

**AVON TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
433 E. Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL 60073  
Monday – August 10, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:07 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

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

Also in attendance are Clerk Kearby, Highway Commissioner Bob Kula, and Attorney Dietz

4. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee DeLaMar to approve the July 13, 2015 General Meeting minutes.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee DeLaMar to approve the July 27, 2015 Special Board Meeting minutes.

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

5. Public Participation (on agenda items only)

Patrick Duby thanked the Board for putting item 10 on the agenda. Noted the failure of the Assessor to uphold the responsibilities of his office, not adhering to the budget approved by the Board and not being available for public comments or questions.

Georgeann Duberstein captioned going to a referendum to solve the budget issues of the Township and recommended lowering salaries and controlling operation expenses.

Doug Williams applauded the Board for dealing with such difficult issues. He noted the continuous threats of lawsuits should not deter the Board from doing what was right and not stop them from a censure.

6. Reports:

a) Supervisor Rusch presented a written report highlighting smoking ban, Diaper program, Budget classes, Touch-a-Truck and other activities throughout the month. An update was presented on building repairs, parking lot and computer upgrades.

b) Assessor Ditton submitted a written report and was read by Supervisor Rusch. Trustee DeLaMar asked if he was coming to give the report himself. Supervisor Rusch said no. Concluding the reading of the report, Supervisor Rusch noted that she could not answer any questions and to call the Assessor's office.

c) Commissioner Kula noted the number of calls and activities throughout the month. He highlighted the support he and his team were providing for the areas hit by the tornado. There has been a lot of damage and the team has devoted everyday helping our surrounding areas and helped recruit other city highway department crews for their support.

d) Clerk Kearby presented a written report noting the work completed over the summer establishing a long term, sustainable filing system to assist the correct and appropriate maintenance of records. Also noted all files are labeled with a date to petition to destroy files according to State regulations.

e) Trustees as necessary: Trustee Larson reported that he has not been able to discuss other options for picking up diapers. He also noted the Sixth Annual Unmask the Violence Gala by A Safe Place on October 16 in Mundelein.

7. Resolution 2015-8-10 AD

A motion was made by Trustee DeLaMar and seconded by Trustee Larson to approve Resolution 2015-8-10AD.

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

8. Bill Payment

A motion was made by Trustee DeLaMar and seconded by Trustee Larson to approve the prepaid bills.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee DeLaMar to approve the outstanding bills.

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

9. Discussion: Finance - Referendum

Communication was provided to the Board regarding the revenues for options requested by the Board. The item was tabled without objection.

10. Censure request from Public – Discussion and Action on Resolution

Supervisor Rusch read an email regarding possible action or discussion of a censure. She noted the continued threats.

A motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Supervisor Rusch to approve the Censure.

Discussion: Clerk Kearby noted that the Censure was reviewed for any possible breach in the agreement. Attorney noted that that was correct. Trustee Larson noted the facts, the record and the public's discontent are more succinct and delineated in the Censure. Lisa Rusch read the Censure to the public. Trustee DeLaMar noted concerns that we spend Township money on attorneys instead of the work of the Township. She is not defending the Assessor.

Trustee deGroh – absent  
Trustee Larson – aye

Trustee DeLaMar – aye  
Supervisor Rusch – aye

Trustee McNeill – absent  
Motion Carries

- 11. Old Business - none
- 12. New Business - none
- 13. Public Comment

Jeanne Kearby speaking as a citizen noted how difficult this decision and action has been. Also noting that we have been unsuccessful getting other press to cover this issue except for Gene.

Jim Denomie – Noted that with the weather problems, we have not heard anything in the press about Hainesville in the press. He did contact the Daily Herald. He also asked if there was a reason the Assessor was not at the meeting. Supervisor Rusch said she was not told and Clerk Kearby noted that she was not told.

- 14. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee DeLaMar to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries by acclamation.

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