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Village of Avoca Newsletter

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Village of Avoca News and Events

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Village Office Hours:

Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Tuesday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Wednesday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Thursday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Second Saturday Morning Fourth Wednesday Evening

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Zoning Officer:

Beth Peck (607) 368-3571

Dog Control Officer:

Gary Hadsell (607) 382-4785

Assessor:

Laura Snow (607)566-8511 Thursdays 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Website: villageofavoca.org

Village News:

Please join us for our Village Board Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Town/Village Hall.

2024 Annual Water Quality Report

Available in print at the Village Office or on our website.

NOTICES

Welcome our new Village Clerk/Treasurer – Valerie Saltsman!

Village Tax Bills

These were mailed out by the County by June 1st. Be sure to be on the lookout for your Village Tax Bill.

Hydrant Flushing

High potential for discolored water. Avoid running hot water and/or washing whites until ensuring your water is clear.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, May 26

Thank you all for your participation!!!

Sunday, June 15
Father's Day

Friday, June 20
Class of 2025 Graduation

*Friday, July 4*Fourth of July

<u>Saturday, August 2</u> Avoca Alumni Block Party

<u>Sunday, September 7</u> Ag-Fest @ Memorial Park



If you have messages for our electronic sign or have information for our newsletter, please email the office at:

clerk@villageofavoca.org

The sign should only be used for milestones or announcements for the Avoca area.

Community Updates:

This section will remain community updates for the next few newsletter and will return to the History Corner at the end of this year.

The proposed South Main Solar Farm discussions continue on both the Village and Town levels as the applications are being reviewed by the Village and Town Planning Boards. There was a Public Hearing on the proposed solar farm project on May 5, 2025 at the Avoca Central School with many residents in attendance. Just to clarify for the many questions asked, the Village Board appoints the Planning Board to oversee all projects under the Village Land Use and Zoning Law. The members of the Planning Board are appointed to 5-year rotating terms by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Trustees.

Purview over the Solar Farm application for the parcel in the Village resides with the Planning Board, which has to apply the current laws and procedures for any land use application. The Village Board has purview over any financial matters dealing with solar farm project, such as hiring the attorney and engineer for the Village, any Host Agreement or Road Use Agreement, as well as enacting any laws or resolutions in regards to the project.

The Village Board of Trustees is the body that selected the attorney and engineer to represent the Village interests on this project. The solar company provided an escrow account for funds to pay for these services, but the solar company did not have any input on the selection of these profession services or their recommendations.

The elected members of the Village Board of Trustees has all confidence in the appointed members of the Planning Board to handle this project accordingly and continues to work with the other Town Boards, Delaware Solar and the retained attorney and engineer for the Village to ensure the project is handled properly and accordingly.

The Village Board will continue to discussion items for the Host Agreement and Road Use Agreement for this project at the Village Board meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Message from the Mayor

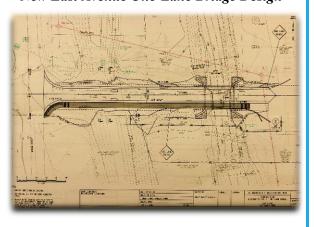
As summer approaches municipal projects continue throughout the Village as warmer days approach. Projects updates include:

- 1. The East Avenue Culvert Replacement project continues with the final plans pending approval with NYS DOT. The new bridge will be one 15-foot lane with a raised 5-foot sidewalk on the southside of the new bridge. Construction is still being planned for the summer of 2026..
- 2. The Water System Engineering Study has been awarded to HUNT Engineering and over the next several months they will be working with the Water Department to put the study together by gathering the information needed for the proposed upgrades and repairs.
- 3. The new flagpole for Hees Park has been installed and was dedicated to former Trustee Carl Dockstader on Memorial Day. A plaque for the dedication in his honor has been placed at Hees Park.
- 4. The Village Budgets for General and Water were passed for 2025-2026 with a 1;89% tax increase. One purchased scheduled for the new budget is a new leaf box for the Village trucks to help aid in leaf removal in the fall.

Please feel free to contact me at the Village Hall or call me at 607-281-8617 with any questions.

Mayor Eric R. Tyner

New East Avenue One-Lane Bridge Design



LEAF/BRUSH PICK-UP

Grass, weeds, and small branches must be placed in 30 gal or less biodegradable paper bags and set out by the road. Larger branches/brush must be no longer than 6ft in length and have a maximum diameter of 3" placed neatly on side of the road.

HORSESHOE PITS AT HEES PARK

The Village is looking to possibly remove the current horseshoe pits at Hees Park due to lack of use and are in need of repair or replacement. If any resident or organization would like to give input on this topic being discussed before the removal is scheduled, please contact Mayor Eric Tyner at 607-281-8617.