

**AVON TOWNSHIP MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
433 E. Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL 60073
December 12, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:10 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Trustee DeLaMar – present	Trustee McNeill – present	Trustee Larson, present
Trustee deGroh – present	Supervisor Rusch – present	<u>Quorum Met</u>

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

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Trustee DeLaMar and seconded by Trustee Larson to approve the November 21, 2016 minutes.

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

5. Public Participation on agenda items only. No public comments.

6. Reports:

- a. Supervisor Rusch presented a written report and noted several items in the report. Trustee deGroh asked for a survey of the public on additional services that may be needed. Supervisor Rusch said she would put together some questions. She asked the Board to submit questions they would like to be considered.
- b. Highway Commissioner Kula noted items in his written report updating the Board on projects and that a traffic safety study has been requested for Town Line Road to reduce the speed limit. Trustee deGroh noted problems with snow plowing for the residents on Washington St with the new construction. Commissioner Kula noted that it was discussed with IDOT regarding the problem.
- c. Assessor Ditton highlighted items in his report. The Board of Review is not completed and some cases have been extended into January. The Lake County Assessors are looking into changing the deadlines so assessments are done in June and notices will come out in July. He will let the Board know of any changes. Reminders were sent to seniors and the Disabled on assessment freezes so there has been an increase of people in the office.
- d. Clerk Kearby noted he written report and the average turn around for FOIAs is 24 hours.
- e. Trustee Reports as Necessary
Assessor Ditton was asked how many farm parcels we had in Avon Township. He didn't have the exact number.

7. Discussion and possible action on 2016 tax levy

- a. Motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee McNeill to approve Ordinance: 2016-11-21HWY

Trustee deGroh – aye	Trustee DeLaMar – aye	Trustee McNeill – aye
Trustee Larson – aye	Supervisor Rusch – aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

- b. Motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee McNeill to approve Ordinance: 2016-11-21T

Trustee deGroh – no	Trustee DeLaMar – aye	Trustee McNeill – aye
Trustee Larson – aye	Supervisor Rusch – no	<u>Motion Carries</u>

8. Discussion and action on Transfer Resolutions

- a. Motion was made by Trustee DeLaMar and seconded by Trustee Larson to approve Resolution 2016-12-12 HWY

Trustee McNeill – aye Trustee Larson – aye Trustee deGrog – aye
Trustee DeLaMar – aye Supervisor Rusch – aye Motion Carries

- b. Motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee DeLaMar to approve Resolution 2016-12-12 T

Trustee deGrog – aye Trustee DeLaMar – aye Trustee McNeill – aye
Trustee Larson – aye Supervisor Rusch – aye Motion Carries

9. Discussion and possible action on Insurance Payment Plan

Supervisor Rusch noted we would have to do another payment plan as presented to the Trustees. We did this last year and paid it off early. There is only about 8,000 a month for premium payments.

Trustee DeLaMar made the motion and Trustee McNeill seconded to approve the Insurance Payment Plan.

Trustee McNeill – aye Trustee Larson – aye Trustee deGrog – aye
Trustee DeLaMar – aye Supervisor Rusch – aye Motion Carries

10. Discussion and possible action on Transportation funding

Supervisor Rusch updated the Board on the changes for Ride Lake County West. There are additional funds that will be asked by Townships to contribute. No action taken at this time.

11. Presentation of Bills:

- a. Motion was made by Trustee McNeill and seconded by Trustee DeLaMar to approve the Pre-paid Bills.

Trustee DeLaMar – aye Trustee Larson – aye Trustee deGrog – aye
Trustee McNeill – aye Supervisor Rusch – aye Motion Carries

- b. Motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee DeLaMar to approve the Outstanding Bills

Discssion: Trustee deGrog brought up mileage payments from a person’s house instead of the office and mileage when a vehicle is available to attend meeting that is owned by the Township. Assessor Ditton noted that the milage is cheaper from the house.

Trustee deGrog – aye Trustee DeLaMar – aye Trustee McNeill – aye
Trustee Larson – aye Supervisor Rusch – aye Motion Carries

12. Old Business None

13. New Business None

14. Public Participation

Dave McArtin asked if there would be a time that Senior Freezes would be continues. Ditton noted there were times when annuities raised them above the poverty line that allowed freezes. Clerk Kearby noted the question is do we foresee a time when a person can confirm or verify without coming into the office. Assessor Ditton noted there may be a time when that could happen and used P-tax rules as the example. Clerk Kearby asked how we advocate for that. Assessor Ditton recommended contacting Marty Paulson.

Participation concluded.

Supervisor Rusch noted the pictures of staff in the Perspective magazine.

Mr. Haley noted that the number of people looking at the website is irrelevant. We noted that the newspapers were notified and the meeting was posted. Supervisor Rusch noted we had heard his disagreements and would take them into consideration.

15. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Trustee deGroh and seconded by Trustee McNeill to adjourn at 8:30

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