

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 26, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner McGovern, Commissioner Gorman, Mayor Mahon

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.

Motion by Gorman seconded by Mahon that the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2015 be approved as written.

The Vote:

Aye: All (Comm. McGovern absent)

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by McGovern seconded by Mahon that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the cancellation of 2015 water/sewer charges for the following accounts:

Block 21 Lot 3	41 Norwood Ave.	Demo	\$175.00
Block 21 Lot 3	41 Norwood Ave. (R)	Demo	\$350.00
Block 32 Lot 4.02	325 Garfield Ave.	Demo	\$315.08
Block 52 Lot 2	112 Second Ave.	Demo	\$ 87.50

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by McGovern seconded by Mahon that the Board of Commissioners hereby award the contract for the paving of the Public Works yard to Halecon, Bridgewater, NJ, for the low quote amount of \$32,200.00.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

PROCLAMATION offered by Mahon seconded by McGovern that,

WHEREAS, Aida D'Avella will celebrate her 100th Birthday on November 11, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Aida has been a resident of Avon-By-The-Sea for the past 67 years, having purchased property on Lincoln Avenue in 1948 and building her home in 1959, and

WHEREAS, Aida and her family spent summers here until making it their full time home upon retirement in 1975, and

WHEREAS, Aida has been a member of the Avon Leisure Citizens for many years, was a member of the Concerned Citizen's Group, and is an active parishioner of St. Elizabeth's Church,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea declare November 11, 2015 as Aida D'Avella Day in the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this proclamation along with a key to the Borough be presented to Aida D'Avella.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

Mr. Gallagher – at the last town meeting, Mr. January questioned the Monmouth County Tax Board Reassessment Program. After the meeting, we did some research and sent letter out to the people doing our assessment telling them to cease & desist until we get this squared away. The Mayor sent a letter to the County Tax Board on Oct. 16th, asking them to suspend program until it could be completely investigated and possibly look at how program was being run, because it is very inequitable to everybody. They're mandated to do 95% changes to all tax assessments in town, so it's not just 20% that gets changed, they're changing 95% of all assessments every year. We have not heard back from the Tax Board yet, but they did state in the newspaper that they are not going to suspend the program.

RESOLUTION offered by Gorman seconded by McGovern authorizing the Mayor and Commissioners to sign the letter that is going to be sent to the Department of the Treasury, Division of Taxation, State of NJ, asking them to look into the assessment program. (Mr. Gallagher read letter).

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Gorman seconded by McGovern that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorize Barry A. Cooke, the Municipal Attorney, to commence litigation against the Monmouth County Board of Taxation by way of an Order to Show Cause seeking temporary and permanent restraints excluding the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea from participating in Monmouth County Assessment Demonstration Program.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

Motion by McGovern seconded by Gorman that the bills in the amount of \$447,961.98 be approved for payment.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

Mayor asks if anyone would like to be heard?

Some more discussion on summer issues.

Motion by McGovern seconded by Gorman that being there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

Robert Mahon, Mayor

Robert P. McGovern, Commissioner

Francis E. Gorman, Commissioner

**Timothy M. Gallagher, RMC
Borough Clerk**