

Avon Township Board of Supervisors
March 5, 2008
Avon City Hall

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

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

Also present; Steve Saupe, Ken Mergen, Jeff Johnson, Kathy Korte, Cindy and Sarah Nienaber, John Grutsch, Jim Lehner, Adam Ripple and Tom Eveslage.

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

Minutes: Minutes amended to have Merdan second the wood boiler motion rather than Mergen. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Gondringer introduced Sarah and Cindy Nienaber. They will be observing to see how local government works.

Martini presented the treasurers report for approval. An additional check has been received and will be deposited. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the treasurers report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to approve the claims presented for payment. All in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Johnson, assessor, came to inform us of the property tax situation in the township. The taxes this year are based on sales made during 2006. Pelican Lake residents will have the largest changes this year.

Adam Ripple brought information on ways for the township to begin building a capital sum for the future. A capital improvement plan must be in place to issue bonds. A public hearing is required to establish a capital improvement fund. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to discuss and vote on a capital improvement fund at the annual meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Lange has talked about the township adoption of a snow and ice ordinance. Is this really necessary? Lange will inform us of the residents who are violating any snow removal rule.

Tom Eveslage of the Albany Telephone Co. brought company plans to install fiber optic cable in the western portion of the township. (Tower Road, Quaker Road, 360th Street)

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

Discussion on snow policy began. The board reminded us that legally, up to \$10,000 they may simply appoint someone. From 10 to 50 thousand, they must ask for quotes, and over that amount must be put out for bids.

Lange claims that small trucks needed are very hard to find to purchase. Also the township would definitely need two trucks. Also, extra regulations may be needed for private operators.

Igor Lenzner has been looking into the possible annexation of the Zwilling property. There is no evidence that the access from the sewer ponds was ever annexed to the city. Nothing was found in the township minutes from the 70's either. Mayor Grutsch is not aware of the action.

The action would "sandwich in" several township residences of County Road 155, as well as Budde Trucking.

Road inspection is coming. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to set the road inspection for April 12 at 9:00 am. Bresnahan will rent the vehicle. Meet at the City Hall lot and proceed from there. All in favor, motion carried.

Jim Lehner came to request a variance for his cabin on Red Maple Drive. Date and time will be Wednesday, March 26 at 8:15pm at the Planning Board meeting.

We have received a summons to a court action concerning Elmer Gertken, Michelle Meyer, plaintiffs in a lawsuit versus the Eich family and several others that own property near Annie Lake. The clerk will return the document requiring township signature. We will respond promptly.

Planning Board report: The planning board has set a date and time for gravel pit inspection. Date is April 9 at 5:00pm at the Rausch pit and 6:30 pm at the Kremer-Pierskalla pit. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve date and time. All in favor, motion carried.

None of the other area townships have set any regulations for outdoor boilers. Steve Plantenberg advised the board that he did not care to be re-appointed to the Planning Board. Steve Saupe was suggested as a possible replacement. Lowell Rushmeyer has not yet decided. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the planning board work. All in favor, motion carried.

Martini had the estimated figures for the 2009 budget. Board approved with a couple changes to present the budget at the annual meeting.

March 24 is the date for the dinner meeting at Freeport. Dinner is free to town board members.

Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to bill mileage at 50.5 cents to the national rate.

Also, motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, that the township officials should be reimbursed by the township for meeting which they attend.

Hourly rates for Rinke-Noonan were read.

Meeting to learn more about noxious weeds will be held on Thursday, March 27 from 8:00 to 10:00pm.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to hold a reorganization meeting on March 19 at 8:00 pm. All in favor motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

	General Revenue	Road & Bridge	Fire	Road Damage	Total
Balance from 1-31-08	\$62,113.95	\$185,298.91	\$30,290.91	\$2,400.00	\$280,103.77
Receipts	\$14.00	\$892.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$906.31
Total	\$62,127.95	\$186,191.22	\$30,290.91	\$2,400.00	\$281,010.08
Disbursements	\$5,165.10	\$4,522.00	\$6,751.00	\$0.00	\$16,438.10
Balance ending 2-29-08	\$56,962.85	\$181,669.22	\$23,539.91	\$2,400.00	\$264,571.98
CD ending balance in fire fund			<u>\$15,000.00</u>		
			\$8,539.91		