

**AVON TOWNSHIP MINUTES  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
433 E. Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL 60073  
November 21, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

**1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:10 pm**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

Trustee DeLaMar – (arrives 8:35)    Trustee McNeill – present    Trustee Larson – present  
Trustee deGroh – absent            Supervisor Rusch – present    Quorum Met

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

**4. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee McNeill to approve the October 17 General meeting minutes.

Trustee deGroh – absent            Trustee DeLaMar – absent    Trustee McNeill – aye  
Trustee Larson – aye                Supervisor Rusch – aye        Motion Carries

**5. Public Participation on agenda items only.** No public participation.

**6. Reports:**

- a. Supervisor Rusch noted her standard reports provided for the Trustees. She highlighted that there were many phone calls inquiring about voting. She mentioned enrolling new clients for the Diaper Program and Save the Date information for the Legislative Breakfast. She gave an overview of the TOI conference attended by herself, Dave McArtin and Lupe Somerville. She also mentioned doing a hat drive.
- b. Highway Commissioner Kula provided a written report to the Board and highlighted the current work and update on preparing for winter.
- c. Assessor Ditton provided a written report for the board and included a current EAV update. He noted that January or February we would have a more accurate picture of where we stand.
- d. Clerk Kearby provided a written report noting what documents needed to be archived according to statute.
- e. Trustee Reports none

**7. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution to estimate the 2016 Tax Levy**

Attorney Dietz reported that we need to approve and file our tax levy ordinances prior to the last Tuesday in December. In addition prior to 20 days before the levy is due we must hold a meeting to estimating the levy and to determine if we need a Truth in Taxation Hearing. So this meeting is to discuss the estimated levy and if there is a need for a Truth in Taxation hearing not to pass the ordinance.

- a. Ordinance: 2016-11-21HWY Commissioner Kula noted no increase in estimated levy. Road and Bridge \$85,351 and Permanent Hard Road \$868,933 bringing the total estimate to \$954,284.
- b. Ordinance: 2016-11-21T Supervisor Rusch noted she is also not requesting an increase. General Town \$637,293 and General Assistance \$169,949. Total\$ 807,243.

A motion was made by Trustee McNeill and seconded by Trustee Larson to approve the HYW estimated levy total of \$954,284.

Trustee Larson – aye                Trustee deGroh – absent    Trustee DeLaMar – absent  
Trustee McNeill – aye            Supervisor Rusch – aye        Motion Carries

Attorney Dietz asked for a clarification regarding the amount we requested last year and if that included the extension of 10% the prior year.

Motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee McNeill to approve the estimated Town Levy totaling \$807,243.

Discussion: Trustee Larson asked if there was a finance meeting to discuss the levy amounts. Supervisor Rusch noted not yet. Dave was asked if he wanted to have one and he said no one has asked for one. Do you want to have one, noting we are on a short time line? Trustee Larson that there were some moneys that we could capture and that was not discussed. There could be problems with building issues, pending litigation and insurances. Supervisor Rusch noted that we are in good shape right now. Assessor Ditton was asked for input. Discussion pursued. After looking up the estimates from last year to this year. The 807 amount would go above the need for a Truth in Taxation Hearing. Trustee McNeill noted he wanted to make sure we capture the new building and new construction. We need to make sure we capture as much as we can if there may be a property tax freeze.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee McNeill for Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held on December 12, 2016 at 6:55 to be held at the Avon Township.

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

There will be a committee meeting at 6:30 on Dec. 12, 2016.

## 8. Presentation of Bills:

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

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

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

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

## 9. Old Business None

## 10. New Business

Illinois Public Risk fund was here. We need to make sure Bob Kula is covered under Workman's Comp because Bob is a working Commissioner. There will be a slight increase because of this.

## 11. Public Participation No public participation.

## 12. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Trustee McNeill and seconded by Trustee Larson to adjourn at 8:47 pm.  
All in favor say aye. Opposed? Motion Carries by Acclamation