

Avon Township Board of Supervisors
February 6, 2008
Avon City Hall

The regular meeting of the township supervisors was called to order at 7:30pm, by supervisor Richard Bresnahan. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present were; Dennis Scepaniak, Sandra Zwilling, Jim Lehner, Ken Mergen, Tom Eveslage.

Agenda; Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan to approve the agenda for the meeting. Merdan will add comments under correspondence.

Minutes; Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan to approve the minutes of the last meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Martini presented the attached financial report for approval. The fire board will have a meeting on March 4. Merdan will attend, and find out the amount the township will pay in 2008.

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

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

Maine Prairie Township has requested to study a copy of our comprehensive plan and growth plan. The documents should be put on the web site so they may get the information from there.

Ken Mergen discussed our policy on gravel pits with the supervisors. There are no planning board members that were on board when the policies were written for the Bromenschenkel pit or the Rauscsh-Studniski pit. Since the sand washing plant has been requested and the county has asked us to bring their agreement up to date, the board agreed to set up a site inspection for each of the pits when the weather permits.

The planning board discussed regulating outdoor wood boilers in R1 zones. No open barrel burning is allowed currently in the county. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to contact the surrounding townships to see if they have established rules for outdoor wood boilers. All in favor, motion carried.

Lowell Rushmeyer and Steve Plantenberg terms end this year.

Jim Lehner was present to talk about the setback variance for his new cabin on Red Maple Drive. Because the township has changed the setback rule to match that of the county, the supervisors felt there was no need for Lehner to have a variance hearing. Dennis Scepaniak wants to join a small parcel (4.6 acres) to a larger parcel he owns (34.2 acres) to the west of County Road 9. He will need a certificate of compliance to

complete the transaction. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to issue the certificate of compliance. All in favor, motion carried.

Tom Eveslage of the Albany Phone Company came to explain their plans to put in lines near Tower Road and across to the new Avon Estates area. The lines are buried 36-38 inches under ground. Board explained the required area of 63 feet from the center of the road plus an additional 10 foot utility easement.

The setback rule will be published correctly and we will coordinate with the county by March.

Sandra Zwilling and Linda Brown were on the agenda to inform the group of the Good Shepherd project proposed for Avon.

Zwilling owns the tract of land offered for the project. The city would like to annex the property, but the board feels it would be a "leap frog" annexation since it is not contiguous to the city. Brown and Zwilling brought a document they found in research at the county which shows a connection by way of an easement to County Road 155. This matter will be discussed at the joint powers board meeting next week.

The board talked about the best way the township could start building reserves for the future. We could establish a capital improvement fund where the interest can be taken out and used. Also, for the future, a capital reserve fund could be started.

The following topics will be discussed at the annual meeting. Steve Saupe will explain our new website and make people aware of the information that it contains.

Gondringer will talk about future plans for the township as to acquiring land, building a bigger salt shed.

Also, since Lange wants to plow snow only one more year, what should the township do for the future in that area?

The setback rule will now be the same as the county.

Eric Linn joined us late in the meeting. They will be doing a study to see just what is the best for the future of the fire dept. They would like to establish a 5 year plan. They do have a capital reserve fund.

Discussion began of the budget for 2009. Generally, those present thought they levy could remain the same amount. Also, some money should be set aside for future plans.

Township election will be March 11 from 12:00pm to 8:00pm.

LeRoy Gondringer and Renee Smith are up for re-election. Judges will be Zoe Gaul, Marcie Heinen, and Don Mohs.

Martini will bring in some tentative figures for the '09 budget to the March meeting.

Merdan moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

Balance from 12-31-07	\$59,696.52	\$195,582.91	\$30,290.91	\$2,400.00	\$287,970.34
Receipts	\$4,688.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,688.90
Total	\$64,385.42	\$195,582.91	\$30,290.91	\$2,400.00	\$292,659.24
Disbursements	\$2,271.47	\$10,284.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,555.47
Balance ending 1-31-08	\$62,113.95	\$185,298.91	\$30,290.91	\$2,400.00	\$280,103.77
CD ending balance in fire fund			<u>\$15,000.00</u>		
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