

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors
March 7, 2012
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 Stephen Saupe.

Approval of Agenda: No additions to the agenda. Merdan moved to approve the agenda as printed. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Gondringer moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting after correcting “Deputy Gondringer” to Deputy Clerk Gondringer.” Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Martini read the Treasurer’s Report and provided the Cash Control Statement for the period 2/1/2012 to 2/29/2012 (*below*). Merdan moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursed	Ending Balance
General Revenue	\$32,509.66	\$355.84	\$3,290.89	\$29,574.61
Road and Bridge	\$247,170.14	\$26.04	\$2,094.50	\$245,101.68
Fire	\$5,115.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,115.13
Road Damage Deposit	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$106,033.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106,033.41
Total	\$391,028.34	\$381.88	\$5,385.39	\$386,024.83

Claims & Payroll: Martini presented claims 1770 – 1779. Merdan moved to approve the claims and payroll. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Road Report: The following items were discussed:

1. Vacating 180th Ave. – The Town is considering vacating 180th Ave since it is essentially a private drive because the Avon City has purchased the adjacent Gertken property. Town attorney, Adam Ripple, presented options for consideration as to how this should be done.
2. Sign Posts – Research will take place as to how to proceed with purchasing necessary posts for 911 signs, and road signs. The possibility of combining an order with Albany Town was discussed.
3. The recent heavy snowfall was discussed. Plowing complaints and compliments were discussed; mailbox knocked down on 160th Ave.; plow roads with highest traffic volume first; driver going too fast on 325th. A resident at the meeting made the comment that the Township roads were plowed much better than the County roads for this snowfall.

Merdan moved to approve the Road Report. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report: Mr. Ken Mergen, Planning Commission Chair, presented the

Planning Commission report. Mergen reported:

1. Kampfer Variancee – Mergen reported on the Public Hearing for Marty and Lisa Kampfer’s request to build a residence along Pelican Lake Road, 13 feet closer to the road right-of-way than is allowed by the current ordinance. The Planning Commission recommended granting the variance. Merdan moved to approve the request. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Brad Beckers complaint – Mergen reported that Brad Beckers appeared before the Planning Commission with issues relating to neighbors putting brush on his property, a property line dispute, and a neighbor’s septic system encroaching on his property. Some discussion took place in regard to these issues and it was determined that these issues fall under civil jurisdiction because they are considered neighbor-to-neighbor disputes. Beckers has been advised to seek legal counsel if these issues cannot be resolved through discussion with the neighbors.
3. Planning Commission Members – The terms of Planning Commission members Gerry Kremers and Roger Nelson will expire at the end of March. Mergen reports that both members will seek reappointment for a second term. The Supervisors will address this at the April meeting.

Merdan moved to accept the Planning Commission report. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Scheduled Business

1. Sale of Town salt shed property – Town attorney, Adam Ripple presented information concerning various options for handling the process for listing the property for sale, posting the information and implementing the sale. Planning Commission Chair Ken Mergen presented research from realtors, bankers, and comparable sales in the area on what the value of the 5 acre parcel the Town owns. The land is zoned residential and is in the Urban Expansion District. One acre of the parcel is located within Avon City limits. Discussion on options for advertising and selling the property took place. Saupe will search for the property abstract.
2. Fire Protection Contract - Fire Relief Fund – Discussion took place regarding the fees being assessed by the City of Avon for fire protection. Town Attorney Adam Ripple discussed the manner in which the Relief Fund Fee is incorporated into the fire contract assessment and stated that the fee must be included in the formula used to calculate contracted costs and could not be listed as a separate line item in the billing process. Motion by Merdan to accept and sign the Fire Contract for the year 2012 – 2013. Second by Gondringer. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Annual Meeting Agenda – Town Attorney Adam Ripple was asked about the proper way to vote on the levy amounts. Ripple explained that the amounts for the individual funds can be included in one motion or separate motions may be voted on for each fund. Either process will not restrict fund use. The Supervisors finalized the agenda for the upcoming Annual Meeting on March 13, 2012. Merdan moved to accept the final agenda. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 4. SCORE Grant – This grant is available for the purpose of providing a means of disposal for trash which is picked up along road ditches in the spring of the year by Town residences. Motion by Gondringer to have Steve Saupe apply for this funding. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5. Spring Water testing – Motion by Gondringer to have Clerk Saupe order the testing for this spring. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6. Annual Meeting Refreshments – Pizzas will be ordered from the Landing and pop will be provided as refreshments after the Annual Meeting. Motion by Gondringer to provide the discussed refreshments. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7. Spring Short Courses – Will be in St. Cloud on March 26, 2012. Motion by Merdan to authorize attendance at the course for Town officers who wish to attend any of the courses. Second by Gondringer. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8. Warranty work on the door has been completed. Warranty work on men’s leaking toilet will be resolved this week.

Reports/Announcements

- 1. Absentee ballots will be on Saturday March 10th. Kelly Martini will be the election judge present.
- 2. Ray Woitalla came to meeting to pay fees for driveway permit and road damage deposit.
- 3. The State has completed the process of redistricting which has split Avon Town into two separate districts. Further information as to how this will affect the election process will be gathered.
- 4. Certificate of Real Estate values – *none received*
- 5. Construction Site Permits – *none received*

Announcement of next meeting: *April 4, 2012 at 7:30 PM*

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Gondringer, Deputy Clerk

date

Supervisor Approval:

Richard Bresnahan

LeRoy Gondringer

John Merdan