

**Avon Township Board of Supervisors**  
**September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Avon City Hall**

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

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

Also present were Steve Saupe, Steve Plantenberg, Ken Mergen, Jim McDougale, Tim Reuter.

Motion by Merdan, seconded by Gondringer to approve the agenda for this meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**Minutes:** Motion by Merdan, seconded by Gondringer, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

The supervisors examined the claims to be paid at this time. Three times the estimated amount of patching material was used in the road project. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Gondringer to approve the claims. All in favor, motion carried.

Martini presented the following treasurers report for approval.

Balance 7-31	43,968.25	287,813.42	21,743.86	2,200.00
	355,725.53			
Receipts	0	0	0	0
	0			
Total	43,968.25	287,813.42	21,743.86	2,200.00
	330,808.54			
Disbursements	1,793.56	47,136.41	3,373.00	0
	52,302.97			
Balance 8-31	42,174.69	340,677.01	18,370.86	2,200.00
	303,422.56			
CD			15,000.00	

Motion by Merdan, seconded by Gondringer to approve the report. All in favor, motion carried.

**Road Report:** Jeff Lange said some of his bill will carry over to next month, because he does not have all the prices ready. Most of the projects requested have been worked on or are finished. Ditch by Paddock will be repaired. Peach Drive needs some ditch work.

Langes found the culvert in Elmer Maciejewski's driveway (360<sup>th</sup>) and cleaned it out and a new one will not be needed.

We will be looking for quotes for projects on 165<sup>th</sup> and Queens.

Motion by Merdan to fill up a hole and put some gravel on 365<sup>th</sup>. (Minimum maintenance road)

Mike Childs has cut the large tree on 325<sup>th</sup> that was in the road right of way.

Mike Childs informed the board that his hours have been increased on his regular job, so he will not always be available to work for the township. He still may be on call.

**Planning Board Report:** Ken Mergen reported that the planning board recommended approval of a variance for Jim McDougle who plans to build the entry way on his home to be 68 feet rather than the 93 feet from the center of the road which is required.

Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Merdan to approve the hearing decision. All in favor, motion carried.

The planning board recommended approval of the variance for Mike Surface to build a new cabin on the property on Two Rivers Lake. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Gondringer to approve this variance. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim Rueter was present to explain his building project. The county feels that he needs a variance for the township road. After examining Mr. Reuter's plan, the supervisors felt there was no need to hold a hearing. Gondringer suggested that the township will draft a letter to the county that the township takes no exception to Mr. Rueters plan, and a hearing at the township level is not necessary.

Ross Voit is requesting a variance to remove a trailer house and build a new house on the site of Red Maple Drive on Pelican Lake. The hearing, in Roger Voit's name, will be at a special meeting on September 20 at 8:00pm. The variance requested of 30 feet from the property line will be discussed and decided on at that time.

Jack Ramler has requested a variance to construct a cabin on his property which will be 45 feet from the property line rather than the required 60 feet. Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Merdan to set the hearing for September 26, at 8:15pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Steve Plantenberg was present to discuss possible adjustment or our MOU with the county to be in line with their setback regulation. This would cut down on the number of variances needed.

Plantenberg informed the group of two meetings coming up to deal with the county comp plan regional development. Meetings to be in Melrose and St. Cloud.

There will be in October on Channel 17, a movie about the Avon Hills.

Avon Hills group has applied for a grant to inventory 48,000 acres of the area.

Avon Hills will hire a part time worker to assist land owners in conservation practices.

Steve Saupe talked about the website, Avon Township.org.

Motion by Gondringer seconded by Merdan to purchase a front page computer program to enable us to add material to the web site. All in favor, motion carried. The township forms will also be transferred to the website.

The large blacktop job has not yet started.

We have two quotes for the crack fill job. AsTech and L & M Service of Belgrade. The bids were both at \$1.20 a pound. Supervisors put a limit that the company may use up to 3500 pounds, but then they need supervisor approval to do more. We also need to work with Holding on the town line road. Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Merdan to accept the L & M Service bid because 1) guarantee in writing of time of work, 2) @ year warranty, 3) quality covering used, 4) estimate of quantity expected to be used.

Supervisors discussed information received by the clerk through various mailings.

Supervisors reminded of a special meeting for Roger Voit variance hearing on September 20 at 8:00pm.

Next regular meeting at 7:30pm on September 27.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.