

Avon Township Board of Supervisors
August 6, 2008
Avon City Hall

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

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

Also present were Ken Mergen, Jeff Lange, Mike and Julie Lemcke.

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

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

According to a study presented to the city, a new fire hall cost estimate is \$1.5 million dollars.

Treasurers Report: Martini presented the enclosed report for approval. There were several changes that were needed, the board delayed approval until the meeting next month.

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

Road Report: Jeff Lange presented a certificate earned at a workshop on best practices for snow and ice control.

The problem on the corner of Norway Road and 135th will be fixed this fall. St Wendel will share the cost with Avon.

The erosion along Jean Masoletti's field was discussed. Tom Studniski, the renter, would like a long term contract agreement with Masoletti (5-10 years) to leave a 200 foot strip in hay along the road. Township would pay for the seed if a long term agreement can be reached.

Next week, the township will hire a sprayer for the ditches. Spraying will be done as much as possible, without harm to populated areas.

Lange will begin to do some patching this next week. The board called attention to several problems; 190th has a large pot hole, a gully on the north side of the county road and 360th. Brush problems on a couple spots on Upper Spunk Lake Road.

Randy Jenniges, city engineer, was present to discuss the work that has been done at the trail connection in the Tower Road right of way. The supervisors had talked to the city on Monday of that week and did not approve the plan. However, the work went on and it is now ready for blacktop. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to have the right of way restored to its original condition. All in favor, motion carried.

Planning Board Report: The hearing scheduled for Tom King at this meeting was cancelled.

There was discussion on holding public hearings. Township may hold public hearing when they feel it will benefit the local people. Perhaps some language changes in the M.O.U. will clarify the situation.

The Lemckes were present to discuss any progress at Cones Bar. The township would consider drafting a nuisance ordinance dealing with noise only. A joint meeting of the planning and supervisor boards was set for August 27, where a possible noise ordinance and word changes in the M.O.U. will be discussed.

Joe Scepaniak is finding it difficult to attend the planning board meetings because the company has major projects in North Dakota this summer.

Mergen attended the Pelican Lake Association meeting. Interesting information that pollution does not because bull rushes to grow, they start in the shallow water during dry years. Also the water quality in the lake is not from farm run off, but poorly septic systems. Three homes have pipes running raw sewage into the lake.

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

Suggestion made after the language is changed in the M.O.U., it should be on the web site.

Clerk reminded the board that the election move will have to be made before September 9, primary day.

The following streets were suggested for spraying: 360th, 165th, 355th, 365th, 370th, 175th, Two Rivers Road, North of 160th.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to have the entire amount of the fire department bill should be added to Dan Pitzer's tax bill for 2009. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk will draft a letter.

The old Blattner Office building is being offered for possible leasing. The township will look into leasing part of it, or all. Plans for snowplowing should be finalized at least for the next two years. If we need shop space, this would be a good place to start.

The supervisors will contact Bonestroo Engineering to survey for the exact location of the cul de sac at the end of 165th. The easements can then be obtained from land owners.

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

August 27: Planning and Supervisor Board meet to work on noise ordinance and M.O.U. language changes.

September 3rd - next supervisor meeting.