormick seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE to approve the IMA Contract for the joint tank project.

**Vote of the Board: Mayor Hayes – Aye, Deputy Mayor Hoffman – Aye, Trustee Cushing – Aye, Trustee McCormick - Aye, Trustee Comeau - Aye**

**RESOLUTION #170 TOWN APPROVAL INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT CONTRACT**

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

RESOLVE to approve the IMA Contract for the joint tank project.

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

**DISCUSSION-** Triphammer Road Water Project. Bill Davis explained several options to serve the Triphammer Road customers. Most likely Geneseo will be involved in the project. This is being looked at several ways including our own forces for labor and/or contractors for pipe installation.

**DISCUSSION-** SRO Contract. Both Boards talked about the history of the SRO (School Resource Officer). Early on in the program the Town School and Village worked together to help secure grant funding. Over the last several years the grants have not been available. The current contract expires in June of 2025. The Town talked about possibility not being involved in the program after the grant expires. The Village also talked about their level of involvement going forward. It appeared the Village wanted their staff to be involved in the program. They are going to assess what their contributions would be if any beyond providing staff.

**DISCUSSION**- Several years ago the Town and Village jointly agreed to create a parking area on the west side of the buildings on the west side of Genesee St. The Village purchased property and the Town help pay for the purchases. Also, the Town and Village jointly paid for the purchase and removal of a house to give access to this parking area. The Village constructed the Pocket Park where the house was located. Since that time, the project has been on pause. Discussion occurred about moving forward with the project. The Village mentioned a larger grant opportunity they are applying for. This parking area could benefit if the grant is awarded. The Village will continue to look at this project and reconvene the committee which includes Town Board members.

**DISCUSSION**- The Trail Town program was discussed by the Village. They pointed out the benefits and some grant dollars that have benefited Avon. They asked that the Town pay their portion of the membership fee. The Town agreed to pay the 2024 dues of \$1750 and also pay the 2025 dues of \$1750.

**DISCUSSION**- The Town of Avon after approval of the new Comprehensive Plan next year may consider a Farmland Protection Plan. This is most likely one of the action items that will come out of the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor LeFeber met with Finger Lakes Planning and if the Town of Avon joins with someone else more grants dollars could be awarded to the project. Supervisor LeFeber asked the Village if they cared about participating. Also Sandy Schneible mentioned opportunities to team up with other municipalities along the Greenway.

**DISCUSSION** – Supervisor LeFeber stated in the past, several requests for Traffic Safety along 5&20 from Village to Exit 10 have been turned down by the State. We are in the process of turning in a request for GTC to do a planning study for this area, with the hopes we will get some grant funding and approval from the State.

We agreed to meet with the Village at the Village Hall at their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January 2025.

Public Comments: Dan Cochrane, President of APHS discussed there will be hosting an Avon resident, Caroline Weden as she launches her first book on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 – 3:00. To be held Avon Town Hall. Open to the public. He also added that “The Fox Is Back” and is encouraging the community to contribute.

On motion of Councilman Coyne seconded by Councilman Harrington the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Diana Farrell, Town Clerk