

Avon Special All Township Meeting  
October 6, 2009  
St Anna Church Basement

The meeting was called to order by the clerk, Renee Smith. Smith greeted and welcomed the group to this special meeting. The purpose for this coming together was to discuss the work the officials have done this year concerning the future of the township and plans to build a new facility.

Smith introduced the officials present. They were supervisors; LeRoy Gondringer, Richard Bresnahan, and John Merdan. Kelly Martini and Renee Smith.

Planning Board members; Ken Mergen, Gerry Kremers, Roger Nelson, Steve Saupe.

Steve Plantenberg, chairman for the task force would introduce his group later in the meeting.

The crowd was encouraged to discuss, ask questions, and make suggestions. The people received copies of the task force report, and graph about snow plowing costs and the agenda for the evening. Lee Larkey was nominated and elected to moderate the meeting.

Gondringer began to discuss the now plowing cost according to the graph everyone received. Avon Township had the highest operating expense for the last 4 years when compared to the neighboring townships with comparable road mileage. If our township had our own equipment, the board feels we could save a large amount in plowing expenses. But, we need to have a place to keep the machines.

Russ Waterman, township resident, questioned if the entire township will be annexed to the city soon. All the officials present stated that they have no intention to let this happen at this time, or in the future.

Plantenberg introduced the task force and talked about their meetings and work to develop the final report.

Smith talked about the difficulties of conducting the elections when we have to have a permanent location to vote. Machines have to be "carted around" and voters must be informed of the location every time it changes.

Ken Mergen has discussed purchasing land from 9 land owners in or near County Road 9. There has been no decision on purchasing the tract of land for this project.

Steve Plantenberg made a motion to authorize the supervisors to proceed with the township facility project as stated in the task force report of June 10. Vote was unanimous yes, no nays.

Motion by Ken Mergen, seconded by Zoe Graul, to adjourn.

Refreshments of cookies and cider were enjoyed.