

TOWN OF AVON
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

In Attendance:

Elaine Dombrosky
Tom Flanigan
Carl Fischer
Glenn Fernald
Alex Sinclair

Absent:

Tracy Self
Jason Suzor
Kevin Foster
Marie Drottar

The Avon Public Safety Building Committee met at Town Hall on Tuesday evening, February 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Elaine Dombrosky commenced the meeting in Tracy's absence. She said the main focus of the night would be to draft an Article, for an amount to be determined, to move money from the Stabilization Fund to the Public Safety Fund. She said \$603,770 is what they have in the Stabilization Fund right now and they need to determine how much money they need to ask for.

The meeting began by discussing DeMarco Park. Elaine said if they had any interest in using the Park then the first thing they would need to do would be to have a perk test taken to see if they can actually build on that site.

The existing Fire and Police Station was once again brought up and the cost of relocating everyone if they were to use that space for the new facility. It was mentioned that it could possibly go up to \$1 million to do this.

A discussion then ensued regarding the plans that had already been done a few years ago and the cost of building that proposed facility in the existing site. The price tag on it was \$14+ million and it went up to \$18 million, which included relocation costs. The Committee then went into using the existing location in more detail. They said if you were to take the Fire and Police Station out of the center of town, what would you put in there? The Public Works Department had been mentioned. You could put them in there temporarily so the building wouldn't be empty and maybe, eventually, put Town Hall in that location. If Town Hall were to move in there then you could possibly use the old Town Hall site for tax revenue.

At this point in the meeting the Committee drafted an Article, for an amount to be determined, to move money from the Stabilization Fund to the Public Safety Fund. Carl Fischer made the motion to do this. Glenn Fernald seconded that motion. It was unanimously approved.

The Committee said the next thing for them to do is to explore all avenues and see which location they should build on. Elaine said she thought they should let both the Fire and Police Chiefs know about the changes to the plans. She was informed they already knew.

At this time Elaine asked if there were any other items to discuss. Relocation of the Fire and Police was brought up again and the costs associated with doing this. Where would you put the people, the equipment, the trucks, etc.? One area brought up was the Brooks Lumber property, but it wouldn't be ideal as there is no heat there. If they were to use it, they would have to have heat put in and it would be expensive.

When there were no more items on the agenda, Elaine said Tracy would be in touch with everyone to schedule the next meeting. It would probably be the third Tuesday in March, which would be March 18th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.