

REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Gorman, Mayor Magrini

Absent: Commissioner 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 Magrini that the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2017 be approved as written.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Magrini seconded by Gorman that,

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2017 entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF AVON-BY-THE-SEA, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, KNOWN AS SOUTH STATION AVENUE.”

be introduced on first reading.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

Motion by Gorman seconded by Magrini that the above Ordinance No. 10-2017 be taken up on second reading with a hearing on December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Gorman seconded by Magrini that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract between the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea and the Associated Humane Societies for animal control services for the year 2018.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Gorman seconded by Magrini that the following people be appointed as Class II Special Police Officers for next year.

Kevin Gutierrez, Alex Delutio, Fidencio Flores, Kellie Moran, Ryan Gibson
The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

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

Block 50 Lot 15	210 Riverside Ave.	Erroneous	\$145.82
Block 51 Lot 9.01	108 Washington Ave. (F)	Demo	\$145.82
Block 12 Lot 9	415 Norwood Ave. (F)	Demo	\$137.46

The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

Motion by Magrini seconded by Gorman that the bills in the amount of \$1,941,943.91 be approved for payment.

The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

Department Head reports:

Scott – Closed bathrooms on boardwalk earlier than usual due to cold weather. He also mentioned leaf pickup has been extended to December 15th.

Frank – asked if Turkey Trot was notified the bathrooms were closed?
Scott – Yes.

Mayor – Does it make sense to have trash collection 2x a week in the offseason?

Scott – Does not make sense to make the changes for just a few months a year as it would cause a lot of confusion. In addition, garbage collection would take more than half the day on Monday if Thursday collection was cancelled. Also, important to remember the commercial district along Main Street. The restaurants need garbage collection twice a week.

Mr. French – likes the recycling posters Scott and DPW has posted throughout town.

Scott- the posters are from his recycling coordinator class. Also suggests updating website recycling information.

Sheila Watson – would like to coordinate the recycling information in the Library’s monthly newsletter.

Karl – shut outside water off due to freezing nighttime temperatures.

Scottie Franklin – appreciates Karl’s hard work.

Charley Rooney – Lane project moving well. Did have water service rupture, but it was fixed in a couple hours. Project hopefully to be completed by Tuesday.

Mayor- In case the project is still ongoing by Thanksgiving, would like to have trucks moved out of the way for families hosting Thanksgiving.

Charley – might be difficult, however, the milling machine (which is the biggest) is already gone.

Sheila W. -thanked everyone for voting for the Library Construction Bond Act allowing the Library to get into compliance with their access into the building. Everything else is going well.

Kerry- State is doing a study on the Main Street Rt. 71 Bridge. Some surveys have already gone out to local business & property owners along Main Street. Directed citizens with any questions to contact Steve Kegelman in the Borough Office.

Mayor- important to have feedback.

Frank – wants to oppose replacing the bridge. Concerned with historical value of the bridge, citing an award given to the bridge back in the 1930s.

Kerry- it is a 5 year study so it will be best to wait and see what the results of the initial survey are.

Barry- has nothing new to add.

Mayor asks if anyone would like to be heard?

Mayor – brings up the need to review the Master Plan for the town.

Barry- suggests to have a professional come in and evaluate Main Street, create development zones. He emphasizes that it is a technical process...Must start by interviewing planners and finding one who understands the town's needs.

Mayor- asks how we can fund the project.

Kerry- we can at least interview without encumbering any costs.

Frank- would like the Master Plan to look at all zoning issues in town.

Charley- the town does have options, can elect to make them major or small changes, but the master plan must be updated.

Frank- wants the changes to be lasting and cost-efficient.

Mayor- wants to protect and renovate the town maximizing resources to make long lasting improvements.

Ms. Kenny- how is N End of Main Street Zoned?

Frank- Commercial.

Mayor- important for us to begin working on the initial steps.

Mayor- brings up the Living Shore Line. No plans are set, only put in place a proposal in order to receive grant money.

Kerry- At the special meeting on Tuesday night, once residents understood the plans were not set, but only proposals they seemed more receptive.

Mayor- How do we maintain the Living Shore Line?

Scott- under the impression it was simple to maintain and confident it will work.

Mayor- would like winter access to the lake for the public.

Mr. Mazout- asked about the stone being proposed to be place on 2nd and 4th.

Mayor & Scott- believe they are plants called bioswales.

Ms. Kenny- asked about the police blotter in the Coast Star.

Frank- Police blotter is left to the discretion of the Chief, typically only includes arrests.

Ms. Kenny – thanked Public Works for their hard work in cleaning up the fall brush.

Mayor- Mentioned having public interest in Beach Lockers...He admits he likes the idea but understands it may be hard to maintain and can be costly. Wants to know if the public wants the lockers and confirmed that he wants them to be revenue neutral.

Mr. Mazouat- would these lockers be open to the public or just Avon citizens?

Mayor- would like to provide these lockers to Avon residents.

Mr. French- Warns the Board of Commissioners to not underestimate the locker costs and also stressed his belief that they will be unattractive.

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

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

John B. Magrini, Mayor

Francis E. Gorman, Commissioner

Marc Freda, Borough Clerk