

Avon Township Board of Supervisors

December 6, 2006

Avon City Hall

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30pm. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also attending were; Gene Casey, Ted Henderson, Ted Boran, Mark Vortherms, Steve Plantenberg, Ken Mergen and Marge Evans.

Minutes: Motion by Merdan, seconded by Gondringer to approve the minutes of the November meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Martini presented the following treasurers report:

Balance 10/31 27,415.24 90,349.46 9,651.79 2,000.00 129,416.49

Receipts 10,041.27 9,781.26 0 200.00 20,022.53

Total 37,456.51 100,130.72 9,651.79 2,200.00 149,439.02

Disbursements 1,919.31 16,860.62 3,857.80 0 22,637.73

Balance 11/30 35,537.20 83,270.10 5,792.99 2,200.00 126,801.29

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

A large settlement check (139,386.12) was recently received.

The supervisors examined the claims to be paid this month. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve payment of the claims. All in favor, motion carried.

Cory Nellis, Avon police chief, was present to talk about the use of the gun range by the police department. Police are required to practice shooting during twilight hours one day a year. Ted Boran, Albany police, requested that their department would also like to practice shoot at the range.

They do not care to open the conditional use permit again, since it would be just a one day practice. Supervisors will contact Igor Lenzner to see if this permission is legally possible. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to allow the practice time for 2 police departments if we receive the lawyer's advice and counsel. All in favor, motion carried.

Ted Henderson brought a list of trailer park rules which park owners should enforce.

After some discussion, supervisors told Henderson to take these rules to Pitzer and ask for his signature on them. then they can be considered rules for this park. After that, work on a curfew or other problems which may occur may be addressed, according to the rules.

Mark Vortherms was present to receive his final approval. He will need a permit for his driveway access to the new building. Vortherms again stated that this was the best building site on his property. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the permit and grant the variance. All in favor, motion carried.

The contractor will prepare a driveway permit and get it to us as soon as possible.

The supervisors, upon recommendation from the planning board, set a public hearing for John Merdan. He is thinking of building a wind tower on his farm. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Gondringer, to set the public hearing for December 27, at 8:15pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Plantenberg discussed the new policy the county assessor may use. A 160 acre parcel, not being used for Ag, maybe valuated as if it were four building sites. This could result in a

35% tax increase. Supervisors will ask for legal advice on this policy. It would set a precedent of taxing non-existing homes.

Gondringer began the hearing to approve the new subdivision ordinance for Avon Township. Copies were distributed to those who needed them. Some discussion and clarification followed.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Gondringer, to close the hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Should out-lots be included? What about park land required to be developed? Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to approve the subdivision ordinance, 12-06. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to adopt the resolution and summary of Ordinance 12-06 which will be published. All in favor, motion carried.

Gondringer will fill out and send the annual weed report to the county.

Martini summarized the MATS workshop she attended in Duluth. There were many vendors with helpful information on legislation, legal matters, road maintenance which would be helpful for township officials. Martini suggested that next year, the entire board attend. The meeting will be in St Cloud in '07.

Some discussion on cost of 911 signs and set up. Martini suggested that since we have a large amount of posts on hand, we need not charge for extra posts needed.

We need to find out who to call for burning permits. Could they be issued at the City Hall?

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.