

Avon Township Board of Supervisors
April 2, 2008
Avon City Hall

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 7:30pm, by Chairman LeRoy Gondringer. Everyone stood for the ledge of Allegiance.

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

Agenda: Motion by Merdan, seconded by Gondringer, to approve the agenda for the evening. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Merdan, seconded by Gondringer, to approve the business carried on at the re-organizational meeting.

Gondringer said that the city would like to have the township find our own place to vote. Merdan will look into that. All in favor, to approve the re-org. work.

Martini presented the monthly treasurers report for approval. Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Merdan, to approve the report. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Greg Stroing asked to speak on behalf of Bonestroo, a civil engineering firm. Their main office is in St Paul, but they do have a location in St Cloud. The company would be interested in any bids or quotes which the township offers in the future.

The new owner of Cones in St Anna was present to ask for the liquor and beer license for the establishment. Fee is \$150 and we will sign for the township when the papers are ready.

Richard Bresnahan was present for the rest of the meeting.

Tom Eveslage came to explain the Albany Telephone Co. plan. The company plans to purchase a small parcel of land from Evelyn Budde and construct a small building there to house the equipment needed for the lines they bury in the Tower Road area. The company will also service the new Avon Estates. They will not need to rezone, but will need a conditional use permit and a driveway access permit. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to schedule a conditional use hearing for April 30 at 8:30pm. Costs will be \$200 for the hearing, \$200 for the driveway deposit and \$75.00 for the 911 sign. \$200 will be refunded if there is no township road damage. All in favor, motion carried.

Planning Board report: ken Mergen reported that the planning board has recommended approval for the setback variance for Jim Lehner. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to sign and approve the variance. All in favor, motion carried.

Steve Plantenberg has retired from the board. Supervisors asked Steve Saupe to become a planning board member. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve Steve Saupe. All in favor, motion carried.

Lowell Rushmeyer is willing to continue on the planning board. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to re-appoint Rushmeyer. All in favor, motion carried.

St Johns has requested to rezone 3 parcels from the former Mike Philippi farm. Motion by Brenahan, seconded by Merdan, to set a public hearing for the purpose of changing the parcels from A40 AG to Ecclesiastic-Educational zone on April 30 at 8:15pm. All in favor, motion carried. Questions about building plans and needs assessment should be asked at this hearing.

The new CapX2020 utility line route was discussed. The route will need to go north or south of Avon because of all the area lakes and waterways. There is a meeting at Freeport to discuss this further. Suggestion to have the lawyer draft a letter to the utility to express our deep concern about the proposed route.

Avon Hills group has been awarded a grant to be used to hire a professional (possibly Randell Arendt) to analyze our ordinances and recommend future actions especially in development in the St Anna area. Motion to approve all the planning board actions that were reported. All in favor, motion carried.

The township will use the clerks address, 16895 County Road 9, Avon MN 56310, as the official address.

This year's road inspection will be on April 12 at 9:00 am. Any problems will be brought to the supervisor's attention. There is 4wheeler damage on 325th Street.

Dean Martini is willing to clean up trees and brush along the roads.

The supervisors are discussing quotes for the township snowplow job. Two trucks would be needed. They want to offer a contract for one year at a time. Merdan will go to Lange for a quote along with any other willing to offer a quote.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve putting a dumpster at Martini's farm for township clean up. This will be published.

Township will hire Travis Ritter and \$5.00 per gopher trapped along township road ditches.

Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Merdan, as follows; I so move that the township shall create a capital improvement plan for the purpose of constructing building and buying equipment the township needs to maintain the roads and store the records of the township. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gondringer, seconded by Merdan to obtain a safe deposit box at Avon Bank for important financial documents. All in favor, motion carried.

The treasurer will transfer, on paper, \$100,000 from the road and bridge fund to a capital improvement. We will keep the public informed at the annual meeting.

Martini informed the board that there are no deductions on election judge wages.

Clerk will call county to question about voting in the church. Also, how far ahead does the public need to be informed of a change in voting location.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

Announcements: Mergen announced the gravel pit inspections on April 9 and the road inspection on April 12.

Next meeting: The next planning board meeting will be April 30, 2008.

Adjournment: Scepaniak moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:55pm. Mergen seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Saupe
Deputy Clerk

Minutes amended & approved.

	General Revenue	Road & Bridge	Fire	Road Damage	Total
Balance from 2-29-08	\$56,962.85	\$181,669.22	\$23,539.91	\$2,400.00	\$264,571.98
Receipts	\$185.00	\$21,862.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,047.91
Total	\$57,147.85	\$203,532.13	\$23,539.91	\$2,400.00	\$286,619.89
Disbursements	\$1,653.98	\$6,864.00	\$6,875.50	\$0.00	\$15,393.48
Balance ending 3-31-08	\$55,493.87	\$196,668.13	\$16,664.41	\$2,400.00	\$271,226.41
CD ending balance in fire fund			<u>\$15,000.00</u> \$1,664.41		