

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors
October 20, 2010
Avon City Hall

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

Pledge: Clerk Saupe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Richard Bresnahan, LeRoy Gondringer, Kelly Martini, John Merdan, and Stephen Saupe.

Approval of Agenda: Added to the agenda was a walkthrough of the new township hall. Merdan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes will be examined at the November 3rd meeting.

Claims: Claims will be presented at the November 3rd meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report will be presented at the November 3rd meeting.

Road Report: Several issues were discussed:

1. Mr. Scepaniak still has not provided a quote for salt/sand. Gondringer will contact Mr. Scepaniak to see if he still plans to submit one. One concern is that delivery from a belly-dump truck makes it more difficult to clean up. A final decision will be made at the November 3rd meeting.
2. The plow blades were unloaded and then the trucks were taken to Ramler Trucking for general maintenance work. One may need a new battery. The plows will be attached once the trucks come back from servicing. They won't be completely fueled until winter diesel fuel is available.
3. We need to set a policy for plowing private driveways. Martini will contact the Township Association to determine if special liability insurance is required.
4. There was a question of whether we need to do random drug testing on the plow drivers. Gondringer will contact the school district for advice.

Planning Board Report: The Planning Board report will be presented at the November 3rd meeting.

Public Hearings: There were no public hearings.

Business:

1. **CAPX2020** – Bresnahan reported on a meeting held at St. John's that included representatives from both St. John's and the Township. The Township needs to identify an alternate route. The Township should develop a listing of organic farms and homes that will be impacted along the route. Excel appears to be playing 'hard ball' – they provided documents late, which in turn, reduced the time available to put testimony together. They also petitioned the Court to require a bonded appeal for \$300 million bond; this will effectively prevent any potential appeal of the final decision. The Supervisors will follow the route through the township on Sunday, October 24th at 1:00 to document the impacts of the power line.

2. **Township Newsletter** – Although a township newsletter would be nice, it would be expensive. One option is to submit a monthly column to the *Stearns-Morrison Enterprise* for publication. Gondringer used to write a column before the joint Avon newsletter. Discussion will continue at the next Supervisor meeting.
3. **St. Anna Bar & Grill Noise Exemption** – Mr. Nick Retka withdrew an application for a noise ordinance exemption at the St. Anna Bar & Grill because the event was scheduled indoors.
4. **Township Hall Supplies** – A variety of items (*i.e.*, toilet paper, kitchen supplies) will be required for the new facility. Gondringer moved to set up an account at Restaurant Supply and/or Spectrum Supply to purchase assorted supplies. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried. Merdan will look into this.
5. **Building Committee Appreciation** – Members of the building committee and building task force were invited to a private tour of the new facility prior to the Planning Board meeting on October 27th. Construction Manager Stephen Plantenberg will give the tour. Saupe will obtain beverages (*i.e.*, cider) and cookies. Martini will get a cheese/meat tray. Mr. Dean Martini has volunteered to donate sausage.
6. **Building Update** – Mr. Plantenberg provided an update on the progress of the facility. Most of the work is completed. Only minor jobs remain. A warranty walkthrough will be scheduled for next September. There will be approximately \$10,000 left in the contingency fund. Bresnahan moved to continue the meeting at the Town Hall and then again on Sunday, October 24th at 1:00 PM. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried. The Supervisors reconvened at the township facility. Mr. Plantenberg provided a tour and gave keys to elected officials.
7. **Township Tour & Planning History** – The Supervisor's meeting was continued on Sunday, Oct 24th at the Town Hall. Gondringer opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. The Supervisors drove along the proposed route for the CAPX2020 power line documenting homes that will be affected. Upon returning to the Town Hall, the Supervisors discussed the Township's history of conservation and land planning including the 1981 Comprehensive Plan, 1989-2020 Comprehensive Plan (current), Tri-County Landfill issue, Joint Powers Agreement with Avon City, work with St. John's including the Solar Farm and Wind Turbine projects and long-range planning meeting, and the Avon Hills Initiative.

Adjournment: Merdan moved to adjourn the meeting on Sunday, October 24th at 3:42 PM. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is November 3, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Saupe, Clerk

Minutes amended and approved: 3 November 2010