



**AVON TOWNSHIP – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

433 E. Washington St. Round Lake Park, IL 60073

October 10th, 2023 – 7:00pm

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Quorum Established

Also, present Supervisor Office Assistant Pacheco, Assessor Brust, and Highway Supervisor Kula. Office Assistant Pacheco will be taking minutes for Avon Township this evening.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Reports

Supervisor Bauman talks about the September Regular Board Meeting controversy on what Trustee Repa's email is asking for on an agenda item. Copies of the email were provided to trustees. There was no discussion with action mentioned in the email. Trustee Repa responded he will make sure clarification will be done in the future. He also stated the need for communication by the supervisor. Trustee Repa asks trustees and supervisor to reach out for clarification on agenda items moving forward. Supervisor Bauman says Trustee Repa did not confirm what she thought about replacing the vacant Trustee position before placing item on the agenda. Highway Supervisor Kula says he will be observing the repaving on

D. Approval of 23-RS-013 IMRF resolution relating to the termination of participation for the Clerks position.

A MOTION to approve by Trustee Repa and seconded by Trustee Loffredo to approve 23RS-013 IMRF resolution relating to the termination of participation for the Clerks position.

Trustee Repa makes note that Clerk contacted trustees and recommended this change.

Motion: Repa

Second: Loffredo

Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	-	AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE			

Motion Approved.

E. Approval of Avon Township Highway Department Parking Lot Bid Award to Chicagoland, paid in the amount, not to exceed \$87,500.

Supervisor Bauman asked Highway Department Supervisor Kula to comment on the Parking Lot Bid. Highway Department Supervisor Kula reported that he is recommending the approval of the bid for this Fall and remainder of the project would be done in the Spring.

A MOTION to approve by Trustee Repa and seconded by Trustee Loffredo to approve of Avon Township Highway Department Parking Lot Bid Award to Chicagoland, paid in the amount, not to exceed \$87,500.

Motion: Repa

Second: Loffredo

Supervisor Bauman	-	AYE	Trustee Repa	-	AYE
Trustee Loffredo	-	AYE			

F. Approval of purchase Zero-Turn Mower.

The Highway Department Supervisor says this mower will replace the one used for the cemetery. Asks approval for "grower"; We have used this company in the past, and it is the lowest bid.

A MOTION to approve by Trustee Loffredo and seconded by Trustee Repa to approve the purchase of the Zero-Turn Mower.

Motion: Loffredo

Second: Repa

Supervisor Bauman - AYE Trustee Repa - AYE
Trustee Loffredo - AYE

G. Approval of CY2024IGA with the Village of Third Lake.

The Highway Department Supervisor says it's another year's contract for Public Works activities for work provided for Third Lake. Trustee Loffredo asked for clarification on equipment owned by Third Lake and the areas under the Third Lake jurisdiction and Avon Township jurisdiction.

A MOTION to approve by Trustee Repa and seconded by Trustee Loffredo to approve CY2024IGA with the Village of Third Lake.

Motion: Repa Second: Loffredo

Supervisor Bauman - AYE Trustee Repa - AYE
Trustee Loffredo - AYE

H. Discussion and possible action to fill the vacancy of township trustee.

Supervisor Bauman read a prepared statement regarding a policy for replacing an elected Board member. Her written statement is included in the minutes.

Trustee Repa responded noting there is no policy in place but there is a State Law that determines the replacement of Trustees. He also noted that informing the Trustees about possible others that were interested in being considered for the job and asking for clarification on agenda items did not happen. He stated he was in favor of interviewing any person wanting to be on board.

Further discussion was held regarding comparisons to the Finance Committee appointment structure and an open Trustee position. Included were discussions on the lack of communication.

Supervisor Bauman asked if Trustee Repa would agree to accept application and hear everyone that was interested in the position. Trustee Repa stated we should follow what the other Townships do. He would be interested in hearing from anyone that was interested in the position, a possible policy and alignment with State Law. He was fine for waiting until Trustees were all on the same page.

Trustee Loffredo noted they didn't have time to be on the same page because they have 60 days then it goes to the electors to decide. He also noted that one of the people that expressed interest in the position during the last board meeting was not present at today's meeting.

Robin Allbee was asked to make a statement of her desire to be considered for the open Trustee position.

VII. Executive Session

No Executive Session.

VIII. Public Comment – Public Comment shall be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

Travis Haley, Round Lake Beach, makes a comment stating his past work with the Township and his attendance at meetings. He looks forward to working with everyone and he insists he is not a political operative.

Justin Kaechele, Grayslake, makes a public comment stating someone communicated to the board they were interested in trustee position, but a board member claims no one communicated that to him despite being at the meeting. He does not know how those two things can be true at once.

IX. Member's Remarks

No member remarks.

X. Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Trustee Repa and Seconded by Trustee Loffredo to adjourn at 7:43pm.

Motion: Repa

Second: Loffredo

All in favor, AYE.