



Avon Town Council Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2023 @7:00 pm
In-person at Avon Town Hall - 6570 E US 36 - Avon, IN 46123

1/12/2023 - Minutes

1. Start Of Meeting

Roll Call was taken by Julie Loker, Clerk Treasurer. Council members present were Robert Pope, Steve Eisenbarth, Dawn Lowden, Greg Zusan & Tim Roberts.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1. January 12, 2023 Check Register

Steve Eisenbarth made a motion to accept as presented, Tim Roberts second the motion. Roll call taken and motion passed 5-0.

2.2. Approval Of Minutes - December 15th, 2022

Steve Eisenbarth made a motion to accept as presented, Tim Roberts second the motion. Roll call taken and motion passed 5-0.

3. Public Comment

No Comments

4. Department Updates

Chief of Police, Sean Stoops – Three new officers have completed their basic training and are slated to go to ILEA in May. The police merit board has a vacancy to fill. Just completed the most recent hiring event, background checks have started on the fourteen candidates and the department has 5 vacancies to fill. Over 15,000 calls for service in 2022.

Senior Planner, Ian Loera - Three items on Jan 23rd Plan Comm. Meeting. Nothing for BZA in January. Interviews have taken place for GIS/Code Enforcement.

Building Commissioner, Mike Tulli- Gave copy of Dec 2022 report to council. Building permit revenue was over 536K. Completed over 18,000 field inspections in 2022.

Public Works Director – Steve Moore - Stormwater Ordinance updates are coming. Community Crossings Grant submission is coming up, we are applying for a couple projects we want to complete. 100s reconstruction – signs are installed, other finish work will be done in the spring. Raceway/100N roundabout planning is ongoing. Stormwater bills went out for the quarter.

Communication Director, Jared Wade – Introduced Angel Gino-Gino as our newest Town employee in the MarComm Department. Office 365 conversion is going well and almost complete. Code and Ordinances are now online on our website and updated monthly.

Parks Director, Shelby Marshall- Speaker at Tuesday’s Citizens Academy Class. All events are scheduled for the year and are on our website. Parks Dept has coordinated with Dep. Chief Nugent to train staff on the Project Lifesaver equipment to assist APD should they need it in our Parks throughout Town. Next event is BingGlow.

Clerk Treasurer, Julie Loker – Closed out 2022, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Selch is working on W2’s and Treasurer Loker has started the Annual Financial Report.

5. Council Comment And Liaison Reports

Dawn Lowden – Nothing to report

Steve Eisenbarth - Welcomed new staff

Robert Pope - Looking forward to getting to work, a Happy New Year to all

Tim Roberts – Nothing to report

Greg Zusan – Attended the 12/20 Plan Commission meeting, Attended Chief Dan Smith’s retirement from the Fire Department Open House, Attended January 3rd Township Board Meeting where they asked for a waiver for the selection of a Fire Chief.

6. New Business

6.1. Election Of Council Officers

Steve Eisenbarth nominated Robert Pope to be Council President

Roll Call taken:

Dawn Lowden – FOR

Greg Zusan – FOR

Steve Eisenbarth – FOR

Robert Pope – FOR

Tim Roberts – ABSTAIN

Dawn Lowden nominated Tim Roberts for Vice President

Greg Zusan nominated Greg Zusan for Vice President

Roll Call taken first for Tim Roberts

Dawn Lowden – FOR

Greg Zusan – AGAINST

Robert Pope – AGAINST

Tim Roberts – FOR

Steve Eisenbarth – FOR

6.2. **Board And Committee Appointments**

RDC: Bob Culler, Jason Tuttle, Dave Kauffman appointed by President Robert Pope for 1yr term

Robert Pope made a motion to appoint Bill Reed to the RDC. Steve Eisenbarth second the motion. Roll Call taken and passed 5-0

Robert Pope made a motion to appoint Jason Wynn to the RDC. Greg Zusan second the motion. Roll Call taken and motion passed 5-0

Plan Commission: Mason Pike & Jennifer Spencer appointed by President Robert Pope for a 4yr term.

Robert Pope made a motion to appoint Bill Reed, Greg Zusan & Dave Kauffman.

Steve Eisenbarth second the motion. Roll Call taken and motion passed 5-0

Greg Zusan made a recommendation to appoint Brianna Moss & Grant Niemeyer to be back ups for

PC, Ryan Cannon will reach out to them

BZA: Marcus Turner & Kathryn Ransburg appointed by President Robert Pope

Economic Development Commission: Robert Pope made a motion to appoint Stan Albaugh to the commission. Steve Eisenbarth second the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Dawn Lowden – FOR

Steve Eisenbarth – FOR

Robert Pope – FOR

Greg Zusan – ABSTAIN

Tim Roberts – ABSTAIN

Robert Pope made a motion to recommend Tom Downard to the County Council. Greg Zusan second the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Greg Zusan- FOR

Tim Roberts-FOR

Robert Pope-FOR

Dawn Lowden-FOR

Steve Eisenbarth-FOR

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Parks Advisory Council

Robert Pope made a motion to appoint Dave Jackson, Michelle Bettis & Jennifer Thompson to the board. Steve Eisenbarth second the motion. Roll call was taken and motion passed 5-0

Police Merit Board - Karie Mize appointed by President Robert Pope

Fire Appeals Board- Ryan Cannon recommends to wait on this until he speaks with the Fire Marshall

Redevelopment Authority - Robert Pope makes a motion to re-appoint Jason Wynn, Bob Culler & Harold Hiser. Dawn Lowden second the motion. Roll Call taken and motion passed 5-0

Tax Abatement Committee- Robert Pope makes a motion to re-appoint Ryan Cannon and John Taylor. Steve Eisenbarth seconds the motion. Roll Call taken and motion passed 5-0

Security Committee & Continuity of Operations –

Security Committee: Robert Pope re-appoints Sean Stoops, Dan Taylor, Jared Wade, Shelby Marshall, Robert Pope & Ryan Cannon.

Continuity of Operations: Robert Pope re-appoints Sean Stoops, Steve Moore, Mike Tulli, Dawn Lowden and Ryan Cannon. Missing a fire department employee recommendation, Ryan Cannon will follow up with them.

Liaison Appointments:

Greg Zusan: Plan Commission, Planning and Building, RDC, EDC, RDA

Robert Pope: HCEDP, Economic Development Dept. (John Taylor HCEDP) Stormwater & Public Works, Annexation Committee, CICEO, Collaboration Group

Dawn Lowden: PRBC, Parks Dept., Annexation Committee, Chamber,

Tim Roberts: Police Merit, Police Dept, Township, Library, WCCD,

Steve Eisenbarth: BZA, HC Dispatch Board, HC Recycling, Aerovision

Ryan Cannon: Citizens Water, IRTC Policy – Steve Moore backup

Steve Moore: IRTC Technical, backup Keeton Olson

Robert Pope made a motion to accept appointments as presented, Steve Eisenbarth second the motion. Roll Call taken and motion passed 5-0

Police Chief Appointments

President Robert Pope Re-Appoints Chief Stoops, Deputy Chief Nugent & Deputy Chief Margason to the Town of Avon Police Department

6.3. Town Attorney 2023 Engagement Letter

Greg Zusan made a motion to approve, Robert Pope second the motion. Roll Call taken and motion passed 5-0

6.4. Accept Annexation Petitions

Greg Zusan made a motion to accept, Steve Eisenbarth second the motion Roll Call taken and motion passed 5-0

7. Ordinance

7.1. Public Hearing Annexation - Oxford Park

Public Hearing Oxford Park Annexation

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Hearing opened at 8:02pm Ken Moehle spoke in favor of annexation Hearing Closed 8:04pm

8. Legal Counsel Report

Dan Taylor updated council on the favorable judgement received in the Duke Energy Litigation.

9. Public Comment

Dave Cox, Hendricks County Council looks forward to working with the council this year.

Mr. Cox also complimented Dan Taylor and his law firm for their continued excellent work for the Town.

Clerk Treasurer Julie Loker looks forward to working with council this year and congratulated Robert Pope and Tim Roberts for their appointments. Thanked entire council for all they do for the Town.

10. Council Comment

Greg Zusan thanked Dan Taylor and his firm for their continued work for the Town.

Tim Roberts is excited to work as a cohesive unit and looks forward to working with Ryan and staff.

11. Council Calendar

Next Meeting is January 26th @ 7pm

Executive Session @ 6:00pm

Work Session February 4th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

12. **Adjournment**

Avon Town Council:

Robert Pope, President

Steve Eisenbarth, Member

Dawn Lowden, Member

Tim Roberts, Member

Greg Zusan, Member

Attest: _____

Julie Loker, Clerk-Treasurer

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