

Avon Township Board of Supervisors  
July 2, 2008  
Avon City Hall

The regular meeting of the supervisors was called to order by Chairman LeRoy Gondringer at 7:30pm. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

Martini presented the treasurers report for review. She has added a category for capital funds. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Gondringer to approve the report. All in favor, motion carried.

The supervisors examined the claims to be paid this month. Martini commented that she felt having the dumpster at her farm was successful. Maybe next year, the city and township could do some sort of a spring cleanup project together. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Gondringer, to approve the payment of the claims. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Report: The supervisors discussed the problem on Norway Road and 135<sup>th</sup>. The Albany Phone Co. has now laid a cable over the culvert which will have to be moved before repairs can be made.

The ground is still washing out of the field owned by Jean Masoletti and farmed by Tom Studniski.

154<sup>th</sup> (in Vima Add.) needs to be built up on the turnaround.

Knife River intends to begin the road project by the end of July or early August. This will coordinate with repairs on 360<sup>th</sup> (Pruessers).

The following were named as roads to crackfill. 355<sup>th</sup>, 175<sup>th</sup>, 360<sup>th</sup>, 365<sup>th</sup>. Also, the roads overlaid last year need to be checked.

The weeds and brush are becoming a problem in the road right of way. We need to do some spraying.

Also, there are some problems with brush in the ditches. We will ask Dean Martini if he cares to clean up the brush.

Norway Road will be repaired in fall.

Lewis Fisher was present to represent Tom King. King would like to rezone a portion (5 acres) of his land to R5 and sell it to ease his financial burden. Several neighbors were present to talk about the situation. Mr and Mrs Dick Beach, Al Dehler, Mark Zinken. They were concerned that the change may start a trend to rezone land and build more and more houses in the area.

Dick Beach felt that all options should be discussed.

Al Dehler stated he may want to buy the parcel or the neighbors may want to purchase it together.

The supervisors have decided that we will hold public hearings lovally in all rezoning cases to give the people an opportunity to public hearing.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Gondringer, to hold a public hearing on behalf of Tom King at the next planning board meeting on July 30, at 8:15pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Sandra Zwilling has a small (less than an acre) strip of land which she wishes to sell to John Maciejewski. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Gondringer, to approve a certificate of compliance for Sandra Zwilling contingent that the entire strip can be sold without anyone becoming land locked. Area is part of utility easement around the Parkwood Circle properties. All in favor, motion carried.

Ken Mergen reported that people are parking near the new telephone building on township right of way, and accessing the trail from there.

There is a 60 foot strip of road right of way between Saupe's and Dick Beach's property. They would ask the township not to vacate the road, but they would like to see St Johns develop a strip of prairie there. St Johns would maintain the prairie "eternally". Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Gondringer, to approve the plan. All in favor, motion carried.

We received a letter from Susan Bower, the new owner of Cones Bar stating that she is willing to compromise on some of the issues presented by the neighbors. The Lemckes were present, and felt the letter did not go nearly far enough to satisfy their concern about the noise and music. Gondringer said he would call the county and see if they have other ways to solve the problems.

In the joint city township boards meeting, the city discussed going back to see if the area could get additional ideas and advice from the Healthy Community Partnership process.

Ken Mergen was appointed as contact for the township in HCP dealings.

Gondringer brought information from the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting. St Martin would like to see more classes in learning various trades added to the curriculum, since not all will go on to college. Superintendent Theilman talked about ways to create funds to finance school improvements. Funds saved from energy conservation or matching funds may help.

Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Bresnahan, to contact Bonestroo to survey for the placement of the culdesac at the far end of 165<sup>th</sup> Ave. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Bresnahan, that the township will continue to hold local public hearings for rezoning, conditional use permits as we have in the past. All in favor, motion carried.

Bresnahan and Gondringer signed the letter, drafted by Adam Ripple to CAPX2020, it will now be sent.

Dan Pitzer has been billed by the fire department for a fire that occurred in the mobile home park. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Gondringer, to have the fire department charges of \$800.08 added to the mobile home park tax bill. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

	General Revenue	Road & Bridge	Fire	Road Damage	Capital Fund	Total
Balance from 5-31-08	\$45,984.87	\$80,508.43	\$1,835.59	\$2,400.00	\$115,000.00	\$245,728.89
Receipts	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
Total	\$46,209.87	\$80,508.43	\$1,835.59	\$2,600.00	\$115,000.00	\$246,153.89
Disbursements	\$2,124.52	\$288.00	\$3,375.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,788.02
Balance ending 6-30-08	\$44,085.35	\$80,220.43	(\$1,539.91)	\$2,600.00	\$115,000.00	\$240,365.87