

Minutes of the Qualification Meeting of Avon Township

March 21, 2012
Avon Township Hall

Call to Order: Chairman Gondringer called the meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Supervisor Gondringer asked all Township board members and staff to introduce themselves. The following individuals were present:

Board of Supervisors – *Richard Bresnahan, LeRoy Gondringer, Kelly Martini, John Merdan, Stephen Saupe, Marion Gondringer (Deputy Clerk).*

Planning Commission – *Ken Mergen, Gerry Kremers, Roger Nelson, Stephen Saupe.*

Staff Members & others – *Joe Koopmeiners, Ethan Smith, Dolores Pilarski, Dean Martini*

Approval of Agenda: Bresnahan added a discussion of the TriCounty Humane Society to the agenda. Merdan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Business:

1. **Swearing in newly elected officials** – Stephen Saupe and John Merdan were sworn in as Clerk for a two-year term and Supervisor for a three-year term, respectively. They recited the oath of office.
2. **Elect Chair & Vice-Chair** – Bresnahan nominated LeRoy Gondringer to serve as Chair. Merdan second. Two in favor. One opposed. Motion carried. Merdan moved to appoint Bresnahan as Vice-Chair. Gondringer second. Two in favor. One opposed. Motion carried.
3. **Appoint Committee Chairs/Members** – the following nominations were made:
 - Fire Board – John Merdan
 - Joint Planning Board – Richard Bresnahan & Lowell Rushmeyer
 - Roads – John Merdan
 - Snow – LeRoy Gondringer
 - Legal – LeRoy Gondringer
 - Planning Commission Rep. – LeRoy Gondringer
 - Grounds & Maintenance – John Merdan
 - Purchasing – John Merdan
 - Signs – Mr. Dean Martini will take responsibility for repair and replacement of signs, including calling for wire locating.

Merdan moved to approve the slate of nominees for the committees as presented. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. **Salary Schedule** – Bresnahan moved to approve the Salary Schedule as discussed and amended. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried. The Deputy Clerk will be paid hourly or will receive the meeting stipend when attending meetings in an official capacity.
5. **Fee Schedule** - Merdan moved to approve the Fee Schedule as discussed and amended. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried. Martini reported that mileage claims should be accompanied by odometer readings. Mileage can be charged for official Town business.

6. **Resolution 03-02-11: Snow & Ice Control Policy.** Merdan moved to renew the snow and ice control policy. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. **Joint Powers Board** – Bresnahan announced that there is a Joint Powers meeting in April. Among the topics to be included are reducing the percentage of neighbors necessary to approve annexation from 60% to 51%. The Town will publish notice of this meeting.
8. **TriCounty Humane Society** – Bresnahan reported that he had been alerted that a resident brought in two stray dogs from the Town to the Humane Society.
9. **Housekeeping** – Ms. Dolores Pilarski reported that things were going well. She was authorized to purchase some supplies as necessary.
10. **Snow Plowing** – Mr. Joe Koopmeiners and Mr. Ethan Smith reported things were going well. They recommended setting up charge accounts at Auto Value in Albany and Little Falls Machine Shop. They also recommended, and the Supervisors agreed, that cutting blades should be replaced by carbide ones in the future. The drivers will attend training if an appropriate session is found. They will clean up the trucks in about a month, after all chance of snow has passed.

Adjournment: Bresnahan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Saupe, Clerk

Supervisor Approval:

Richard Bresnahan

LeRoy Gondringer

John Merdan

date