

Avon Township Board of Supervisors
January 3, 2008
Avon City Hall

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

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

Also present: John Kolb, Steve Saupe, Ken Mergen.

Chairman Gondringer called on John Kolb, the representative from Rinke-Noonan. Gondringer has discussed how the township could go about acquiring funds to use to purchase a small tract of land to use to build a larger salt shed and maintenance building. Supervisors felt it would be best to ask for approval at the annual meeting. Gondringer recalled talking about a possible land purchase last year at the annual meeting. We could possibly establish a capital reserve fund. Mr. Kolb suggested that a capital improvement fund could be used.

Township inquired what action, if any, should be taken now that a trail connection has been made on Tower Road without township approval. Mayor Grutsch and the city administrator were not aware that it had been done. The developer could have done it on his own authority. Township is concerned with possible liability issues with snowmobile use. The MATS insurance would require a survey to be sure that the area is in the road right of way.

The township board has approved the change in setback rule to match the county rule. Now, the ordinance change needs to be published. A copy should be sent to the county along with an affidavit of publication.

Discussion began on rebuilding 165th and the cul de sac. Best way to begin is to have a surveyor lay it out and then draw up exact easement descriptions. This cost may be taken out of the road and bridge fund.

This concluded the discussions with John Kolb.

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

Treasurer's report: Martini presented the treasurer's report for approval. Martini explained that the difference in starting and ending balances are due to the direct deposit from the state tax settlement. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

DeeDee Fisher has inquired that a house on Princewood Road would like to have a second driveway. A variance probable not be given, since this is not a hardship case.

The supervisors discussed future snowplowing plans. People who have shown some interest are C&L Construction of St Joseph, and Craig Bardsen. Township would be

looking to make a three year agreement. There is some concern if the people are not Avon residents.

Planning Board Report: Knife River Co. wants to establish a sand washing and aggregate wash in the Bromenschenkel pit. They will need to make a well and construct catch basins for run off. Also they will need a conditional use permit. Township will need to do a site inspection.

Bresnahan reported business discussed at the Joint Powers Board. The City is interested in acquiring the Sandra Zwilling land which is in the township. Good Shepherd home would like to build a campus of 75 assisted living units and a memory loss unit. This does not fit into our growth plan because it would be a “leap frog” annexation. Supervisors discussed the possibility of selling the property which the township owns and suggesting to join with the property to the east which Jeff Meyer owns.

Steve Saupe will put information on the web site concerning snow plowing, and the search for a tract of land for a building.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to attend the last Stearns County Comp Plan meeting on January 22. All township people authorized to go to special meetings will be compensated.

St Johns has sent a letter to the county asking that Avon Hills should include St Joseph, St Wendel townships as well as Avon and Collegeville. Steve Plantenberg also has drafted a letter. Tom Kroll, Heidi at Environmental Services, and the City of Avon, should also receive this letter.

The following meetings have been scheduled;

January 8th at St Johns to discuss the planned, proposed corridor for the CAP X 2020.

January 24th – rain garden workshop at Trobecs Event Center.

January 22nd – comp plan final input meeting.

January 31st – county workshop on environment and conservation at Avon City Hall.

Board discussed changing the February meeting date because Gondringer will be gone. After some discussion, it was decided to leave the meeting on the regular date, February 6.

Motion by Bresnahan to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

	General Revenue	Road & Bridge	Fire	Road Damage	Total
Balance from 11-30-37	\$50,707.85	\$86,669.09	\$8,383.86	\$2,400.00	\$148,160.80
Receipts	\$11,158.88	\$119,870.32	\$21,907.05	\$0.00	\$152,936.25
Total	\$61,866.73	\$206,539.41	\$30,290.91	\$2,400.00	\$301,097.05
Disbursements	\$2,170.21	\$10,956.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,126.71
Balance ending 12-31-07	\$59,696.52	\$195,582.91	\$30,290.91	\$2,400.00	\$287,970.34
CD ending balance in fire fund			<u>\$15,000.00</u>		
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