

**AVON TOWNSHIP MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
433 E. Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL 60073
Monday – November 18, 2019
7:00 pm**

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

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

Also in attendance Deputy Clerk Dauray and Attorney Weinstein

4. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Bauman to approve the October 14, 2019 minutes.

Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – aye	Trustee Law – aye	Trustee Duby – absent
Trustee Vaughn – absent	Supervisor Wilke – aye	Motion carries

5. Public Participation: no request to speak

6. Reports:

- a) Assessor Ditton submitted a written report. Added that he was still working on appeals. Still working through appraisals, and evidence and comments in relation to the hearings on the appraisals. This process should be wrapped up in December.
- b) Commissioner Kula submitted a written report.

A motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Bauman to approve the reports.

Motion carries by voice acclamation.

7. Consideration and review of bills:

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

Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – aye	Trustee Law – aye	Trustee Duby – absent
Trustee Vaughn – absent	Supervisor Wilke – aye	Motion carries

A motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Bauman to approve the Outstanding bills.

Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – aye	Trustee Law – aye	Trustee Duby – absent
Trustee Vaughn – absent	Supervisor Wilke – aye	Motion carries

8. New Business:

- a) Grant Application from Zavharia Sexual Abuse Center:
Supervisor Wilke pointed out the organization had a significantly larger budget than the township, but that he did not want to “poo-poo” this. Supervisor Wilke, as a point of disclosure, noted that the woman who runs the organization is the daughter of a friend of his. It was noted that the request was for

\$3,000. Trustee Law noted that they had donated in past years. Trustee Bauman felt that the amount was too much right now. Supervisor Wilke expressed he thought they should not give any money. Trustee Bauman suggested \$200. Trustee Law said he wished they had money to fund this and noted that nothing was donated last year. Trustee Bauman suggested they hold off until more grant applications were received in order to better determine how money could be allocated. Trustee Law and Supervisor Wilke agreed.

A motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Bauman to postpone consideration of the grant application until a date unspecified.

Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – aye	Trustee Law – aye	Trustee Duby – absent
Trustee Vaughn – absent	Supervisor Wilke – aye	Motion carries

b) West Insurance Renewal Proposal, presented by Kelly McGillivray of West Insurance Agency: Ms. McGillivray stated that the first quote from Trident was a renewal premium of \$36,793. They received a very competitive quote from Travelers Insurance of \$30,085. IPRF gave a quote of \$31,004. The township does qualify for a grant again through IPRF this year in the amount of \$2,045 to be used towards purchase of safety equipment. Recommendation was to take the IPRF renewal and take the Travelers renewal offer. This was taken to market. Most carriers did decline due to previous loss history. Supervisor Wilke confirmed that this would take the township from \$61,844 last year to \$61,089 this year. Ms McGillivray confirmed. Supervisor Wilke stated that this would need to be voted on in Executive Session.

c) 60 ILCS (320 Bellevue Property) Discussion:
Supervisor Wilke read the statute and provided his interpretation of this stating that if they were to convey the deed of the property, they would also need to record the township meeting at which this was determined. Trustee Bauman asked Attorney Weinstein if he agreed with Supervisor Wilke's interpretation of the statute. Attorney Weinstein stated that there are differences in interpretation among many officials and attorneys he has spoken with, but that many make a common practice of using a Town Hall meeting. However, based on his legal opinion, the property is already bought, therefore the issue is moot. Trustee Bauman asked if they should put the decision making regarding the property be put to a Town Hall meeting. Attorney Weinstein concurred that that was proper, however, he pointed again that the property was bought and cannot be unbought at this point. Trustee Bauman then suggested that the property could be sold. Attorney Weinstein concurred. Attorney Weinstein also stated that he suggested in the future the township make it a practice of putting such purchases to a Town Hall meeting. Trustee Bauman asked Attorney Weinstein if based on what he and Supervisor Wilke know now would they have handled this purchase differently. Attorney Weinstein stated that it would have been a safer practice to put this purchase to a Town Hall meeting. He continued that via the Town Hall meeting, the electors could elect to leave the decision to the trustees in order to avoid multiple Town Hall meetings. Trustee Bauman stated that she would like on the record the fact that she still feels we should have a Town Hall meeting in relation to the purchase of this property. Trustee Law concurred. Trustee Bauman also stated that she felt the board did not have all the information that they do now.

A motion was made by Trustee Bauman and seconded by Trustee Law to have a Town Hall meeting in relation to the property [320 Bellevue]. Trustee Law suggested the amendment add "at a date to be determined that is not greater than what is permissible by law." Trustee Bauman accepted the amendment.

Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – aye	Trustee Law – aye	Trustee Duby – absent
Trustee Vaughn – absent	Supervisor Wilke – aye	Motion carries

d) Discussion on Neighborhood Stabilization Program:
Trustee Bauman stated that she brought CMAs of the property in that area that was sold in the past year for the board to look over. Supervisor Wilke stated the numbers he provided were from the Lake County Housing Authority. He then stated that the numbers they were looking at were very conservative; less than 50%. Trustee Bauman stated she was not against improving our community but it just about how the money is being spent and that this needs to be planned out. Trustee Law stated he needed time outside the meeting to look over the numbers.

e) Discussion on 320 Bellevue:

Supervisor Wilke asked for public comment.

Travis Haley made comments: Stated that the township has this loan application, but still no plan for how this money would be spent in relation to the property. He requested that board reject this in total.

Supervisor Wilke said that the township would lose the \$1500 fee if they reject the loan and possible have to pay an additional \$1500. Trustee Bauman stated that this was not the board's choice, it was Supervisor Wilke's choice [to take out the loan application]. Supervisor Wilke then stated they could reduce the amount of the loan. Trustee Bauman then stated that this loan application was not the board's idea, nor was the clean-up, and that the supervisor moved forward without the board's go ahead. Additionally stating that she was saying no to the loan. Supervisor Wilke stated that he disagreed and that the board gave the direction to purchase the house and remodel it. Trustee Bauman then stated that the loan was never spoken of and that Supervisor went about the loan on his own without the board's permission. Supervisor Wilke disagreed again. Trustee Bauman then stated again she was saying no to the loan and that they would have the Town Hall meeting to decide how to move forward in regards to the house. Trustee Law concurred with Trustee Bauman. Supervisor Wilke stated we don't need a loan, but it's not in our budget and the township cannot spend what is not in the budget. Trustee Bauman then stated that the township could sell the property and use that money towards community beautification.

A motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Bauman to accept the loan.

Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – nay
Trustee Vaughn – absent

Trustee Law – nay
Supervisor Wilke – aye

Trustee Duby – absent
Motion fails

f) Highway Transfer Resolution:

Supervisor Wilke stated that this was in regards to transferring \$15,000 from vehicles to maintenance equipment.

A motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Bauman to approve resolution 2019-11-18RB.

Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – aye
Trustee Vaughn – absent

Trustee Law – aye
Supervisor Wilke – aye

Trustee Duby – absent
Motion carries

g) Township Tax Levy:

Supervisor Wilke stated that it was a little less than what we levied for and that the board needs to vote on this by next month. Trustee Bauman stated she would rather wait until next month to vote on this. Attorney Weinstein stated that it would have to be done given the deadline was December 31 of 2019. Trustee Law stated that if we do take it then the budget should be adjusted to reflect that. Supervisor Wilke then stated that if the township did take the full amount that they do not have to change their budget and could even lower the budget.

h) Highway Tax Levy:

Commissioner Kula confirmed the next meeting was on December 9. He then stated that he wanted to wait to discuss this until all the trustees were present. Trustee Law stated that he respected that decision.

A motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Bauman to postpone the discussion and vote on the Highway Tax Levy until the December General Meeting.

Motion carries by voice acclamation

i) Future of the Roads:

Commissioner Kula stated he also thought this should be postponed until December when all the trustees are present. Trustee Law then stated that one of the towns was actually contracting out to private contractors. Commissioner Kula stated that this was not unusual when there was too much work. He then said that this was why we need to have a full discussion about this at the next meeting. Supervisor Wilke stated that he and Commissioner Kula were invited by the county to a meeting regarding the roads, and that he felt they were going to say no to the roads. Commissioner Kula

stated that the township roads are something that the county does not even have the equipment to take care of. Commissioner Kula stated too that on costs charged to other municipalities that they plow, they are charged only the costs and a profit is not made. Supervisor then complimented and thanked Commissioner Kula for his and his department's work.

9. Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Bauman to move to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the Insurance Proposals.

Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – aye	Trustee Law – aye	Trustee DUBY – absent
Trustee Vaughn – absent	Supervisor Wilke – aye	Motion carries

Supervisor Wilke moved to close the General Meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Trustee Law moved to reopen General Meeting at 7:52 p.m. and was seconded by Trustee Bauman

Trustee Bauman – aye	Trustee Law – aye	Trustee DUBY – absent
Trustee Vaughn – absent	Supervisor Wilke – aye	Motion carries

10. Action on Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Law and seconded by Trustee Bauman to accept the recommendation from West Insurance Agency that saves a good bit of money.

Roll Call

Trustee Bauman – aye	Trustee Law – aye	Trustee DUBY – absent
Trustee Vaughn – absent	Supervisor Wilke – aye	Motion carries

11. Good of the order

Trustee Bauman stated that hopefully we are moving forward for as a township.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Bauman and seconded by Trustee Law to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carries by voice acclamation

Supervisor Wilke declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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