

**Meeting Minutes: February 13, 2017**  
**Avon Township General Meeting**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance *lead by Rhaya Montoya*
3. Roll Call

<i>Bill McNeill</i>	<i>present</i>	<i>Chris Larson</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Cathy deGroh</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Lisa DeLaMar</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Lisa Rusch</i>	<i>Present</i>		

*Also in attendance: Attorney Jerry Dietz*

*Quorum was met.*

4. Public Participation on agenda items only.  
*Jim DiDonato of the Round Lake Area Public Library was present to publically thank Avon Township for their grant towards their iPads. He then demonstrated them for the board and those in attendance.*
5. Speaker: Rhaya Montoya - Grayslake North High School  
*Rhaya is participating in the American Legion Oratorical Competition in Peoria, and gave us a preview of her speech.*
6. Approval of Minutes:  
*No meeting minutes were available to be approved.*
7. Reports:
  - a. Supervisor Rusch  
*Report was read with the key points being the Together Summit she attended. The Diaper Program continues to grow. Continuing talks with the LCCTSC regarding the future of transportation in Lake County.*
  - b. Highway Commissioner Kula  
*Since Commissioner Kula was not present, Supervisor Rusch read his report.*
  - c. Assessor Ditton  
*Assessor Ditton read his report. One of the key points was that he and Deputy Assessor Robin Vidone-O'Donnell attended a meeting regarding the transferring of computer programs they would be using. Also that they had completed their Board of Review hearings.*
  - d. Clerk Kearby  
*Since Clerk Kearby was not present, Supervisor Rusch gave an overview on her report.*
  - e. Trustees (committee reports) – As necessary  
*none*

8. Meeting Date Ordinance 2017-2-13 Meeting  
*Trustee Larson made a motion to approve the Meeting Date Ordinance*  
*Trustee McNeill seconded the motion*

<i>Bill McNeill</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Chris Larson</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Cathy deGroh</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Lisa DeLaMar</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Lisa Rusch</i>	<i>aye</i>		

*Motion carried – Meeting Date Ordinance 2017-2-13 passed.*

9. Transfer Resolution 2017-2-13 Town  
*Trustee Larson made a motion to approve the Transfer Resolution*  
*Senior Trustee McNeill seconded the motion*

*Discussion:*

*Trustee Larson questioned why the Highway Commissioner's office was paying for the legal portion of the bill that was tied to the Petition Challenges. He stated that the petition hearings were not under the Highway Department's jurisdiction, therefore he did not approve that the Highway Department Pay for any portion. Supervisor Rusch stated that Highway Commissioner Kula agreed to pay a portion of the bill. Trustee Larson stated that it still wasn't for his department to pay. Trustee McNeill stated that if Town had the funds, then Town should pay for it.*

*Trustee Larson amended his motion, to move all of the transfer funds from the 2017-2-13 HWY to the Transfer Resolution 2017-2-13 Town.*

*Trustee McNeill seconded the motion*

<i>Bill McNeill</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Chris Larson</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Cathy deGroh</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Lisa DeLaMar</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Lisa Rusch</i>	<i>aye</i>		

*Supervisor Rusch did not agree, but wanted it noted that the only reason she was voting yes was to get the bill paid, and she felt that since Highway Commissioner Kula agreed, it should have gone through.*

*Motion carried to approve Transfer Resolution 2017-2-13 as amended.*

10. Transfer Resolution 2017-2-13 GA

*Trustee McNeill made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2017-2-13 GA*

*Trustee Larson seconded the motion*

<i>Bill McNeill</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Chris Larson</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Cathy deGroh</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Lisa DeLaMar</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Lisa Rusch</i>	<i>aye</i>		

*Motion carried to approve Transfer Resolution 2017-2-13 GA*

11. Transfer Resolution 2017-2-13 Assessor

*Trustee Larson made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2017-2-13 Assessor*

*Trustee McNeill seconded the motion*

<i>Bill McNeill</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Chris Larson</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Cathy deGroh</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Lisa DeLaMar</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Lisa Rusch</i>	<i>aye</i>		

*Motion carried to approve Transfer Resolution 2017-2-13 Assessor*

12. Transfer Resolution 2017-2-13 HWY

*No motion was called – Transfer Resolution did not pass*

13. Discussion and possible action on statutory changes to the Travel Policy update

*Tabled until the next meeting.*

14. Bill Payment

a. Prepaid Bills

*Trustee Larson made a motion to approved the Prepaid Bills*

*Trustee McNeill seconded the motion*

<i>Bill McNeill</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Chris Larson</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Cathy deGroh</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Lisa DeLaMar</i>	<i>absent</i>	<i>Lisa Rusch</i>	<i>aye</i>		

*Motion carried to approved the prepaid bills*

b. Outstanding Bills

*Trustee Larson made a motion to approve the prepaid Bills*

*Trustee McNeill seconded the motion*

*Trustee Larson asked that line item 5-40-521 \$5249.48 be moved to 5-10-521*

*Supervisor Rusch once again stated that she is approving only so that the bills get paid, but she still does not agree with the move.*

*Bill McNeill            aye                    Chris Larson    aye            Cathy deGroh   absent*

*Lisa DeLaMar        absent                    Lisa Rusch       aye*

*Trustee McNeill amended the motion to ask that line item 5-40-521 be moved to line item 5-10-521*

15. Old Business

*Trustee Larson asked if there were any updates on the Cell Tower. Supervisor Rusch stated she had a conference call to iron out the details on March 3, and would let the board know at the March meeting how it went.*

16. New Business

17. Public Participation

*Ann Bidwell of Highland Lake in Grayslake asked if the township was seeing an increase in assistance with programs being taken away at the state level. Supervisor Rusch stated that the township was helping with other sources, such as an increase in the diaper program, or the essentials program.*

*Ron Jarvis of Grayslake wanted to voice his concern over the petition challenges. His name appeared on one of the lists and he said that that was wrong because he has been a registered voter in Avon Township since he was 18 years of age.*

*Travis Haley of Grayslake voiced his concerns over the fact that several documents were missing from the website. Among them the current minutes and the minutes from the levy meetings. Supervisor Rusch did inform Mr. Haley that current minutes will never be up on the website immediately after a meeting, because they have to be approved at a meeting before they can be published.*

18. Adjournment

*Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*