

The regular monthly meeting of the Avoca Village Board of Trustees was held March 16, 2023 at the Town/Village Hall 3 Chase Street Avoca, NY. Mayor Eric Tyner called the meeting to order at 6:12pm with the following Village Trustees present:

Trustee Carl Dockstader

Trustee Andrew Hubbard

Trustee Lannie J Gay

Note: The Village Board of Trustees held a Budget workshop on March 16, 2023 beginning at 6:00pm. It was advertised that the regular Board meeting would begin at the conclusion of the Budget Workshop.

The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Dockstader to close the regular session at 6:13PM and enter into an executive session to discuss specific employment details of the street department. Clerk Wightman was asked to attend. 4 In Favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent.

Motion by Trustee Dockstader, seconded by Trustee Hubbard to close the executive session and return to regular session at 6:58PM. 4 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Absent.

Also present were Leann Wightman, Jeff Rodbourn, Kim Rodbourn, Joe Gardner, Minnie Brennan, and Bill Brennan

Motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Gay to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 regular meeting, with the following corrections: None
4 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Absent

Motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Dockstader, to accept the following Departmental Reports:

Fire: Feb

Treasurer: Feb

Fire Cancer Benefit Report: Feb

Ambulance: Feb

St. Dept.: Feb

Water Tests: Feb

Cemetery: Feb

Fuel Consumption: Feb

Zoning: None

Bank Statements: Feb

Budget Worksheets: Year to date

4 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Absent

Visitors:

Kim Robourn, Jeff Rodbourn and Joe Gardner: Residents of Mill and Exchange Streets in the Village of Avoca"

- They are concerned over the condition of the rental property at 13 Exchange Street. They feel it is a very unsafe property and should be condemned. The sewer backs up, there is water leaking, mold, electric issues, etc. Zack Mullen is the owner of the property. No one is currently living there.
- Mayor Tyner stated he will speak with Chuck Cagle, Town Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Tyner called Village Attorney Oklevitch: The conversation was on speaker phone so the public could hear the conversation.

- Discussion concerning combining the ZBA and Planning Boards. Mayor Tyner will be attending the Planning Board Meeting on March 27, 2023. Jen Galvan is now the chairman of the Planning Board.
- Attorney Oklevitch stated a Local Law will have to be passed. Motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Gay to set the Public Hearing for Local Law 1 of 2023 concerning the consolidation of the Planning Board and ZBA for April 13, 2023 at 7:15pm. Clerk Wightman will advertise this hearing as required.
- There was continued discussion on how to handle the buildings and equipment if the Fire and Ambulance Departs become their own District.
 - Sell property for 1 or lease for 1
 - They would not qualify for grants unless they own the property
 - Plowing – through shared services
 - Storage shed: is this on a separate parcel
 - Trustee Hubbard stated the fire committee has gone over the proposal line by line. They would like another meeting with the Village Board.

Departmental Reports:

Street & Water Department: No one was present:

- Culvert Damage:
 - There is a coverage issue as it was a leased vehicle being driven by a 3rd party.
 - Mayor Tyner has asked Mr. Comstock to create an estimate for the temporary fix which can be sent to Progressive Insurance. The insurance company will also send out an adjuster.

Fire & Ambulance Departments: No one was present:

- Update on separation to a Fire District:
 - Trustee Hubbard stated the process is on track with a May or June time frame to have a joint meeting with the Board and set the Public Hearing.
 - Still on target for the change to occur in January

Gazebo & Village Park Property:

- Mayor Tyner is working to use the reclaimed wood from the old gazebo to make a few benches for the park area.
- The Planning Board will be discussing the naming of the park area.

Bathrooms & Septic for Pavilion at Memorial Park

- Phase II specs are completed and available. This project is on hold until the spring

Discussion on 2023 Village/Town Wide Yard Sales:

- Previous Boards had set the date for the sale to be the first full weekend in May each year.
- Mayor Tyner stated he received a request to change it to Mother Days weekend. It was noted this date conflicts with other villages sales.
- Trustees Hubbard, Gay and Dockstader feel the date should be left alone.

Motion by Trustee Dockstader, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, to approve the payment of all expenditures presented to the Board of Trustees from the General Fund in the amount of , the Water Fund in the amount of , and Grant Fund in the amount of 0.00.

The Clerk/Treasurer is further authorized to pay any bills concerning village utilities and postage without prior Board approval to avoid any late fees or lapse in the offices ability to mail correspondence to vendors or taxpayers.

4 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Absent

The Village election will be held March 21, 2023 from 12:00PM TO 9:00PM

The Mayor is researching Grants for the following areas:

- Community Revitalization Grant: Parks, Gazebo, Memorial Park, sidewalk to Hees Park off River Street and fence, possibly old fashion lights for the walkway.
- Culvert & Bridge NY grant has been applied for.

Board of Trustee discussions:

Mayor Eric Tyner:

- Nothing at this time

Trustee Brian Mattoon:

- Nothing at this time

Trustee Carl Dockstader:

- Nothing at this time

Trustee Lannie J Gay:

- Nothing at this time

Trustee Andrew Hubbard:

- The fire hall septic backed up again. Superior Septic came and cleared the small pipe out again.

Further Items and Topics:

Attorney Elizabeth Oklevitch:

- Not present

Clerk/Treasurer Leann Wightman:

- Nothing at this time

Visitors: Comments on the current meeting items:

- Nothing at this time

Motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Gay to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm.

4 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Absent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leann Wightman
Village Clerk/ Treasurer