

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Avon Township

March 9, 2010

Avon Catholic Church

Pledge: Ken Mergen lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order: The Annual Meeting Avon Township was called to order by Acting Clerk Ken Mergen at 8:00 PM.

Introductions: Township Board (Kelly Martini, Richard Bresnahan, LeRoy Gondringer, John Merdan) and Planning Board (Ken Mergen) members were introduced.

Nomination and Election of Moderator: Mr. Jeff Lange nominated Mr. Lee Larkey to serve as moderator for the meeting. Mr. Steve Plantenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Ervin Kramers moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Elmer Keppers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Mr. Ken Mergen, Planning Board Chair read the minutes from the 2008 annual meeting. Mr. Kenneth Yurzak moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Ervin Kramers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: : Township Treasurer, Ms. Kelly Martini, read the treasurer's report. Mr. Dean Martini moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Ervin Kramers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Board Report: Planning Board Chair, Mr. Ken Mergen, read the planning board report. He stated that the PB had addressed a variety of issues including: a noise ordinance, the Blattner Wind Turbine project, St. John's Solar Array project which required a rezoning of 14 acres, a land split by Mr. Scott Spanier, and Auguski farm building. Mr. Elmer Keppers moved to accept the Planning Board report. Mr. Dean Martini second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Joint Powers Board Report: Supervisor Richard Bresnahan presented the report. Essentially there has been very little action during the past year. Mr. Elmer Keppers moved to accept the Joint Powers Board report. Mr. LeRoy Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Township Facility Update: Mr. Steve Plantenberg, RA Morton, summarized the facility project including the report by the township task force and building committee.

Road Report: Mr. John Merdan, Supervisor, presented the road report. He stated that the township rebuilt 165th Ave this year. Also, there was lots of brush work and road sealing.

Signage Report: Mr. John Merdan reported that there is a federal mandate to replace all signs and posts by 2015. This may affect taxes.

Fire Department Report: Mr. Eric Linn, Fire Chief, reported that there were 56 calls in the township, Overall, there were 126 total calls. There are 25 fireman and they go through extensive training. The fire department received a grant for \$41K from FEMA for training and new tanks. A new truck was purchased in December '09 and they would be happy to sell the old one. They have started a building fund and it has \$21K so far.

Township Budget 2010: The budget levy for 2010 was presented. Mr. LeRoy Gondringer, Supervisor reported that the City wants to raise our fee for the fire service. Mr. Jeff Lange moved to approve the budget for 2010. Mr. Joe Lang second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Posting Places: Mr. Joe Lang moved that the Township Hall (when complete) and Credit Union will be the legal posting places. Mr. Stanley Streit second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Elections: Mr. Jeff Lange moved to leave for the Supervisors to decide the poll hours, meeting place and time of the annual meeting and elections. Mr. Dean Martini second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Township Newsletter: Mr. LeRoy Gondringer reported that there will no longer be a City/Township Newsletter sent to residents.

CAPX2020 Report: Mr. Richard Bresnahan provide an update on the power line project. Bresnahan is member of the Task Force which is evaluating alternate routes. The township is keeping a close watch on the process

Election Results: Mr. Richard Bresnahan was elected to a three-year term as supervisor with 48 votes. Stephen Saupe was elected to a two-year term as clerk.

Adjournment: Mr. Ervin Kramers moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Mr. Joe Lang second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Mergen