



**AVON TOWNSHIP – REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

433 E Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL 60030  
May 9, 2023 – 7:00pm

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Supervisor Michele Bauman.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Supervisor Bauman	-	Present			
Trustee Kearby	-	Present	Trustee Dobrow	-	Present
Trustee Loffredo	-	Present	Trustee Repa	-	Present

Quorum Established

Also present was Clerk Larson and Highway Supervisor Kula

**Public Comment**

None

**Reports**

Trustee Kearby inquired about the Amazon account held by the Highway Department and if it was a government account rather than a personal account. Highway Supervisor Kula confirmed that it was a business account specifically for government.

Clerk Larson thanked Isaac Martinez for his assistance in preparing the annual budget ordinance.

Supervisor Bauman noted for the record that the annual postal carrier food pickup would take place in support of the Township Food Pantry. She thanked Highway Supervisor Kula for his assistance with food collection.

A MOTION to approve the reports as presented.

Motion: Dobrow Second: Loffredo

All in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carries.



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**New Business**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes as Presented

A MOTION to approve the April 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Dobrow Second: Repa

Trustee Kearby noted that she was absent from the meeting but one page indicated she had abstained from voting on an item. Clerk Larson noted the correction. The motion was amended to approve the minutes as corrected.

Motion: Kearby Second: Repa

Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE		
Trustee Dobrow	-	AYE	Trustee Kearby	- AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	- AYE

Motion carries.

2. Approval of Monthly Bills as Presented

A MOTION to approve the bills as presented.

Motion: Dobrow Second: Loffredo

Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE		
Trustee Dobrow	-	AYE	Trustee Kearby	- AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	ABSENT	Trustee Repa	- AYE

Motion carries.

3. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Township Budget

A MOTION to approve the budget as presented.

Motion: Dobrow Second: Repa

Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE		
Trustee Dobrow	-	AYE	Trustee Kearby	- AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	- AYE

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4. A Proposal For Consulting Services Year 20 MS4 Compliance

Highway Supervisor Kula presented an update on the MS4 compliance program.

No action was taken at this time.

5. A proposal for Street Sign Purchases

Highway Supervisor Kula provided quotes for street signs in need of replacing to be brought into compliance. He introduced the bids and explained the two types of signs needed to be replaced. He provided a recommendation to the board on which quotes were most cost effective.

Supervisor Bauman asked if there was a due date for replacing older street signs.

Supervisor Kula noted that there is no due date.

A MOTION to approve the quotes as presented.

Motion:	Kearby		Second:	Repa	
Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE			
Trustee Dobrow	-	AYE	Trustee Kearby	-	AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	-	AYE

Motion carries.

6. Township property as 0 Hainesville Road

Supervisor Bauman introduced this item. She would like to formally explore options for utilization of the property.

General discussion about the possibilities was had.

Trustee Repa noted that the Township should consider all of the options prior to taking action.

Supervisor Bauman suggested a possible use as a community garden or other open space type initiative.

Trustee Kearby noted that a lack of access to the property was an issue.



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7. Avon Accountability Committee

Trustee Kearby introduced the item. The committee would fulfill the role of the finance committee, and advisory committee and meet the requirements of the Decennial Committee.

Significant discussion related to the size and membership of the committee ensued.

Further discussion ensued related to the scope and powers of the committee.

The membership of the committee was adjusted to include two members of the board and up to five members of the community at the sole discretion of the Supervisor. Supervisor Bauman and Trustee Repa would serve as the board members of the committee.

A date of May 31, 2023 at 6:00pm was set for the initial meeting.

A MOTION to form the Avon Accountability Committee as amended.

Motion:	Kearby	Second:	Repa		
Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE			
Trustee Dobrow	-	AYE	Trustee Kearby	-	AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	-	AYE

Motion carries.

8. Pride Week Lawn Display

Clerk Larson introduced the item. She would like to put up a pride display honoring the PFlag Pride Parade and LGBTQ+ Center Lake County PrideFest both being hosted within Avon Township this year. Clerk Larson thanked the Supervisor for the inspiration and leadership on using a lawn display supporting

Discussion on the type and content of the display ensued.

A MOTION authorizing the Clerk to set up a Pride Display on the front lawn.

Motion: Dobrow Second:Repa

Supervisor Bauman noted her concerns about Juneteenth and Pride and one standing out more than another, and how these related to other situations or events taking place. She expressed her concerns about how the board would handle requests from the public in the future. She also shared public feedback about the pinwheel display.



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Trustee Kearby asked to review related to flags and displays.

Trustee Dobrow suggested we take items on a case by case basis and noted that in the interest of time we should vote on the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Bauman	-	ABSTAIN			
Trustee Dobrow	-	AYE	Trustee Kearby	-	AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	-	AYE

Motion carries.

**Executive Session**

A MOTION to enter into executive session for:

1. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) employment, compensation, performance of a specific employee
2. Review of Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Motion:	Kearby		Second:	Dobrow	
Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE			
Trustee Dobrow	-	AYE	Trustee Kearby	-	AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	-	AYE

Motion carries.

The board entered executive session at 8:08 pm.

A MOTION to return from Executive Session

Motion:	Dobrow		Second:	Repa	
Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE			
Trustee Dobrow	-	AYE	Trustee Kearby	-	AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	-	AYE

Motion carries.



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The board returned from executive session at 8:19pm.

3. Approval of Supervisor and GA Staff Salaries for 2023-2024

A MOTION approving the salary of Issac Martinez at an hourly rate of \$24.20.

Motion:	Kearby		Second:	Dobrow	
Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE			
Trustee Dobrow	-	AYE	Trustee Kearby	-	AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	-	AYE

Motion carries.

4. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes

a. April 11, 2023

A MOTION to approve the meeting minutes without release.

Motion:	Dobrow		Second:	Repa	
Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE			
Trustee Dobrow	-	AYE	Trustee Kearby	-	AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	-	AYE

Motion carries.



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**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

A MOTION to adjourn.

Motion: Bauman Second: Loffredo

All in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carries by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.