

**AVON TOWNSHIP MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
433 E. Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL 60073
Monday – August 12, 2019
7 pm**

1. Call Meeting to Order: 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – present Trustee Law – present Trustee Duby – present
Trustee Vaughn – absent Supervisor Wilke – present Quorum Met

Also in attendance Clerk Kearby, Commissioner Kula, Assessor Ditton and Attorney Weinstein

4. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Duby and seconded by Trustee Bauman to approve the July 8, 2019 minutes.

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

5. Public Participation: (for items **not on the agenda**) - state your name and who you represent. Public Participation for items **on the agenda** will be taken directly preceding the item.

Jeanne Kearby presented flyers and requested consideration of a donation for Exchange Club event. She noted that prior administration donations and scholarships were allocated.

6. Reports:

- a) Supervisor Wilke added House Bill 348 regarding at the end of the current term, the Township will have to decide what to do with the Road District and how we manage the roads etcetera. Bob contributed some thoughts on managing or contracting it out. Also noted was the purchase of the new car, Leaf. Trustee Bauman noted the car was a big issue with her. There was no discussion prior to the purchase. Supervisor Wilke noted he was going to stand by his commitment to pay what he agreed to with the Suburban. He said he was in about \$12,000., \$7,000 was owed by the Supervisor and \$5,000. By the Township. Again, why did you not discuss this with the Trustee? Supervisor Wilke said, I run the Township, I don't work for you. Trustee Bauman said we can decide whether we pay the bill or not. Supervisor Wilke said, No, you can decide whether or not you pass the budget. Supervisor Wilke said we will get the money out of the truck (Suburban). Trustee Bauman asked then what is my job her? Supervisor Wilke said, you job is to pass the budget and audit. Trustee Bauman said she is not going to approve the bill. The bill is located in the outstanding bills.

Supervisor Wilke added the electricity per report and the new floor. Bauman asked why it was needed. She asked so in two years there will be nothing that needs to be done and the new supervisor will have nothing to do. He noted there is a roof problem.

He stated no money has been spent on the cemetery. He also noted there will need to be a flag pole and tree trimming in the future. Commissioner Kula said we do not know in the next 20 years. Also the stones needed to be straightened out. Also Supervisor noted some veteran plaques needed.

Supervisor Wilke noted the deed of the House and a cost report is included in your book. We will spend also of money on the rehab. Clerk Kearby asked where the rehab was coming from in the budget. Trustee Law asked who is doing the repairs. Supervisor Wilke said he did not know right now but it looks like McMann Demo from Hainesville. He does not know what line item he is taking it from. Different line items for different items. Trustee Duby asked about the decision to rent it out. I thought we were discussing how to handle this property. We discussed Habitat for humanity. Trustee Duby noted he was all on board for buying it for \$1.00. I was not on board for renting the property. It was noted it would be a section 8 housing. Trustee Bauman asked how much it would cost to fix it. \$50,000 to \$100,000. Duby noted he wanted to look at the property. Trustee Bauman asked if we have to vote on this today. Supervisor Wilke said no. Clerk Kearby asked if this was discussed during the budget discussions. Supervisor Wilke said no. Trustee Duby said we only discussed \$11.00 and it was said that there were

no back taxes. Trustee Bauman said there was not decision on what to do with the property. Supervisor Wilke said no there was no decision. Trustee Duby noted his work with our Municipalities for Habitat to Humanity. Supervisor Wilke noted that Habitat for Humanity does not rent the houses, they rehab for purchase. Trustee Duby noted He and Sarah are inspecting houses for this area. As far as he knows, no one has inspected the property.

- b) Assessor Ditton written report submitted.
- c) Commissioner Kula noted the work being done per his report. He suggesting looking in to turning the roads over to the villages. He also noted his work in our unincorporated areas has been vastly improved making it more palatable for the villages to take over. He noted all equipment is still owned by the Township. McHenry County is allowed to vote on it. Lake County is mandated.
- d) Clerk Kearby alerted the Trustees of her upcoming absences and the Deputy Clerk will be taking over for those times.
- e) Trustee reports, no report
- f) Avon Cares Report

Supervisor Wilke asked for a motion on the report. No one made a motion to approve the reports.

7. Consideration and review of bills:

Trustee Duby asked if the Habitat for Humanity or rental property was included in the Pre-Paid bills. Clerk Kearby noted it was in the outstanding bills but it was already paid.

A motion was made by Trustee Duby and seconded by Trustee Law to approve the Pre-Paid bills.

Trustee Vaughn – absent	Trustee Bauman – aye	Trustee Law – aye
Trustee Duby – aye	Supervisor Wilke – aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

Travis Haley submitted a public comment sheet to address Outstanding Bills. Travis Haley noted the check number 24626 for \$69,000. We already have according to the records I have, \$10,900 spent on the purchase and repairs for the Suburban. He noted that he attended the Lake County Board meeting and Supervisor Wilke had taken the new vehicle and the gas hog to those meetings. I think that is a misappropriation of township funds because that is not township function. I am requesting the board does not approve check number 24626 and tell him to return this vehicle immediately.

Trustee Bauman asked to have check number 24626 withheld. She noted that she is getting smarter and learning more, which makes her a better trustee. Supervisor Wilke asked who is paying for the majority of it. She noted it was ridiculous how much he pays to fix things without our knowledge or discussion. This is not essential and trustees do not have these things. There was further discussion on when he decided to buy the truck, Supervisor Wilke noted he asked to buy the truck and this was disputed. Supervisor Wilke said last year that he was going to get everything in writing because he can't trust any of you anymore. You went, Trustee Bauman said, and bought a car without talking to us. Supervisor Wilke said, of course I did. Do you question what he purchases, pointing to Assessor Ditton.

Motion was made by Trustee Bauman to approve the outstanding bills with the exclusion of check number 24626. Supervisor Wilke said you cannot withhold a check, you can only not approve the bills.

Point of order by Trustee Law. He explained that two months ago we have already done that with the check to pay for the refrigerator because the bill was made out to the Food Pantry.

The maker, Trustee Bauman, reestablished her motion to pay the outstanding bills with the exception of check number 24626. Trustee Law seconded the motion.

Trustee Duby – abstained	Trustee Vaughn – absent	Trustee Law – Aye
Trustee Bauman – aye	Supervisor Wilke – aye	<u>Motion as amended Carries</u>

8. Addenda:

Attorney Weinstein reported his continued efforts to represent the Township negotiating tax disputes.

9. New Business: None

10. Other Business:

Trustee Duby noted he did not vote on the outstanding bills because of the dispute on how to handle the property we own. I am asking for a detailed plan on the different options and what we plan to do. Supervisor Wilke noted that we do not have to pay the taxes. We only paid the back taxes. Trustee Bauman asked if Habitat for Humanity plans for the potential of the property could be reported to the board by Trustee Duby. Trustee Duby explained the process that Habitat for Humanity does. Supervisor Wilke said the Trustees could decide what to do with the property of course. Supervisor Wilke said he could write down a plan on renting or for a donation as a response to Trustee Duby's question.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Duby to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Supervisor Wilke declared the meeting adjourned.

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