

Avon Township Board of Supervisors
Reorganization and Board of Canvas meeting
March 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman LeRoy Gondringer at 10:00am. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Election: Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Gondringer to certify the election of Merdan as supervisor for the three year term, and Martini as treasurer for a two year term. All in favor, motion carried. The winners recited their oaths of office and were congratulated on their respective terms.

Board structure: Merdan nominated LeRoy Gondringer to be chairman for another term. Gondringer will continue to be chairman.

Gondringer nominated Bresnahan to be vice chairman of the board.
Gondringer nominated Merdan to serve on the fire board. Gondringer will also attend the fire board meetings.

Merdan discussed the fire board business. The department has ordered a new tanker truck. There was some discussion on the purchase, but it is still on track.
The city would prefer being paid twice a year rather than the monthly payments. This decision has not yet been made.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the township assessment of \$44,932.52 to the fire department. All in favor, motion carried.

Joint Powers Board: Bresnahan reported that the joint powers board had just one meeting in '08.
Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to re-appoint Rushmeyer for another term of one year. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bresnahan seconded by Merdan, to include a planning board member as an at large observing member at the joint powers board meetings. All in favor, motion carried.

Bresnahan nominated Gondringer to be the contact for the planning board meetings.

Bresnahan nominated Merdan to serve as road boss.

Bresnahan nominated Gondringer to be the board's contact for the attorney.

Changes made in the fees and salary scale;

We will continue to pay a \$13 an hour for township work.

Worker with a chainsaw is \$26.

Deputy clerk will receive salary of \$125.

We will continue the \$3.00 gopher bounty.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve fee schedule and salary/wage scale. All in favor, motion carried.

Capital funds were planned. Motion by Bresnahan seconded by Merdan to move \$10,000 from the fire fund and \$70,000 from the road and bridge fund to a capital improvement fund. All in favor, motion carried. Board members discussed that we need to "shop around" for the best interest deal we can find. Perhaps the amount could be divided and deposited in several area banks.

Plans were begun to form a citizen's committee study the construction of the township facility. Some names suggested were: Eric Linn, Ed Springer, Steve Saupe, three supervisors, three planning board members, Lee Larkey, Kelly Martini, Roger Nelson, Marcie Heinen, Zoe Graul. Steve Plantenberg may be the group facilitator. These people will be contacted and invited to come to the next planning board meeting on March 25, with the committee meeting at 7:00pm and the planning board meeting at 8:00pm.

Larry Hosch will be at the city hall at 1:00 today, March 14. Two of the supervisors will visit with him about he laws concerning townships.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.