

**AVON TOWNSHIP MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
433 E. Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL 60073
March 14, 2016
7:00 P.M. (immediately following Budget Meeting)**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:11 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Trustee DeLaMar – absent

Trustee McNeill – present

Trustee Larson – present

Trustee deGroh – present

Supervisor Rusch – present

Quorum Present

Also in attendance are Clerk Kearby, Highway Commissioner Kula, Assessor Ditton and Attorney Dietz

4. Public Participation on agenda items only. No public participation.

5. Student Speaker (Possible)

No speaker present

6. Approval of Minutes

Approval of February 8, 2016 General Meeting Minutes by acclamation

7. Reports:

a. Supervisor Rusch noted her written report highlighting meetings attended and a webinar on Illinois Finances. She also noted the kick off of the Essentials Program providing soup, shampoo etc. Trustee McNeill gave congratulations for the efforts of this board, staff and Supervisor for providing so much support for our community and helping people much more than supervisors in all his past 15 – 16 years in office. Also noted were the rain guards added to the roof.

b. Highway Commissioner Kula noted his written report on continued road projects and an Advanced Weather webinar he attended addressing emergency services, warnings and first responders.

c. Assessor Ditton noted his written report highlighted his work with Senior Freezes, Board of Review Hearings and renewal forms for Disabled Persons and Veterans. Assessor Ditton was asked by Trustee McNeill for clarification on the number of sales that seem low. Assessor Ditton gave a brief explanation of the assessment process. He noted that the EAV should have a positive number. Clerk Kearby asked how the office is keeping track of the phone calls. They use the phone ID.

d. Clerk Kearby noted her written reports and the upcoming summer work needed with records management. Also noted were college classes developed for people in public service and reminded everyone to complete their Economic Statements and get a copy to the office. The Township's accountability for ballot materials have been completed. Supervisor Rusch noted names were included in one of the reports. They will not be a part of the public report. Clerk Kearby also thanks Dave and Lupe with assistance on filling FOIAs and checking in people and community service application.

e. Trustee (committee reports) – No Trustee reports

8. Discussion and Action on 2016-2017 Road and Bridge/Permanent Hard Road Budget 2016-3-14HWY

Motion was made by Trustee deGroh and seconded by Trustee Larson to approve Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 2016-3-14HWY.

Trustee DeLaMar – absent	Trustee McNeill – aye	Trustee Larson – aye
Trustee deGroh – aye	Supervisor Rusch – aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

9. Discussion and Action on 2016-2017 Supervisor GA/Town Budget 2016-3-14T

Motion was made by Trustee McNeill and seconded by Trustee Larson to approve Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 2016-3-14T

Trustee deGroh commented that she is sick about the budget. All it will take is one more lawsuit or anything. We are close to not being able to do what we are elected to do.

Trustee Larson would like to amend section three to read as follows, Item 1 Town Corporate \$640,077.00; item 2 Supervisor and General Assistance \$195,425.00; item 3 Assessor's Division \$295,897.00; total appropriations 1,131,399.00.

Discussion notes this change is stated and accurate in the spreadsheet information given to the board.

Trustee deGroh – abstain	Trustee DeLaMar – absent	Trustee McNeill – aye
Trustee Larson – aye	Supervisor Rusch – aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

10. Bill Payment

Motion was made by Trustee deGroh and seconded by Trustee Larson to approve the pre-paid bills.

Trustee DeLaMar – absent	Trustee McNeill – aye	Trustee Larson – aye
Trustee deGroh – aye	Supervisor Rusch – aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

Motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee deGroh to approve the outstanding bills.

Trustee deGroh – aye	Trustee DeLaMar – absent	Trustee McNeill – aye
Trustee Larson – aye	Supervisor Rusch – aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

Motion was made Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee McNeill to allow the renewal of up to \$75.00 for Deputy Watts' notary.

Trustee deGroh – aye	Trustee DeLaMar – absent	Trustee McNeill – aye
Trustee Larson – aye	Supervisor Rusch – aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

11. Discussion and Approval on Town Hall Agenda

Items for the agenda was discussed. Supervisor Rusch will develop the agenda as per the discussion. There will be a PowerPoint that all can add information for the presentation.

Cathy deGroh had to leave the meeting.

Motion to approve the Town Hall agenda subject to items essential to the meeting as discussed was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee McNeill.

All in favor say aye. Opposed? Motion carries by acclamation.

12. TOPIC's day attendance and approval

Motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee McNeill to approve the per-diem and travel expenses for two people to attend TOPIC'S Day.

All those in favor say eye. Opposed? Motion carries by acclamation.

13. Old Business - none

14. New Business - none

15. Public Participation - none

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. was made by Trustee McNeill and seconded by Trustee Larson. All in favor say aye. Opposed? Motion carries by acclamation.

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