

Avon Township Board of Supervisors
October 1, 2008
Avon City Hall

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

Roll Call: Present; John Merdan, LeRoy Gondringer, Richard Bresnahan, Kelly Martini, Renee Smith. All present. Also present were Ken Mergen, Steve Saupe, Mike and Julie Lemcke. Roger Nelson, Jeff Lange, Sue Mauderer, a representative for Bonestroo Engineering.

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

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

Martini presented the treasurer's report for approval. It was noted that Knife River came in with a claim which was less than their Bid. Motion by Brenahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

The supervisors examined the claims to be approved at this meeting. Supervisors felt that Lange's bill was excessive. The recommended no more road work until snow removal begins. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Brenahan, to approve the claims. All in favor, motion carried.

Road report: Lange presented an estimate for brushing along roads from Cougar Tree Service.

Lange estimated the township will need about 120 yards of salt sand. He will order it from Scepaniak.

The supervisors received Lange's road contract for the next two years. Hourly rates include, snow plowing at \$121 per hour, Blading roads at \$92 per hour, and ditch mowing at \$72 per hour.

Planning Board: Jim and GERALYN Dierkhising were present to receive a certificate of compliance for a small strip of land they will buy and attach to their property. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the certificate which was also approved at the planning board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

The planning board held a hearing for a setback variance on behalf of Gerald Stenger. Stenger wishes to build a new cabin on Pelican Lake 48 feet setback from the center line of the road rather than the 63 feet required by the ordinance. Neighbors have no objections and the cabin would be in line with other cabins there.

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

Roger Nelson was present. Nelson has applied for a position on the planning board. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to appoint Nelson to the planning board. He will finish out Joe Secpaniak's term. Because of major work projects out of the state, Scepaniak has found it impossible to attend the meetings. All in favor of the motion for Nelson, motion carried. Scepaniak has agreed to be a consultant and advisor for township road work.

The possible feed lot violation near Avon Estates has been cleared.

Sue Mauderer was present to request a variance for road setback on Lazy Lagoon. She has purchased a new manufactured home and intends to remove the old and replace it. Since she has a short time issue, she requested a special joint meeting. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to set a joint special meeting for Sue Mauderer on October 20 at 8:00pm. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk will clear the night at City Hall so the plan can go forward.

Dale Swanson from Bonestroo Engineering, continued the discussion of the cul de sac on 165th. They have contacted Independent Testing and Technology. They will need four 10 foot borings, 2 in the cul de sac area and 2 on the present road. Price would be \$900. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to give permission to go ahead with the project. All in favor, motion carried. Bonestroo plans to be back in February with complete cul de sac plans.

The supervisors has a discussion with the Sheriff concerning possible actions that could be taken in dealing with Cones Bar or other noise or nuisance problems occurring in the future. Township could pass an ordinance. If any changes or additions are made to the business, they would need a conditional use permit. A special event permit could be required for larger events or gatherings. Presently, the best way to report a problem situation is to call the sheriff.

Merdan reported on the 5th Monday meeting which he attended on 9/29. The superintendent has some plans and ideas to finance building improvements with energy savings and rebates. A levy will be necessary, but some savings on efficiency rebates could help.

Some road signs are missing (160th) and 911 signs needed. There has been some burning activity in lowland acreage next to Vima addition. The county has an old plat recorded as Vima 2.

Discussion is going with Jean Masoletti concerning her erodible land along Norway Road. We have no agreement there yet. Supervisors discussed the erosion in Amor Himsl's field next to Norway Road. Himsl wants Brix to do any dirt work done there. It will not be done until after the harvest. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Gondringer. Bresnahan voted no. Motion carried. On October 15, the county has a meeting scheduled to present their 5 year plan for road repairs.

Merdan mentioned that the county has rough strips along the extra bike lane, forcing the bikers to drive in the traffic lane on County Road 50.
 A bike lane is also planned for County Road 51.
 Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

| | General Revenue | Total | Road & Bridge | Fire | Capital Fund | Road Damage |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Balance from 8-31-08 | \$38,094.11 | \$336,726.61 | \$171,123.02 | \$10,109.48 | \$115,000.00 | \$2,400.00 |
| Receipts | \$277.03 | \$277.03 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$38,371.14 | \$337,003.64 | \$171,123.02 | \$10,109.48 | \$115,000.00 | \$2,400.00 |
| Disbursements | \$2,125.78 | \$44,155.55 | \$38,654.27 | \$3,375.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Balance ending 9-30-08 | \$36,245.36 | \$292,848.09 | \$132,468.75 | \$6,733.98 | \$115,000.00 | \$2,400.00 |