

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors
March 4, 2015
Avon Township Hall

Call to Order: Chairman Bresnahan called the meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors to order at 7:30 P.M. in the main chamber of the Avon Township Hall.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present – Richard Bresnahan, John Merdan, Roger Nelson, Kelly Martini, and Marion Gondringer. Stephen Saupe arrived late due to a travel delay. Also present – Paul Buttweiler (Deputy Treasurer), Ken Mergen (Planning Commission Chair), Joseph Koopmeiners (Maintenance)

Approval of Agenda: Merdan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Nelson to approve the minutes of the Avon Township Audit meeting. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried. (Bresnahan abstained from voting on approval of minutes due to his absence at the February meeting.)

Treasurer’s Report: Martini read the Treasurer’s Report and provided the Cash Control Statement for the period 2/1/2015 to 2/28/2015 (*below*).

Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursed	Ending Balance
General	\$88,125.65	\$468.11	\$6,746.12	\$81,847.64
Road & Bridge	\$54,616.89	\$36,633.45	\$2,508.06	\$88,742.28
Road Damage Deposit	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fire Fund	\$7,927.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Projects	\$52,990.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$204,660.82	\$37,101.56	\$9,254.18	\$232,508.20

January check #8112 was voided due to an error in employee deductions. A check for the balance due was issued this month (check #8189). January PERA claims 2498, 2499, were signed. Merdan moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims & Payroll: Martini presented claims #2500-2522. Checks #8157-8189. Voided checks #s 8182, 8183. Merdan moved to approve payroll and claims. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Road Report: Koopmeiners reports that salt/sand is in good shape. Plowing has gone well. Nelson moved to set Road Inspection for Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 9:00 am. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Board Report:

1. **Public Hearing Schedule:** The Planning Commission recommends a reshaping of the scheduling process for public hearings. The Commission asks that in the future all meetings be scheduled to start at 7:45 PM. This would enable the Planning Commission to work through them in a timelier manner without needing to wait in-between if one hearing is finished before the next hearing is scheduled.

2. **Mary Thelen Variance:** Motion by Nelson to approve a variance for Mary Thelen to build an entryway onto her home that is no more than four feet closer to the road than the current home. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. **Jon Baumgard variance:** Mr. Jon Baumgard requests a variance to site a garden shed closer to the road than allowed by current ordinance. Motion by Merdan to approve a variance of 12 feet, or 81 feet from the center-of-the-road. Second by Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Mr. Duane Fasen variance:** Motion by Merdan to set a public hearing for Mr. Duane Fasen for a variance to construct a garage 13 feet closer to the road than permitted by ordinance. Second by Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried. The hearing will be held at the April Planning Commission Meeting as per request by Fasen.
5. **St. John's University Solar Garden:** Motion by Merdan to set a public hearing on March 25th at 7:45 PM for St. John's University for a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a solar garden. Second by Nelson All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Winkels Certificate of Compliance:** Mr. Don Winkels would like to attach two adjoining parcels of land to his existing parcel. Motion by Nelson to approve request to attach the two parcels of land to his existing parcel. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. **Bueckers:** Mergen reports that Brian and Melissa Bueckers are requesting two public hearings as follows: One Conditional Use Permit to allow a conventional subdivision in the Avon Hills Conservation area. A second Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a home more than 150 feet from an existing structure. Motion by Nelson to set public hearings for both CUP requests on March 25, 2015 at 7:45 PM. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried. Hearing on the permit for the conventional subdivision will take place first.
8. **Possible Noise/Parking Ordinance:** Mergen reports that an inspection has taken place in reference to the semi-truck parking issue in Sunridge. A request by a neighbor has been received to consider action on this matter. They report that the truck is being parked on the owner's property, but the truck is running while parked there causing noise disturbance during sleeping hours. Planning Board is considering a parking/noise ordinance for Avon Township. Further investigation will be taking place before a recommendation to the Supervisors will be given.
9. The next Planning Commission Meeting will take place on March 25, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Nelson to approve the Planning Commission report, second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: None scheduled.

Scheduled Business:

1. Refinancing of bond will not be pursued.
2. Computer backups have been completed.
3. Annual Meeting Agenda: Discussion took place. Motion by Nelson to approve agenda. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 4. Nelson will be attending upcoming Noxious Weed training.

Other/Old Business:

- 1. Bresnahan reports that the Avon Fire Board Meeting was very congenial. Discussion took place concerning forming a joint powers board with Avon/Collegeville Townships and Avon City relating to large expenditures and future improvements with fire safety. The board took action concerning an increase in pay for Avon Fire/Rescue employees. In the future, Avon Township will be billed an additional \$200 for Retirement Fund needs. A new brush cutting truck has been purchased but was paid for through the donation account.
- 2. Bresnahan reports that the Joint Powers Board Meeting with the City of Avon went well. Attorneys will be consulted regarding renewal of the agreement with the City. Wellhead Protection will be added to the agreement.
- 3. Eichers CUP: no action taken.

Reports and Announcements:

- 1. No Certificates of Real Estate Value, Construction Site Permits, 911 sign requests or Special Assessment Searches.
- 2. County notification of an extension to the Pierskalla feedlot permit was received.
- 3. County hearing to consider amendments to Ordinance 439. Motion by Merdan to approve attendance by LeRoy Gondringer at the County Hearing on March 24, 2015 to consider amendments to Ordinance 439. Second by Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 4. Spring Short Courses will be attended by various members of the Township.

Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 PM. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Gondringer, Deputy Clerk

Supervisor Approval

Richard Bresnahan

Roger Nelson

John Merdan

Attest

Date