

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors
March 5, 2014
Avon Township Hall

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Gondringer called the meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors to order at 7:30 P.M. in the main chamber of the Avon Township Hall.
2. **Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Roll Call:** Present – Richard Bresnahan, LeRoy Gondringer, John Merdan, Kelly Martini, and Marion Gondringer; Absent - Stephen Saupe.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Bresnahan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Minutes:** Merdan moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2014 meeting. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer’s Report was read and Cash Control Statement provided for the period 2/1/2014 to 2/31/2014 (*below*). Claim #'s 2216 – 2232. Claim #2226 will be removed and reissued. Voided checks, 7758, 7760, 7761. Bresnahan moved to approve Treasurer’s report as presented. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.

For the Period 02/01/2014 to 02/28/2014

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursed	Ending Balance
General Revenue	\$73,219.43	\$475.56	\$4,576.76	\$69,118.23
Road and Bridge	\$394,373.26	\$33,261.86	\$9,977.26	\$417,657.86
Fire	\$10,405.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,405.82
Road Damage Deposit	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$68,561.02	\$0.00	\$13,041.50	\$55,519.52
Total	\$546,959.53	\$33,737.42	\$27,595.52	\$553,101.43

7. Town Maintenance and Road Report

- a. **Collegetownship:** Collegetownship has requested to share the salt shed for the 2014 – 2015 winter season while they plan and build their own salt shed. Parameters of this arrangement were discussed. Bresnahan moved to work with Collegetownship in sharing the salt for a period of one year. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. **Letter to town residents concerning plowing issues:** A letter has been sent to numerous Township residents requesting they discontinue their practice of pushing snow across the Township roads and into the opposite ditch. Minnesota law prohibits this practice. It is dangerous to the plows since ridges of snow left on the road freeze and cause the plows to be thrown around when they hit the ridges. There has been an increase in incidents of Township plows hitting these ridges this winter because of the severe cold and excessive snow.

- c. **Plowing complaints received from Buecker's City Sanitation:** Requested more salt sand on Parkwood Circle because one of their trucks slid into the ditch when trying to avoid another vehicle.
- d. **Pallet racks for maintenance building:** Discussion took place to consider how many are needed and where to purchase. Motion by Bresnahan to purchase two sixteen foot sections of pallet racks. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. **Resignation of Wayne Reeseman as plow driver:** Township snow plow driver, Wayne Reeseman, has resigned his position as plow driver. Two weeks notice has been given.

Motion by Bresnahan to approve Road Report. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Planning Commission Report

- a. **Ebnet Variance:** Mr. & Mrs. Tony & Melissa Ebnet appeared to request a variance to construct an attached garage at their property on Red Maple Drive closer to the road than the current ordinance permits. Motion by Bresnahan to set the Public Hearing for the March 26th meeting at 7:45 PM. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. **Saint John's Solar Field Expansion:** Saint John's University is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to expand the solar field on their property. Motion by Bresnahan to set a Public Hearing on March 26, 2014 at 7:35 for Saint John's University to add on to their solar field. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Kurtz Property:** Stearns County rejected the request to grant an after-the-fact permit for Mr. Eric Kurtz to bring his already built building into compliance with the zoning ordinance. Mr. Kurtz built a structure that is larger and taller than his permit and County ordinance allowed. The County has instructed Kurtz to alter the building as they have deemed necessary. Kurtz has till November 1st to bring the structure into compliance. No action necessary by the board.
- d. **Wakefield Township speeding tickets:** Wakefield Township receives a certain amount of money from each ticket issued in the Township. Planning Commission is investigating this possibility for Avon Township.
- e. **Township Acquisitions list:** The list was reviewed and updated to prioritize. Several items have been acquired already. Other items were considered to be unimportant at this time. A new list has been created and prioritized. (Tables attached).
- f. **Note:** More than 25% of all fire calls in the Township last year were in the Evergreen Mobile Home Park.

Motion by Merdan to approve the Planning Commission Report. Second by Bresnahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: None scheduled.

Other/Old Business

1. **Immaculate Conception Church – Liquor/Gambling License:** Motion by Merdan to approve liquor/gambling permit for Immaculate Conception Church for their annual bazaar. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Board of Audit Minutes:** Motion by Bresnahan to approve Board of Audit Minutes. Second by Gondringer. All in favor (Merdan abstained). Motion carried.
3. **Gopher Bounty:** Motion by Bresnahan to discontinue the Township Gopher Bounty. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Annual Meeting agenda:** Motion by Bresnahan to approve the agenda for the Annual Meeting. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Newsletter:** Bring ideas for items for newsletter to the next meeting.
6. **Score Grant:** Motion by Bresnahan to authorize the Clerk to apply for this grant. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. **Compost Site fee:** Bresnahan has requested a bill from the City of Avon.
8. **Joint Powers Board report:** Bresnahan reported on various issues being addressed by the Board. Kevin McKenzie boundary survey for the Posch Addition. Sharon Seiler has moved a property line to allow for the driveway to now be on their property. PSI of Avon has closed for business. The Avon Laundromat has closed. The property has been sold and will be used to expand the Hair Connection which also has a new owner. Fisher's and Joseph's Restaurants remain closed. Four lots have been sold in Avon Estates. Proposed apartment building is on hold.
9. **Logo:** No discussion
10. **Maintenance position:** Motion by Bresnahan to increase salary by \$2500. Salary will be \$37,500.00 per year. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. **Torch:** Motion by Merdan to authorize the purchase of an acetylene torch for Township. Second by Bresnahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. **Phone:** Koopmeiners has expressed concern for the amount of minutes he uses on his personal cell phone for Township business. Motion by Merdan to pay a reimbursement amount to be determined next month to add additional minutes to his cell phone service to cover the minutes he uses for Township business. Second by Bresnahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. **Xcel Bill:** Motion by Bresnahan to approve and pay Xcel bill when it arrives. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Reports and Announcements

- **Weed Meeting:** Motion by Bresnahan for Gondringer and Merdan to attend this meeting. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Short Course:** Motion by Bresnahan to authorize Town employees to attend Short Course on March 25. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Day at the Capital:** Motion by Bresnahan to authorize Town employees to attend Day at the Capital. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Election judges:** Judges are being recruited.
- **Blattner variance:** Request has been denied by Stearns County.

Adjournment: Merdan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 PM. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Gondringer, Deputy Clerk

Supervisor Approval

Richard Bresnahan

John Merdan

Roger Nelson

Attest

Date