

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors

## August 3, 2011

### Avon Township Hall

**Call to Order:** Chairman Gondringer called the meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors to order at 7:30 P.M.

**Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present – LeRoy Gondringer, Kelly Martini, John Merdan and Marion Gondringer. Absent – Richard Bresnahan and Steve Saupe.

**Approval of Agenda:** No additions to the agenda. Gondringer moved to approve the agenda with one addition. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Gondringer moved to approve the amended minutes of the July 6, 2011 meeting. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** April and May Treasurer Reports were reviewed with corrected calculations. The Treasurer’s Report will continue to be generated using the CTAS Cash Control Statement as reflected below. Merdan moved to approve Treasurer’s report, Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Cash Control Statement for the Period 07/01/2011 to 07/30/2011**

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursed	Ending Balance
General Revenue	\$42,264.15	\$9,967.42	\$17,361.93	\$34,869.64
Road and Bridge	\$262,961.91	\$46,214.16	\$1,422.93	\$307,753.14
Fire	(\$29,423.07)	\$8,051.93	\$0.00	(\$21,371.14)
Road Damage Deposit	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$124,304.55	\$1,477.41	\$0.00	\$125,781.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$400,507.54</b>	<b>\$65,710.92</b>	<b>\$18,784.86</b>	<b>\$447,433.60</b>

**Claims:** Martini presented claims (1650 to 1667). Merdan moved to approve the claims. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Road Report:** The following items were discussed:

1. **Two Rivers Road flooding** – The flooding in Avon Township areas has receded.
2. **Recent storm damage** – Various areas of concern have developed or been attended to due to the recent heavy rains in July which caused washing and culvert collapses.
  - a. **370<sup>th</sup> Street** – West of County Road 155 has had 8 loads of gravel added and bladed.
  - b. **370<sup>th</sup> Street** East of Co. Rd. 155– This road was blocked off overnight after Gondringer discovered a collapsed culvert and severe washing. The culvert was replaced the next day. Greg Bechtold, Stearns County Wetland Specialist from Environmental Services made contact with Gondringer to inquire about this action. He explained that any time culvert work is done, their office must be notified to identify wetland concerns. Paperwork has been received and returned to Environmental Services as well as to the Army Corp of Engineers.
  - c. **Peach Drive** has had one load of gravel added.
  - d. **Tower and 360<sup>th</sup> Street** have two sink holes over culverts which are being closely watched. Some fill was added by Gondringer to fill the holes.
  - e. **Upper Spunk Lake Road** had downed trees from the severe wind and rain storm on

Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, which were moved off into the ditch. The debris will be handled by Roger Nelson in the next few weeks.

- f. **135<sup>th</sup> Avenue, just off I-94 interchange** has a pothole in the tar which needs to be repaired. Merdan will follow up.
  - g. **Blattner Addition** there are springs running across the roads and the manholes seem to be plugged since they are not handling the water flow. Attempts to unplug will be made and the issue will be followed up at the September meeting.
  - h. **David Raab** presented a bill for gravel he ordered for his driveway (which Gondringer authorized) to repair damage from recent rains. The ditch will need to be cleaned out to allow proper water flow.
3. **Deb Weiss** has contacted the Township concerning a large tree which is apparently dying and has the potential to fall on the Township road. Merdan will follow up.
  4. **Meadowview Road alteration** Keith Sand has built up a portion of a minimum maintenance road ditch and surrounding roadway which was unauthorized and has been inspected by Dennis Kron, County Surveyor, and a Township official. Keith Sand has been notified by Stearns County that the unauthorized dirt work must be removed ASAP and the road and ditch be restored to its previous condition.
  5. **Stolen stop signs** – A stop sign has been stolen and will be replaced; at the T-intersection of Pelican Lake Road and 360<sup>th</sup> Street.
  6. **911 sign** - Bob Yurczyk requests a 911 sign installation at the location of his chicken barn . This sign was not included in the original installation of 911 signs. This was an oversight. Motion by Gondringer, second by Merdan to pay for the sign by Yurczyk's chicken barn on 365<sup>th</sup> Street. All in favor. Motion approved.

**Planning Commission Report:** Ken Mergen, Planning Commission Chair, presented the Planning Commission Report. The items discussed were:

1. **Steve and Pam Himsl** – Certificate of Compliance. Steve Himsl appeared before the Planning Commission to request a Certificate of Compliance to add an adjoining parcel of land to his property located off of County Road 159. Motion by Gondringer, second by Merdan to approve Quit Claim Deed, Declaration of Restriction, and Certificate of Compliance with the condition that all Stearns County requirements are met. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Mark and Heather Pierskalla** – Certificate of Compliance. Heather and Mark Pierskalla, 37837 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue, appeared before the Planning Commission to request a Certificate of Compliance to allow the sale of 18 acres of land to a neighboring farmer. Motion by Gondringer, second by Merdan to approve Certificate of Compliance for sale of 18 acres, as well as the Declaration of Restriction with the condition that all Stearns County requirements are met. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. **TDR** – The Planning Commission is not in favor of approving the Transfer of Development rights. Further discussion will take place at the September meeting. Gondringer moved to accept and approve Planning Commission Minutes. Second Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Hearings:** none.

**Scheduled Business:**

1. **MOU** – Motion by Gondringer, second by Merdan to set a Public Hearing for a Memorandum of Understanding with Stearns County on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Storm damage** will continue to be assessed. Nelson will proceed with debris removal as discussed.
3. **Survey** - Consolidation of Local Governments – completion of MN township survey. Gondringer will finish completing the survey.

4. **Beuning** – Merdan states that there are fuel storage tanks on the property as well as two old dump sites as well. Information will be sent to requesting attorney.
5. **Blattner** – The Township is unaware of any specific environmental issues on this property.
6. **Building use policy**- The Girl Scouts have used the building since the Open House. A contact person will be set up for handling the use of the key. Users of the building will pick up a key and return to contact person before and after each event. No keys will be issued to anyone using the building. Information concerning handling of the key will be added to the building use policy for review at the September meeting.

**Other Business:**

1. **Ray Voitalla** – Ray Voitalla, 36623 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue, presented a proposal for a preliminary plat for a one-plot subdivision to allow him to build a home after his son takes over the farm. Motion by Merdan, second by Gondringer to approve the preliminary plat with the condition that all Stearns County requirements are met. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Landscaping** – Merdan presented two quotes for what is needed to complete the landscaping around the Town Hall; Prairie Restoration - \$11,616.30, and MN Native Landscapes - \$10,448.00. Planting will be done using native grasses and plants. Motion by Gondringer, second by Merdan to accept the lower of the two bids, from MN Native Landscapes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Announcements:**

- a. Storm Damage – reported to County (Erin Hausauer) damage of \$182 for cleanup of downed trees due to storms on July 1 and July 10 (did not include the cost of road damage from July 15<sup>th</sup> storm, at County request).
- b. Jane Youngkrantz - candidate for District 5 Director / Township Association. Voting date is noted as August 17<sup>th</sup>
- c. Randal Arendt article
- d. District 5 Meeting & Election Notice – Wed, Aug 17 (7:30 PM, Willmar)
- e. Received Notice of Availability of Final Order designating a route for CAPX2020
- f. Feedlot Construction permit – Lisa Baker (36861 Cty Rd 9)
- g. Certificate of Real Estate Values – Blattner (32197 Blattner St.; \$119,000)
- h. Construction Site Permits – Streit (175<sup>th</sup> Ave, 30 x 80 home and pole shed); Straley (Cty Rd 159, 10 kW WECS), Merdan (Cty Rd 50, High tunnel greenhouse), Thelen (188<sup>th</sup> Ave, shed), Schirmers (Quaker Rd, grain bin).

**Announcement of next meeting:** August 3, 2011 at 7:30 PM

**Adjournment:** Merdan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. Second by Gondringer. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Stephen Saupe, Clerk

Supervisor Approval:

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Richard Bresnahan

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LeRoy Gondringer

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John Merdan

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Date

Respectfully submitted by: Marion Gondringer/ Township Deputy Clerk