

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors

May 19, 2010

Avon City Hall

Call to Order: Acting Chair Bresnahan called the meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors to order at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge: Saupe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Kelly Martini, Richard Bresnahan, John Merdan, Stephen Saupe. LeRoy Gondringer arrived at approximately 8:30 PM, prior to the discussion of the 182nd Ave Road project (business item #2).

Approval of Agenda: Added to the agenda were: (a) Justin Engelman (Bonestroo) concerning the 182nd Ave project. Bresnahan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes will be examined at the June 2nd meeting.

Claims: Claims will be presented at the June 2nd meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report will be presented at the June 2nd meeting.

Road Report: The Road Report will be presented at the June 2nd meeting.

Planning Board Report: The Planning Board report will be presented at the June 2nd meeting.

Public Hearings: There were no public hearings.

Business:

1. **St. John's Wind Turbine** – Br. Benedict Leuthner and Mr. Bill Boom, from St. John's, appeared to announce that they will attend the Planning Board meeting to initiate the process to seek approval for the construction of a 2.5 megawatt wind turbine on the hill directly west of West Gemini Lake. The unit will be a Nordex 2500 and is anticipated to produce 50% of the annual electrical needs of the campus. When windy (20 mph) the turbine should be able to carry the entire campus. Any excess power will be sold back to Excel. They are currently in the preliminary stages of planning. Power lines to/from the turbine will run underground. Road access will be through the Flyntown area. The turbine will make some noise, though it shouldn't be significant according to Br. Benedict. There is a financial tax incentive to begin construction before the end of the year to take advantage of federal incentives. The tower will be 260 feet to the hub with blades that extend to 400 feet high.
2. **Bond Results** – Mr. David Drown (David Drown Associates, Minneapolis) appeared to report of the sale of "Build America Bonds" to fund the township building project. United Bankers' Bank was the low bidder at a purchase price of \$554,400. The interest rate after the Federal Rebate will be 2.8193% and the annual payment will be approximately \$71K a year for 10 years. Merdan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-5, "Resolution providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of \$560,000 taxable general obligation certificates of indebtedness, series 2010A (Build America Bonds); establishing the terms and conditions therefor; creating a construction account and a debt

service account therefor; and awarding the sale thereof.” Bresnahan second. Roll call vote: Bresnahan – aye, Merdan – aye, Gondringer – absent. Motion carried. Documents were signed and Saupe will return

3. **182nd Ave Road Project** – Mr. Justin Engelman, Bonestroo, appeared to request that the Supervisors sign copies of the contract to initiate work on this project. Knife River had indicated that they wanted to start on May 24th, but Mr. Engelman stated that construction couldn’t begin until the contract is signed and until after the pre-con conference which will be held at the Bonestroo offices on Tuesday, May 25th. Merdan will represent the township at this meeting. Merdan moved to approve and sign the contract with Knife River for the 182nd Street project. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Building Committee Meeting/Update** – Construction manager Stephen Plantenberg and Architect Dan Tideman provided an update on the project. Building committee members in attendance were: Lee Larkey, Rick Pogatschnick, Dean Martini, Zoe Graul, Ed Spring, Jr., and Ken Mergen.

The address of the township hall will be 16881 Queen’s Road, Avon, MN 56310.

Mr. Plantenberg announced that the groundbreaking ceremony will be Saturday, May 22nd at 11:00 AM. He will have available hardhats and shovels. The public is invited to attend.

Bardson Excavating has begun site work and that the project is about a week ahead of schedule. Probe tests are scheduled and footings will be excavated on Monday. Bonestroo will mark corners.

Mr. Tideman provided color options for the siding and roof. Several combinations were suggested. Mr. Tideman will provide computer sketches with color combinations for final selection at the next meeting. Flooring will attempt to match the external colors and will be selected at that time.

Mr. Ed. Springer, Jr., committee member and electrical contractor bid winner, provided an electrical design plan to seek feedback on positions of outlets, lighting, etc. Final decisions are required about a week before they begin. Mr. Springer will email a pdf file of the plan for recommendations.

Payment schedule for contractors will occur monthly. A single check will be sent to RA Morton to pay all contractors for the period.

Builder’s Risk Insurance – Quotes were obtained from the Minnesota Association of Townships (\$1740 for a \$450K policy) and Mahowald (\$1410 for \$375K policy). Bresnahan moved to accept the quote from Mahowald for building risk insurance policy of \$375,000. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Deputy Clerk** – Saupe announced that Marion Gondringer has agreed to serve as Deputy Clerk. The supervisor’s approved. Saupe will find appropriate documents to formalize the appointment.
6. **911 Signs Stolen** – Approximately a dozen 911 signs were recently stolen from the Noble Oaks neighborhood. The Sheriff has been alerted. Affected residents will need to purchase a replacement by contacting Treasurer Martini. The policy is that the township provides the first

sign free; residents must pay for any additional signs. Martini will determine the replacement cost of the signs.

7. **Cell Phone Tower** – Bresnahan announced that the company received a Conditional Use Permit in 1998 and is seeking a copy of it.
8. **Beacon** – Saupe announced he has enrolled in the software program *Beacon*, which provides interactive access to data from Stearns County. The cost is \$1.00 per month with specific fees for data download.

Announcements:

- Krain Township will hold an Open House for their new facility on May 23. The public is invited.
- Fire Board Meeting – Merdan will provide an update at the June meeting.

Adjournment: Merdan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 PM. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is June 2, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Saupe, Clerk