

### **Avon Township News**

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Fall is definitely in the air the past few days.  
Feels good after the hot and humid days of July!  
It's hard to believe it's already August and  
summer is coming to an end.

### **Annexation Agreement Activity**

The Orderly Annexation Agreement is scheduled to be signed at the first meeting of the joint board on Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup>.

The township Board of Supervisors has appointed Richard Bresnahan and Lowell Rushmeyer to serve as the township's representatives to the Joint Board. Both have extensive experience in the area of land use planning and should provide good representation for the township.

Richard has been involved in township planning for a number of years as well as having served for a year on the county planning board as well. Lowell is a life long resident of the area and has worked for the county in the environmental services department for many years.

Their job will be to work with the city's representatives on the board (John Grutsch and Bob Pogatschnik) to implement and administer the Orderly Annexation Agreement to insure growth in the annexation area is accomplished within the guidelines established in the agreement.

This will be a challenging responsibility for members of the board to work together to manage the future impact of growth on the Avon area.

### **Planning Board Activities**

Work is continuing on the review of a subdivision ordinance. The board has been reviewing the ordinance used by Lynden Township near Clearwater MN as a potential model for an ordinance for Avon Township.

The board hopes to have a draft of the ordinance available for review by the Board of Supervisors sometime this fall. The intent of the ordinance is

providing guidelines for any developments that are proposed for areas outside the Orderly Annexation Agreement area.

The ordinance will help the township manage additionally residential growth in the township to insure development does not adversely affect the township and to make sure it is consistent with the provisions of the Orderly Annexation Agreement between the city and the township.

### **Road Issues:**

The board of supervisors has decided to postpone any major work on township roads this year due to the added cost of the legal fees and meeting costs related to the Orderly Annexation Agreement. It was felt that it would be financially prudent to wait until next year to make sure the township had sufficient funding to complete the work. It was felt that additional road work could be undertaken next year to make up for work not completed this year.

The board felt there were no roads that were in such bad condition that we couldn't wait one year to do the overlays of new asphalt.

Some patch repairs have been completed on roads that did have some deterioration that required immediate attention. This is also part of an effort to see if the township could save money by using alternatives to a full resurfacing of roads.

The board also decided to reduce the amount of crack filling being done to township roads in an effort to make better use of township funds. The intent is to use the money saved to make more repairs and overlays in future.

The board does plan to move forward this year to have a survey completed of 165<sup>th</sup> Avenue in anticipation of rebuilding the road to be able to surface the road with asphalt in the future. This is being done in response to a request of some residents who live on the road.

### **Road Right of Way Issues**

Just a reminder again that nothing should be constructed or planted in any township road right of way. The right of way is generally 66 feet wide.

Roads are typically located in the center of the right of way. The asphalt surface of the road is generally 20-25 feet wide and the area between the

edge of the asphalt and your property line is the area of concern.

Residents should not be planting and trees or shrubs or putting any structures in this area. Structures include fences, rocks, landscape trellises, etc.

The reason for this restriction is to maintain visibility along township roads and to allow for a buffer zone in the event of an accident for safety reasons. Another is to allow for proper maintenance of the roads especially for snow plows in the winter.

### **Trash Along Township Roads:**

We seem to have some folks who think township road ditches are a good place for dumping their trash! This is costing you, the residents of Avon, to clean up and disposed of this trash.

Norway Road seems to be a popular area used to get rid of "unwanted stuff". We really need you help to stop this from happening.

Over the summer someone has been dumping tires along this road. There have been 25 -30 tires dumped in this area along with mattresses and other discarded materials.

If you know anything about who is doing this please or see any suspicious activity get a license number and contact a Township Supervisors.

### **Total Activities YTD August 15, 2005**

#### **County Activities with township contact involved.**

2 New Home Permits Reviewed  
10 Home Remodels/Additions Reviewed  
3 Accessory Bldg Permits Reviewed

#### **15 Total County Actions Taken**

#### **Township Activities**

9 Accessory Building Permits Issued  
3 Driveway Permits Issued  
1 Certificates of Compliance Issued  
2 Plats/Splits Received  
3 Variances Received  
1 Interim Use Permit Requests Received

#### **19 Total Township Actions Taken**

#### **34 Grand Total**