

Avon Township Board of Supervisors
January 7, 2009
Avon City Hall

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

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

Also present; Ken Mergen, Steve Saupe, Dale Swanson, Mike Juhl, Jeff Lange.

Agenda: After some modification, motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan to approve the agenda for the evening. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Martini presented the treasurers report for approval. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

The supervisors examined the claims to be paid out at this time. Question on Langes claim about what concrete they moved. He will go back and check it out. Motion by Merdan seconded by Bresnahan to approve the claims. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Report: Problem with plowing snow on Buettners corner. It is hard to find a place to go with it this year, because of the large amount of snow.

Lange brought to our attention that the laws concerning snow plowing are printed in the Stearns Morrison Enterprise and should be read and followed by all concerned citizens.

Street sign for 175th has been put up.

There are some cedar trees on Shawn Shavers road side that should come out. Also there is a large tree near the road at Gordy Smith's that should be cut down. Merdan and Gondringer thought they could take care of doing the cutting there.

Lange said that materials standing on the ground in the salt shed (posts, signs, etc.) are becoming rusty. These things should be on a wood platform or palates.

Mike Juhl was present to hear about township building plans for the future. The supervisors are interested in starting a township building project. A building could be constructed in phases, as the needs grow and the funding becomes available. A maintenance building would be necessary if the township should purchase their own snow plowing equipment. Then a shop area or space for repairs. The building should have an overall schematic and possible side where more space could be added. Mr. Juhl, architect engineer, agreed to create such a "master" plan and present it to the board at the next meeting. He agreed that building it in phases would be a good way to go.

Dale Swanson, from Bonestroo, was present to discuss the cul-de sac project on 165th that their firm has designed. They have read the road specs and the supervisors gave them full authority to go ahead and plan the road cul-de-sac there.

Planning Board: Ken Mergen and Steve Saupe presented a tentative large outdoor gathering ordinance discussion and possible approval. One permit could be allowed for a series of similar events. What would be grounds for pulling a permit? Both the ordinance and the permit application should be as clearly written and as brief as possible.

Planning Board will be asked to review the MOU at their next meeting to suggest any necessary language changes there.

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

The township election will be held in the St Benedicts Parish Center Library. The annual meeting is planned for the church basement. Locations will be included in the notice published in the paper as well as in a news article in the Enterprise.

Township day at the legislature is February 25; final day to register is February 18. Motion by Merdan seconded by Bresnahan to reimburse any member expenses if they care to go. All in favor, motion carried.

Dan Breth, of Sunnyfield Circle, complained about loud barking dogs in his neighborhood. No action was taken in this matter.

Martini has a problem collecting on two 911 signs billed to two township residents. Board suggested giving the people notice and then adding the amount to the property tax bill.

Rinke-Noonan has sent a revised listing of their attorney rates for the coming year. Beginning wage of \$109 per hour, the rate increases with legal experience.

After some discussion, supervisors set the policy to only allow work done by Lange or any contractor to do work that has been authorized at a meeting.

Discussion began concerning the budget to be decided for 2010. This will continue at the next meeting.

Motion by Bresnahan to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

	General Revenue	Road & Bridge	Fire	Road Damage	Capital Fund	Total
Balance from 11-30-08	\$28,799.12	\$65,810.47	\$445.06	\$2,200.00	\$115,000.00	\$212,254.65
Receipts	\$16,800.72	\$155,214.93	\$27,766.52	\$0.00	\$752.05	\$200,534.22
Total	\$45,599.84	\$221,025.40	\$28,211.58	\$2,200.00	\$115,752.05	\$412,788.87
Disbursements	\$5,506.11	\$13,269.00	\$3,375.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,150.59
Balance ending 12-31-08	\$40,093.73	\$207,756.40	\$24,836.10	\$2,200.00	\$115,752.05	\$390,638.28