

News from Avon Township

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Roads aren't cheap.

Here's a little quiz. How much do you think it would cost to resurface Norway Road? \$250,000? Nope. Higher. \$500,000? Still higher. If you guessed in the neighborhood of \$730,000 you should be a contestant on the "Price is Right."

That's right, nearly three-quarters of a million dollars to resurface about two miles of road. The Supervisors were hoping that we could obtain a grant (Local Road Improvement Program grant from MN DOT) to pay for most of the cost. Unfortunately, we recently received a little bad news – our request was denied.

We were optimistic that we would get the funding. We spent a considerable amount of time putting together the grant proposal. We recruited letters of support from local organizations and even had some preliminary engineering work done. There's always next year.

Despite this disappointment, the Supervisors are continually examining Township roads and are on the alert for problems. If you have recommendations for repairs, let me know (clerk@avontownship.org).

On April 14th the Supervisors will drive and systematically inspect all 44 miles of Township roads. If you want to follow along, meet in the Town Hall parking lot at 9:00 AM.

Speaking of roads, some residents are plowing snow across Township roads. It is illegal to do so and if you do you can be fined or even jailed for up to 90 days. We don't want either of these to happen to any Township residents. The first time you push snow on the road you will likely get a letter from me requesting that you stop. The second letter may not be quite so friendly. So please, don't push any snow onto Township (or other) roads.

Tonight, March 21st, is the annual Qualification and Organizational Meeting that will be held at the Town Hall at 7:00. At this meeting newly elected officials are sworn in and the Supervisors develop an organizational plan for the year. Everyone is welcome.

Speaking of new officials, I was just re-elected to serve another two-year term as Township Clerk. Thank you to everyone who voted for me. I guess that means readers can expect more future contributions from Avon Township in the *Enterprise*!