

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Appeals & Equalization Board

April 25, 2013  
Avon Township Hall

**Call to Order:** Chairman Gondringer called the meeting of the Avon Township Appeals and Equalization Board to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Pedge of Allegiance:** Clerk Saupe led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present – Richard Bresnahan, LeRoy Gondringer, and John Merdan. Also present: Stephen Saupe, Avon Township Clerk, and Stearns County Assessors Kathy Korte and Tina Diedrich-Von Eschen

## **Business:**

1. **Welcome & Procedures** – Gondringer outlined the process for the meeting. He stated that decisions will be made at the end of the meeting after all cases are heard and all pertinent information is obtained.
2. **Sales Summary** – Ms. Korte provided a summary of sales in the Township. Residential and seasonal recreational properties decreased approximately 4% and 2%, respectively. The agricultural market remained the same, while commercial property decreased about 1%. Green Acres increased about 17%.
3. **Larkey Property** – Lee & Bernadette Larkey appeared to request that the agriculture classification on his property be re-established. The Larkey's require 10 acres of pasture and/or a certain number of animal units. Gondringer moved to leave the assessment of the Larkey property as it stands. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Zwilling Property** – Ms. Sandra Zwilling appeared to request re-establishing the 2A classification on her property (Avon Hill LLC). The property had been in the CRP program since 1998 but was reclassified as rural vacant land in the fall. She wants to re-establish the 2A classification and enter the Green Acres program. She will need to till the land before May 1<sup>st</sup> and provide evidence the LLC is set up for agriculture before any changes can be approved. Merdan moved to leave the classification as it stands. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Hennek Property** – Mr. Richard Hennek appeared to state his concern that his property value is decreasing while his property taxes are increasing. He is seeking a reduction in his tax burden. Bresnahan moved to keep Mr. Hennek's assessment as it stands. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Other** – No letters or requests were received from any other resident.

**Adjournment:** Bresnahan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen G. 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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