

**AVON TOWNSHIP MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
433 E. Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL 60073
Monday – August 8, 2016 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Trustee De La Mar – present
Trustee deGroh – present

Trustee McNeill – present
Supervisor Rusch – present

Trustee Larson – present
Quorum present

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

4. Approval of Minutes : Monthly and COW

Motion was made by Trustee deGroh and seconded by Trustee Larson to approve June 6, 2016 general meeting minutes, July 11, 2016 general meeting minutes and July 25, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustee De La Mar – aye
Trustee deGroh – aye

Trustee McNeill – aye
Supervisor Rusch – aye

Trustee Larson – aye
Motion Carries

5. Public Participation (on agenda items only) No public participation.

6. Reports:

- a) Supervisor Rusch presented her written report and highlighted the Diaper Drive successes and the limitations due to reduced inventory. We currently serve 50 families and are not accepting any more families into the program. Noted were the 80 filled backpacks sent to schools for distribution for those students that needed school supplies. High School packs included a flash drive. Supervisor Rusch attended the Lake County Fair and the Round Lake Library focus group.
- b) Assessor Ditton presented his written report explaining the close of appeals is September 6. Discussion was had on the number of people coming into the office regarding the CCAO.
- c) Commissioner Kula presented his written report highlighting work accomplished, Lake Ave completion, and continued efforts regarding the easement blockage by a garage.
- d) Clerk Kearby noted her written report with a summary of her yearly goals and the state of completion with each goal.
- e) Trustees as necessary – no report.

7. Discussion and possible action on Salaries for the 2017-2021 Term. Without objection the discussion and possible action of the salaries was moved until after the bills.

8. Mill Creek Watershed Resolution 2016-8-8

Supervisor Rusch provided the board with the Mill Creek Watershed report. The Board did not need the resolution read,

A motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee De La Mar to approve the resolution.

Discussion: Trustee McNeill stated his concerns over accepting the recommendations of the allowing the Army Corp of Engineers to control water.

Trustee deGroh – aye	Trustee De La Mar – aye	Trustee McNeill – present
Trustee Larson – aye	Supervisor Rusch – aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

9. Shorewood Land Update Status

Discussion was held regarding the Shorewood Dr. property. In order to sell or donate property it must be approved at Town Hall Meeting for approval. There must be 15 citizens present.

Supervisor Rusch took this opportunity to explain the work for a cell tower will also need to be at a Town Hall meeting. The board wants to move forward on setting a Town Hall meeting prior to April.

10. Bill Payment

Motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee McNeill to approve the prepaid bills.

Trustee deGroh – aye	Trustee De La Mar – aye	Trustee McNeill – aye
Trustee Larson – aye	Supervisor Rusch – aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

Motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee De La Mar to approve the outstanding bills.

Discussion: Trustee deGroh asked for clarification on the Computer View expense and Land Management bill. Supervisor Rusch provided the information.

Trustee deGroh – aye	Trustee De La Mar – aye	Trustee McNeill – aye
Trustee Larson – aye	Supervisor Rusch – aye	<u>Motion Carries</u>

Agenda item 7 (moved without objection)

Trustee Larson suggested to roll back 2013 at his high end. Suggested qualifications needed for the job as a way to look at additional possible increases. For example, the Assessor needs certification. Trustees also reviewed the salaries of mayor offices. Supervisor Rusch refuted that the jobs were not alike. She also noted her conversations with Mayors that they thought their salaries were too low. Discussion was noted that trustees should be a per-meeting payment. Issues such as having two jobs, commitment to Township and qualified staff were also brought up. Concerns arose that we need to continue to review our finances and not make a determination at this time. Supervisor Rusch asked everyone to give her their suggestions for salary. She will send them out to the trustees.

11. Old Business - none

12. New Business - none

13. Public Comment – No public comments.

14. Adjournment – 8:56 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee McNeill and seconded by Trustee De La Mar to adjourn the meeting at 8:56.

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

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