

**AVON TOWNSHIP MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
433 E. Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL 60073
Wednesday- October 23rd, 2019
7:00 PM**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:01 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – present
Trustee Vaughn – present

Trustee Law – present
Supervisor Wilke – present

Trustee Duby – present
Quorum Met

Also present: Clerk Kearby, Attorney Weinstein, Assessor Ditton and Commissioner Kula

4. Presentations None
5. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Trustee Vaughn and seconded by Trustee Duby to approve the September 9, 2019 General Meeting Minutes.

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

6. a) Public Participation:

Travis Haley presented information to the Board regarding the Belleview property and the requirement to have a Town Hall Meeting for the purchase of property. He brought three examples. He also noted the TV was on with a political station running in a Government building.

7. Reports:

- a) Supervisor Wilke presented a written report. Supervisor Wilke noted that Round Lake Beach has a beautiful display to honor our Veterans.
- b) Assessor Ditton noted there was some discussion on the conclusion of the date to challenge assessments. He is recommending people submit by the end of the week to appeal. He noted his written report and their work they are doing with questions on the received assessments.
- c) Commissioner Kula noted the purchase of a truck with not many miles but a lot of hours. He also submitted a written report.
- d) Clerk Kearby referenced her written report and reminded the Board of her absence for the November meeting. The Deputy Clerk will be present. Also noted was the move for the Township to be used as an early voting site. Election day will be held at the Village of Round Lake City Hall.
- e) Trustee reports: Trustee Duby noted he attended Round Lake Beach Fallen Heroes event. It was moving and very positive for the community. Trustee Bauman noted her attendance at the Chili Supper. It was an amazing event with a ton of people attending. She noted the Township needs to give grants to back our communities. We need to do more of this next year. Trustee Law noted he had attended several meetings at Round Lake and he was excited to see how other government agencies ran their meetings. If you would like to know more you can ask me after the meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Duby to accept the reports.

All in favor say aye. Opposed? Motion Carries by Acclamation.

8. Consideration and review of bills:

Trustee Law asked about the number of Manual Check 24813 the invoice is made out to Avon Cares. This needs to be corrected and made out to Avon Township. We need to make sure we watch that this doesn't happen again.

Motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Vaughn to approve the Pre-paid Bills.

Trustee DUBY - aye	Trustee Vaughn - aye	Trustee Bauman - aye
Trustee Law - aye	Supervisor Wilke - aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

1. Outstanding Bills Sept 10 2019 - Oct 14, 2019.

Motion made by Trustee Bauman and seconded by Trustee Law to approve Outstanding Bills Sept 10 - October 14

Trustee Law - aye	Trustee DUBY - aye	Trustee Vaughn - aye
Trustee Bauman - aye	Supervisor Wilke - aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

2. Outstanding Bills October 14 - October 23

Request for clarification by Trustee Vaughn asking if the electric repair bill was for the electric car charger? Supervisor Wilke said the electric car charger and air conditioner repair and thermostat repair. He said the Health Department was going to electric cars and we will need two or three chargers back there. Trustee Bauman asked Supervisor Wilke if it was planned to buy an electric car all along. Supervisor Wilke said yes. He also said we are going to have to make changes to the step van to jump cars.

Trustee DUBY asked about another line item, the Topographic mapping for the Belleview property. I have problems with that because we have not decided on the course of action for that property. This is for the plat in order to get started. Supervisor Wilke said it was needed to do anything even to get the permit. Trustee Bauman said we have not decided what we are doing with it yet.

Motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Vaughn to accept the outstanding bills for October 14 - October 23 with the additional items as amended by the bookkeeper.

Trustee DUBY - aye	Trustee Vaughn - aye	Trustee Bauman - aye
Trustee Law - aye	Supervisor Wilke - aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

3. Outstanding bills October 15 and Outstanding Bills October 24

Motion was made by Trustee DUBY and seconded by Trustee Vaughn to approve the outstanding bills October 15 and October 24.

Trustee Vaughn - aye	Trustee Bauman - aye	Trustee Law - aye
Trustee DUBY - aye	Supervisor Wilke - aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

9. Addenda: Attorney Weinstein noted that he was still working on the appeals. Trustee DUBY noted he wanted to understand why does the person get the money and not go back into the tax pool. Attorney said that is the way it is set up. Supervisor Wilke noted that it was set up to be large entities such as big businesses. Attorney Weinstein noted this was more of a political question to be brought up with legislation. Attorney Weinstein said he would forward the case law and assure the settlement rebate to Trustee DUBY.

Clerk Kearby noted she needed copies of the agreement sent to the Trustees; She did not receive a copy.

10. New Business:

A. Road and Bridge transfer

Trustee Law moved and was seconded by Trustee Vaughn to approve Transfer 2019-10-23RB

Trustee DUBY - aye	Trustee Vaughn - aye	Trustee Bauman - aye
Trustee Law - aye	Supervisor Wilke - aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

B. General Fund Transfer

Motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee DUBY to approve Transfer 2019-10-23TF.

Discussion: Trustee Vaughn asked if that was his share of contracted county services. Assessor Ditton had an opportunity to hire a subcontractor to do appraisals. This is primarily for big business questioning assessments.

Trustee DUBY – aye
Trustee LAW – aye

Trustee Vaughn – aye
Supervisor Wilke – aye

Trustee Bauman – aye
Motion Carries

C. Rotary Club Grant

Supervisor Wilke noted the submission of grant request. Discussion was held with the board for their decision. The possible amount was discussed based on the potential for number of young people served and the money allotted in the budget. It was noted that there are other agencies that do this same service that will also be approaching the Township. Trustee Vaughn asked what line item it was coming from. Noted as line item 570 Youth Services. Supervisor Wilke noted there was another area we could draw from under flat grants.

Motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Vaughn to approve \$700.00 grant to Rotary Club.

Discussion was held on the sustainability of that amount and other potential grant requests. Trustee Bauman suggested making it \$350.00. Trustee Law accepted that amount as a friendly amendment and Trustee Vaughn accepted.

Trustee DUBY asked about the grant we approved for Lake County waterways and storm water management to make sure that is accounted for. It was explained that the Township approved a proposal but they have not asked for the money. The discussion was for support so they could request for additional grants from another agency. It was noted we haven't heard from Shop with a Cop or the hats and gloves donations.

Motion by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Vaughn to award \$350.00 grant to the Rotary Club.

Trustee DUBY – aye
Trustee LAW – aye

Trustee Vaughn – aye
Supervisor Wilke – aye

Trustee Bauman – aye
Motion Carries

D. 320 Bellevue

Travis Haley made public comment request on this business item. Travis presented information to the board involving his FOIA on the Village of Round Lake Park's home restoration project called The Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County. They have done two properties. He noted that there was not a town hall meeting and that the board needs to look carefully about this. The Supervisor has asked for a quarter of a million loan request that he admitted he would not need all of it. In addition there is a dumpster on site and how are you paying for this.

Trustee Vaughn did ask Attorney Weinstein his opinion on the Town Hall meeting requirement. What is the law and what is the acquisition of property. Attorney Weinstein said he would have to look into it and research it. Supervisor Wilke noted that if the Town Hall votes to acquire property then we would have to do what is directed. It does not mean that every piece of property has to go to a Town Hall meeting. Trustee Vaughn clarified, so if the Town Hall said to divest a property then we would have to divest it. Supervisor Wilke agreed. Commissioner Kula noted if the county assigns the property to the Township that is allocated to the Township such as a dead end. It gets the property back on the tax roles.

It was noted that The Affordable Housing Cooperation is a profit company. Supervisor Wilke noted that the loan was suggested for \$250,000. We could lower to \$150,000. Trustee Vaughn said we requested a clarification on the options for this property. The board did not get this information.

Trustee Duby noted that he could not move forward on this without the requested clarification. He noted there were several questions included in an email. He feels we cannot go forward on this without these clarifications.

Trustee Bauman noted the risk taking on these kinds of homes because of the unknowns. Trustee Vaughn noted the same sentiments regarding our risk without knowing more information to determine the proposed costs and the potential for the real value.

General consensus is to see the plan and postpone the decision to move forward.

E. Treasurer's report

Clerk Kearby asked if this is the same report that has been approved at the Annual Town Hall meeting. Supervisor Wilke noted that this is the exact same numbers and is only for their review.

F. Annual Audit

Supervisor Wilke noted the Annual Audit was available for their review.

G. Vehicle expense report

Supervisor Wilke noted the report submitted to the board regarding the expenses and sale of the Suburban. He reported to the board that we are up, including depreciation 6734.00. Trustee Bauman asked so we made a profit of 6734.00 not including depreciation. Supervisor Wilke agreed and said it would be about another \$2,000 more with depreciation. There were many questions regarding the accounting presented to the board. There were also questions regarding the offsets. Trustee Vaughn asked about the grant saying you applied to a grant and got a grant for the purchase of the vehicle. Supervisor Wilke stated yes. Trustee Duby also questioned the accounting. Trustee Bauman asked what was the grant for. Trustee Wilke said we get the grant every year for safety equipment. Trustee Bauman asked how the car was used for safety. Supervisor Wilke said that is what we used it for to start cars in the -30 degree below weather. We were out jumping cars maybe six to eight cars. Trustee Vaughn noted what the Township pays is not an offset. They questioned the labor done by Supervisor Wilke's shop. Trustee Duby noted without the offsets we would be losing money. Trustee Vaughn noted the mileage allocated as an offset. Supervisor Wilke was asked if that mileage included the mileage going to the county board. Supervisor Wilke noted he represents the Township at the County Board. Trustee Bauman stated so we bought the suburban to use as a safety vehicle and that is why we used the safety grant for the vehicle and now we do not have that vehicle. Supervisor Wilke noted you didn't want the vehicle. We sold it for \$12,500.00 and that satisfies it. Trustee Vaughn summarized, 1400 for the vehicle, 6000 on repairs, 400 on title total of \$20,000 for the vehicle. What did you pay? Supervisor Wilke said, I paid 1175, mileage I would have been paid and the body work. He noted that he spent thousands of dollars on that truck. Trustee Vaughn said there are problems with the offsets. You say you represent the Township at the County Board but you are a County Board member. He noted the 5000.00 is not an offset but an expense. He noted that the mileage was what the Township would have paid him if he were using his car. He also said the Board never agreed to pay \$5000. You asked us to sign the document that we did not sign. Trustee Duby noted that the offsets are used to explain the loss of the vehicle.

There was a discussion on whether the Township agreed to the Township owned vehicle. There was an outburst and a threat to take people out of the meeting.

Trustee Bauman noted that there has to be a way to communicate issues without attacking people. There is a misunderstanding of the approval to purchase the car.

Trustee Law asked to move forward and drop this.

Trustee Duby asked the clerk to note the difference of opinions on how the car was paid for, calculated and recorded.

Supervisor Wilke noted that there is no appreciation for the long hours, low pay and work and sweat. Did any other Supervisor do that? Trustee Duby said that the amount of work being done is not the question. What is in question is the amount of time to plan, how long it takes to get things

done, the communication and how plans change and not with full approval. The complaint is not what your doing but how the work is planned.

Supervisor Wilke noted the plan for the house was to provide low-income housing, income positive for the Township and improve the community. Trustee Vaughn noted there was not a vote on the House. There were goals discussed but not approval of the goals or how to move forward on those goals. Trustee Duby noted the fact is there is not a plan to review.

11. Other Business: None
12. Executive Session- None
13. Action on Executive session - None
14. Good of the order

Clerk Kearby noted clear understandings can be made when there is a formal motion and a vote on items. None of these discussions would be needed if there was a formal vote on any of these items during the meetings and recorded for the record. This is why it is so essential to do this during the meeting.

Trustee Vaughn noted that Clerk Kearby sent electronic records for the meeting to the Trustees. He appreciated the detail of the records to review and this is what the Trustees have requested. This is essential for bill review especially since many of us work during Township hours. Supervisor Wilke noted that is his intention to send that out to the board.

Supervisor Wilke noted that there needs to be a recording of directions. Supervisor Wilke said there couldn't be a formal vote if the board gives direction. Clerk Kearby noted that if the Board makes a formal direction it is noted. That is why it hurts me when one says yes and another says no because unless there is evidence in the minutes then it doesn't exist. Supervisor Wilke said it is right to take a vote on everything.

15. Adjournment

Motion made by Trustee Duby and seconded by Trustee Law to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 pm. Supervisor Wilke declared the meeting adjourned.

Avon Township is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting of facilities, are asked to call the Township office prior to the meeting.