

REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call: Commissioner Mahon, Mayor Magrini
Absent: Commissioner Gorman**

Borough Clerk reads the following statement:

This is a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea and notice of time, date and place has been transmitted to the area newspapers, Avon Board of Education, Avon Public Library and the Avon Post Office in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Open Public Meetings Law.

Fire Exits are located in the direction I am indicating. In case of fire, you will be notified by an alarm bell. If so notified, please move in a calm, orderly manner to the nearest smoke free exit. Thank you.

Mayor introduced new Assemblyman Ned Thomson, replacing David Rible. He encouraged anyone who needs help to call his office.

Motion by Mahon seconded by Magrini that the minutes of the meeting of September 11, 2017 be approved as written.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea formally approves the grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the improvements to the Municipal Parking Lot and Poole Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2018 Avon-By-The-Sea 00362 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea is a member of the Monmouth Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2017 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

- 1. The Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea agrees to renew its membership in the Monmouth Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the bylaws, rules and regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.**
- 2. The Mayor and Administrator shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Monmouth Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.**

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea has received a grant of \$472,750.00 from the State of New Jersey and wishes to amend its 2017 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$472,750.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:

NJ DEP Nonpoint Pollution Control Grant pursuant to provisions of Statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$472,750.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Operations Excluded from 5% CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-Set by Revenues:

NJ DEP Nonpoint Pollution Control Grant – Other Expenses

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward two copies of this Resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea has received a grant of \$281,750.00 from the State of New Jersey and wishes to amend its 2017 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$281,750.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:

NJ Green Acres Stewardship Grant pursuant to provisions of Statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$281,750.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Operations Excluded from 5% CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-Set by Revenues:

NJ Green Acres Stewardship Grant -

Other Expenses

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward two copies of this Resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

Kerry McGuigan, Administrator stated that summaries of the two grants are available in the Borough Office. Both grants are for improving the area along Sylvan Lake.

Mrs. Farmer from Lakeside Ave. asked when the work will begin. Kerry said that we are still in the process of gaining approvals – possibly by the spring of 2018.

Comm. Mahon said that we are happy to be moving forward with the lake project and improving the condition of the lake.

Mr. Piazza asked if the drainage valves have been fixed since Sandy. Yes. RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that Ronald J. Troppoli is hereby appointed as Alternate Public Defender for a one year term at a rate of \$225.00 per session.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Magrini seconded by Mahon that the bills in the amount of \$804,321.07 be approved for payment.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

Mayor asks if anyone would like to be heard?

Charlie Rooney, Engineer – said the lane improvement project will begin this Thursday and be done in 3-4 weeks. Kerry said the contractors will be working from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. There will be two sets of notices given to residents.

Mr. Solomita asked why Chapter 159's exist? Kerry said that because the grant money is entering this year's operating budget after the initial budget amount was adopted.

Mr. Piazza asked about the weekend parking? Mayor said that they are looking into ways to handling the dilemma, but it is hard to manage the traffic of a public road.

Wally French – asked about those who are going to the beach? Mayor urges caution, with over 100 rescues and multiple drowning this weekend in Monmouth County. Comm. Mahon said it is difficult to budget enough money to stall the beaches in late Sept. Chief Mahon said that it is a liability with skeleton crews, the Police Dept. has been monitoring beach activity.

Mr. Piazza complained about the snow removal techniques. Mayor said he would discuss with Scott Hauselt, DPW Supt.

Motion by Magrini seconded by Mahon that being there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

John B. Magrini, Mayor

Robert Mahon, Commissioner

Marc Freda, Acting Borough Clerk