

Town of Avon
Annual Town Meeting
Avon Town Hall – April 20, 2021

The annual meeting for the Town of Avon was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at the Avon Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Gregg Wartgow at 7:00 p.m. and all present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – Gregg Wartgow stated he'd like Village Powers added to the agenda. Jeff Border motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Village Powers. Bob Brown seconded the motion.

Minutes of 2020 Meeting – Stephanie Schwartzlow read both the April 21st and May 12th 2020 minutes. Terry Crum motioned to approve the 2020 minutes with a second by Jenny Border.

Approval of Financial Statements – Stephanie Schwartzlow had the Financial Statements available for the citizens. Bonnie Moore asked why the Perpetual Care Account decreased from the previous year. Stephanie Schwartzlow stated that we had signs made for the cemeteries with the rules based on the ordinance. Stephanie Schwartzlow also explained that Legal Fee consist of our Town Lawyer and the Wescott Lawyer and that the PILT payment we receive from the DNR has gone up slightly. Some questions from the citizens during this time were; Jenny Border asked if we could look into more grant money. Gregg Wartgow said this will be covered at our May monthly meeting because we have an opportunity with our incoming Constable to explore this option. Jenny Border also asked why the former Chairperson isn't running the meeting. Bonnie Moore asked when does the new board take office. Stephanie Schwartzlow said the 3rd Tuesday of April which is today. Bonnie Moore commented that is why. Gregg Wartgow explained that in an election year based on State Statue the person who is Chairperson is eligible to run the annual meeting and Mike Moore has politely declined. With no further comments or questions Debbie Jean Niedermeier – Wartgow made a motion to approve the Financial Statements of 2020 with a second by Jenny Border.

Set Date for 2022 Meeting - State Statue date is the third Tuesday of April which is the 19th. Darla Deems made a motion to hold the Annual Meeting for the Town of Avon on April 19th of 2022 with a second by Jack Deems.

Postpone Budget portion – Darla Deems made a motion to postpone the budget portion to a later date. Jenny Border seconded the motion.

Road Funds – Gregg Wartgow explained that there is no Statutory reason to have road funds on the agenda we will listen and take it under advisement. Terry Crum would like the center ditch with in the village to be completed. Several citizens asked if outside contractors could be considered for road work instead of using the county. Questions were asked about patching and repairing some of our roads and what drainage work is. After citizens made their comments regarding the roads Jenny Border made a motion to move onto the next agenda item with a second by Jack Deems.

Village Powers – Gregg Wartgow explained that with a new board taking office, it would be a good idea to give the board village powers. He read the village powers definition from the WTA handbook. Jenny

Border made a motion to approve the adoption of Village Powers in Resolution No 2021-02. Darla Deems seconded the motion. Public Comment was opened before the vote. Bonnie Moore would like examples of why village powers is needed and what has happened that it is now needed. Gregg Wartgow commented so that we can protect our citizens when needed and with a new board coming aboard this is a good time to adopt the village powers. With no further questions or comments a vote was taken based on raised hands. There were 20 electors present. 18 Ayes, 0 naves, 1 Abstain, 1 not voting. The Ayes took the vote and Village Powers was approved.

Elector Input - Bob Brown asked about the appointment of Supervisor #1. Stephanie Schwartzlow stated she has a letter that will be published in the Brodhead papers and our website regarding the appointment. Dennis Blaser stated he'd like to see more Avon items in the Free Press. Peg Albrecht asked about getting the screens on the window fixed so they can be opened. Stephanie Schwartzlow stated she will check with Ace Hardware in Orfordville. There were several citizens commenting for and against opening the roads to the ATV/UTV usage. The idea was given to form a committee to hammer out some of the issues so that meetings aren't taken up by this issue to be respectful to everyone's time.

With no further comments Terry Crum made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Jack Deems. Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephanie Schwartzlow

Avon Town Clerk