

Avon Township Board of Supervisors
April 4, 2007
Avon City Hall

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30pm, by Chairman LeRoy Gondringer. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present; Richard Bresnahan, LeRoy Gondringer, John Merdan, Kelly Martini, Renee Smith. All present. Also present; Mike Childs, Steve Saupe, Jamie Thelen, Mike and Rebecca Schlough, Adam Ripple.

Minutes; Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Martini presented the following treasurers report;

Balance	57,914.55	162,157.14	23,856.04	2,400.00	246,327.73
Receipts	40.00	21,181.74	0	0	21,221.74
Total	57,954.55	183,338.58	23,856.04	2,400.00	267,549.47
Disbursements	1,363.98	6,863.40	10,119.04	0	18,346.42
Balance	56,590.57	176,475.48	13,737.00	2,400.00	249,203.05

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

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

Road Report: Mike Childs will begin to cut brush along the roads mentioned in the road inspection report. He may put the brush in Lang's gravel pit or leave it in the ditch. Jamie Thelen plans to build a home on his property at the end of 188th Avenue. He would like the township to vacate the portion of the road. Township will investigate the procedure to do this. Also, we need to be sure this part is recorded as bring a township road.

Planning Board: Ken Mergen reported that Ian Hodgson wants to build a storage shed on the property he has purchased in Cardinal's Nest Addition. The property falls into shoreland district so he was referred to the county.

Steve Buttweiler will go to the county for a permit for his house addition.

The board discussed the driveway on the Mike Schlough property. After viewing the area during road inspection, the board felt the access to the property should be on 165th rather than Queens Road.

Mergen talked about the Nelson Shepard property in Parkwood Circle. There are a large number of vehicles on the property. Nothing was decided in this matter.

Mergen reported the concern over allowing 4 apartments in the Ellen's G. and B., which the new

owner plans. We may not have any authority over this matter, since it is being permitted at the county level.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve all the Planning Board report. Mike Schlough will need a letter from the township to present to the county planning at the meeting on the 19th. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to recommend to the county to allow the position chosen for the house and placing the access on 165th, the present entrance. Bresnahan will draft a letter tot the county planning board stating our recommendations in this matter. All in favor, motion carried.

Adam Ripple presented an ordinance the township may use in adopting a township wide curfew.

Avon City covers adult penalties as well. These are rarely if ever used. The supervisors are not convinced that the curfew is a good idea. Such action would seem to be "overkill" since the main problem seems to be in the manufactured home park. Consensus was to put the ordinance on file for now. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Brenahan, not to do a mail survey concerning a curfew. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed Jamie Thelen's wish to vacate a portion of 188th. If this is actually part of the present road, Adam Ripple is willing to draw up the needed forms to proceed. The supervisors requested that the lawyer draft a form letter which can be sent when needed to inform the people of the correct specs, and placement of mailboxes in the township.

Also a letter should be sent clarifying right of way issues.

The county liaison for Avon Township will be Steve Saupe. He may be contacted through email.

Jeff Johnson and Kathy Korte, township assessors, came to talk about changes that affect property taxes in the township.

Ag land, on average, has the largest average increase at 19% with Green Acres at 15% Residential average increase is % with lake shore being at 7%. They also gave handouts providing more information and sales comparisons.

Huls Trucking would like to have a chance to bid on township snow plowing.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the following reorganizing; Mergen was re-appointed as planning board chair. Hourly wages will continue at \$13.00 an hour. Use of chainsaw will be an additional \$13.00 an hour.

Meeting stipends remain at \$50.00 for planning board and \$55.00 for the supervisors. Other meetings of four hours or less will be \$55.00, and longer at \$13.00 an hour, not to exceed \$100.00.

Mileage allowed will be according to federal guidelines which is currently 50 cents a mile.

Gondringer brought up the bounty to trap pocket gophers. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to pay a \$3.00 bounty on each pocket gopher brought in by a township resident. All in

favor, motion carried.

Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to re-appoint Gondringer as chairman.

Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Brenahan, to appoint Merdan to the fire board.

Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Merdan, to appoint Bresnahan to the Joint Powers Board.

Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Merdan, to appoint Lowell Rushmeyer, appointed chairman at the Joint Powers Board.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to update the fee schedule and make copies available. All in favor, motion carried.

The clerk has received several feed lot permits from the county. They will be filed in township files.

Motion by Brenahan, seconded by Merdan to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.