

**Avon Township Board of Supervisors
July 11, 2007
Avon City Hall**

The regular meeting of the township supervisors was called to order by Chairman LeRoy Gondringer at 7:00pm. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Martini presented the following treasurers report for approval;

Balance 5/31	49,441.93	157,041.52	6,991.02	2,200.00	215,674.47
Receipts	8,908.66	96,667.89	17,499.20	0	123,075.75
Total	58,350.59	250,709.41	24,490.22	2,200.00	338,750.22
Disbursements	2,755.68	1,813.00	3,373.00	0	7,941.68
Balance ending 6/30	55,594.91	251,896.41	21,117.22	2,200.00	330,808.54

Martini has transferred \$15,000.00 from the road and bridge fund to a savings certificate for a period of one year. The supervisors would rather take from the fire fund to build a reserve there. Martini will change the transaction. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

The supervisors examined the claims. A large amount was paid out for the assessor's bill this month. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan to approve the claims. All in favor motion carried.

Striped gophers are becoming a problem along the roads in the township. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan to add stripped gophers to the bounty list. All in favor, motioned carried. Township will pay \$3.00 per striped gopher brought in.

Road Report: Jeff Lange informed that the culverts have been changed on Norway Road. They had some problems with people stealing their road closed signs. Langes have begun some patching work on Tower Road. 365th and 370th will be next. 182nd was discussed for possible repairs. However, this is probably better to do another year when the entire road can be re-done.

Who should be called in case of emergency? Copies of a list of numbers to call would be helpful to have on hand. Supervisors should be called first. Power lines down, Excel should be called. Storm damage to roads or trees down should be reported as soon as possible.

Mike Childs talked about the brushing work he has been doing. Supervisors suggested he should get some orange cones, road work signs and safety gear, when sawing along the roads.

Thistles and poison ivy are becoming a problem along some of the township roads. Merdan has had some experience with Cold Spring Co-op who will go out and do spot spraying.

Keeping the spray out of the waterways in very important. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan to hire the Cold Spring Co-op to "spot spray" along some of the ditches where needed. Merdan will go with them. All in favor, motion carried.

John Maciejewski brought a map of Sunridge where he lives. When the plat was laid out, a utilities easement was included around the entire plat. Maciejewski has spoken to X-cel and they suggested he could have that vacated, because they don't ever plan to use it. This would give Maciejewski and the neighbors an extra 11 to 15 feet added to their lots. The supervisors will consult with the attorney to see how to proceed in this matter.

At 8:30pm, Chairman Gondringer opened a hearing on behalf of Jamie Thelen, to vacate a portion of 188th Street. Ray Woitalla, a neighbor, was present. Attorney Ripple searched to see if this part was ever planned as a road. He could find no evidence about it. There are 12 to 24 foot gaps in the property lines. Also, any public easements would be vacated by the township. The township would be released from liability or damages on the portion vacated.

Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Bresnahan as follows;

Motion to vacate portion of 188th Avenue South of 367th Street. The township also will abandon the easements and any maintenance or liabilities along said road, contingent upon an accurate legal description being provided to township by Jamie Thelen and resolution to vacate road, provided by the township, and acceptable to the three parties in the agreement. All in favor, motion carried. Supervisors still would like a definition of release of damages from the attorney.

Thelen will need a 911 sign on the new location.

Planning Board Report: Ken Mergen said that they recommended a public hearing on behalf of Jean Studniski. The variance would allow new construction that will be 70 feet, rather than 93 feet from the center of the road. Date and time will be July 26 at 8:15. Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, made a motion to approve the hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Planning Board would like to know what are the standards for driveways near trail exits that access county roads.

Joan Borrow went before the county board of adjustment and asked for a permit to build a homestead across the road from the farm house. The county group turned her down.

A new township web site was discussed. Costs would include \$20 a year, plus \$10 monthly. Motion to go with Cloud Net at \$10 a month - \$20 a year. All in favor motion carried. Steve Saupe will design the site, and Martini and Saupe will be in charge.

Motion by Bresnahan to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.