

News from Avon Township

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Did you miss me last week? The News from Avon Township usually appears in *The Enterprise* on the third Wednesday of the month. Unfortunately, last week I was out of town and completely forgot. Sorry for my forgetfulness and thanks especially to editor Kate Asfeld for allowing this late submission.

It's been a big month for the Township! Perhaps the place to start is with the Town elections – Will Huston was re-elected to a three-year term as Supervisor and Kelly Martini was re-elected to a two-year term as Treasurer. Congratulations to both Kelly and Will! There were 107 voters, which is a turnout of 7.4%, slightly lower than the 70% voter response at November's General Election. I especially want to thank our election judges – Deb Angulski, Lisa Baker, Sharon Beach, Ken Mergen, Sue Rushmeyer, and Deputy Clerk Marion Gondringer, who did a fantastic job running the election.

After the election, the township hosted the annual Town Meeting. About 30 residents attended this meeting and among other things, they set the levy for 2020. Residents voted to increase the levy by about 11%, to \$470,450, primarily for road projects. Fire Chief Joel Richter gave a report on the outstanding work of the Avon Fire Department. There were 47 medical calls and 14 fire calls last year in the Township. They are planning to replace the main engine, which is more than 20 years old. Because they have outgrown the current fire station, they are also thinking about a new fire station in the future.

Weather continues to be a major issue. Our plows went out 13 times in February. We're hoping that we won't have too big a problem with flooding, but we're monitoring several situations in the Township. Let me know if you see any roads that are flooding or need some sort of work.

If we do get more snow, residents are reminded to not plow snow across any road. Also, it is very helpful to remove your garbage can from the end of the drive so that the plow doesn't accidentally hit it or have to veer from the normal plowing path.

The plows follow a standard route which you can see on our Township website (Inside Avon Township/Roads). Our drivers have determined that this is the most efficient route. We know that it can be frustrating to clear out your driveway only to have the plow come by and fill it back in. Unfortunately, there is no way to guarantee or predict when the plows go out. The

plows try to ensure that roads are cleared for times of heavy traffic use (*i.e.*, rush hour) and when the school buses are out, but sometimes this is not always possible. Plows typically head out once we get about two inches of snow.

Finally, I've had some questions about burn permits. These are obtained from the DNR. There is a link to the DNR website in our Town website (Permits/Forms).

Assuming I don't forget again next month, I'll be back on the third Wednesday of April.