

**Avon Township Board of Supervisors
December 5, 2007
Avon City Hall**

The regular meeting of the Supervisors was called to order by Chairman LeRoy Gondringer at 7:30pm. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present; John Merdan, LeRoy Gondringer, Richard Bresnahan, Kelly Martini, Renee Smith. All Present.

Also present; Jeff Lange, Ken Mergen, Steve Saupe.

Agenda: Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan to approve the treasurer's report. (See attached)

The supervisors examined the claims to be paid this month. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan to approve the claims. All in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Lange discussed some of the snowplowing problems.

Langes will plow all the way to the end of 165th. (Zeimetz road) Langes need to plow only 185th Avenue running north and south in the mobile home park.

Kevin Behrend was informed that his wall is in the road right of way.

Lange suggested drafting a full township letter to inform residents about rules for snow.

Residents cannot push snow on the road.

Residents cannot push snow across the road.

Any trees within 10 feet from the edge of the blacktop should be removed.

The board suggested putting these rules in the newsletter would probably be the better way to inform the public.

Lange has not yet tried using chemical spray on the roads. When applied at the right time, magnesium chloride may be more effective than salt sand and better for the environment.

The township plans to go with a 36 inch, rather than the present 56 inch culvert on 165th.

Evelyn Budde was present to talk about the small parcel (4.7 acre) which her father wants to give her. The property is across the road (Co Rd 50) from the rest of the farm. Right now, it is not the build able parcel, since it is zoned A40.

Board outlined a possible solution that if her father would allow 35+ acres of the farm to be set aside to make a complete 40 acres site. Evelyn still would have to

drill a well and establish a septic site plan for the acreage to become a build able site.

As of now, it cannot be annexed to the city because it doesn't border any city land.

Gondringer made a motion to have preliminary approval of a certificate of compliance for the 4+ acre site, contingent to approval of the farm owner (Tony Beuning) to set aside 35+ acres build able site. Motion seconded by Merdan, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Gondringer opened a public hearing. Purpose of the hearing was to discuss changing the present township setback rule. No public was present and no correspondence was received by mail. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to close the public hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Planning Board Report: Ken Mergen reported concerning the Albany Phone Company's wish to build a utility building in the right of way on Tower Road. Randy Kasen, company rep., had only indefinite plans about the building. Planning Board informed that variances are given in hardship cases rather than for convenience. Board voted to turn down the variance. Planning board had a discussion on outdoor wood boilers. Complaints have been received about excess smoke and odors. It would be difficult to keep track of what people are burning in these stoves. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve all the planning board work. All in favor, motion carried.

Martini brought confidentiality forms for Gondringer, Martini, and Smith to sign. These forms will make it possible for them to work with the 2010 census.

Discussion of the Avon Hills group. St Wendel and St Joseph townships have opted out of the group. Avon Hills wants to set up a meeting with officials to discuss questions concerning the CapX2020 proposed power line.

Plantenberg has drafted a letter to the county about the Avon Township section of the revised county comp plan. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to table the letter for now. All in favor, motion carried.

Joint Powers Board is planning a meeting soon. Rushmeyer and Bresnahan are township members. Rick Fishback has taken Bob Pogatschnik's place for the city.

We have word from John Tracy, county official that they are again working with Earl Sadlowski and Dan Pitzer, to clean up the property around their homes and yards. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan to have the county go ahead with the process of the nuisance ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

The county is offering training for supervisors dealing with the Board of Equalization cases. The board is current in this area.
 Merdan attended in Jan '07, Bresnahan Nov '07 and Gondringer in Nov '05.

There is a new piece of the bike trail on township property along the Tower Road right of way. Board will contact Adam Ripple to see what our options are here, because it was done without township approval.

Gondringer has visited with Tony Kierzek about the purchase of 5 acres by the township. The purpose would be to construct a new salt shed with space for a maintenance shop and garage to hold any snow equipment, skid loader and other equipment which may be purchased in the future. A portion of the building could be added for record storage and space for a meeting room and office.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

	General Revenue	Road & Bridge	Fire	Road Damage	Total
Balance from 10-31-07	\$36,203.57	\$96,785.09	\$11,624.86	\$2,400.00	\$147,013.52
Receipts	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Total	\$36,353.57	\$96,785.09	\$11,624.86	\$2,400.00	\$147,163.52
Disbursements	\$2,951.24	\$10,116.00	\$3,241.00	\$0.00	\$16,308.24
Balance ending 11-30-07	\$33,402.33	\$86,669.09	\$8,383.86	\$2,400.00	\$130,855.28
CD ending balance in fire fund			<u>\$15,000.00</u> (\$6,616.14)		