

### **Annual Meeting 2006**

The annual meeting and election was held on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Renee Smith was re-elected to the Clerk position. Richard Bresnahan was elected to a full three year term and John Merdan was elected to fill the open supervisor positions vacated by Mike Guggenberger when he moved out the township. John will be up for reelection again in 2007. John and Richard will be missed on the Planning Board but they will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge with them for their new positions.

The approved levy amount for 2007 was \$370,000. The increase over the 2006 levy was \$20,000 or 5.4% to cover anticipated increases in the cost of road repairs due to higher petroleum prices and to begin building a slight reserve to cover increases in fire protection costs anticipated from purchases of new fire department equipment in the next few years.

### **Planning Board Activities**

Planning board members have been working on a new township sub division ordinance over the past year. Work has been completed on a draft version and is currently under review by the Township attorney Igor Lenzner. The ordinance will be used for any development occurring in the township outside of the orderly annexation area.

The election created two vacancies on the Planning Board and the positions have been filled by Jerry Kremer and Joe Scepaniak.

Jerry is a life long resident of the area and currently operates the Video Max store in Avon. He and his wife Donna live at 34373 County Road 155 in Avon

Joe and his brother operate WMD Scepaniak Inc which is aggregate production and transportation company. He and his wife Brenda live at 18954 County Rd 154.

We welcome Jerry and Joe to the planning board and look forward to them contributing their experience to the board.

### **Dumpsters for Spring Cleanup**

The township participated in a program that covered the cost of two dumpsters to collect trash found along township roads. The dumpsters were used for debris collected along township roads by residents and service groups this spring. We want to thank everyone who did cleanup projects in the township this spring and we will probably do this again next year. "Thanks for helping keep our township neat clean!"

### **Road Work This Summer**

Road repair season has arrived. The township will be overlaying about four (4) miles of roads this year. The bids were reviewed at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting and the low bid of \$195,880 was submitted by Bauerly Brothers. The bid was to overlay and shoulder the roads to be repaired this year. There will be an additional cost to do patches to sections of each road that will be completed as well. The following roads will be repaired:

154 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	approximately ½ mile
186 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	approximately ½ mile
331 <sup>st</sup> Street	approximately ½ mile
377 <sup>th</sup> Street	approximately ¼ mile
Noble Oak Circle	approximately ½ mile
Nordica Road	approximately ¼ mile
Norman Road	approximately ¼ mile
Queens Road	approximately ½ mile
Two Rivers Road	approximately 2/3 mile

The Two Rivers Road cost will be shared with Holdingford Township since this road is on the boundary of Avon and Holdingford Township.

The bid documents and the bid procedure will be reviewed to help improve the process for next year and a history of work completed will be developed to help predict what roads will likely require maintenance in the future. This will help the board better plan for future road repair projects.

### **Construction Project Reminders**

This is the prime time for all those summer building project so here are a few things to keep in mind as you begin those projects.

Avon Township has 17 lakes and a few streams so many properties fall under the

Shoreland Overlay District Rules for building projects. The Shoreland Overlay District is the area within 1000 feet of a lake or 300 feet of a stream or river.

Now that summer has arrived we can enjoy the sunshine, fishing, gardening and the best part of living in Minnesota. Have a great Summer!

Special rules apply to construction within these areas and all permits in these areas are issued by the Stearns County Environmental Services department.

Their phone number is 320-656-3613 and they are located in the County Administration building in downtown St Cloud at 705 Courthouse Square Room 343.

The township issues permits for construction of detached residential accessory building (e.g. garage, storage sheds, garden sheds, etc). Also decks and gazebos that are not attached to the house can also be issued by the township.

If your property is located on a township road you will also need a driveway permit from the township for any new access for your property or if you are building a new home on property that does not have a driveway now.

Before beginning any building project call Cliff Borgerding Avon Township Zoning Administrator at 320-356-7191 or 320-293-9364 to review your project and to find out where to get your permit(s).

### **Avon Township Land Use Activities YTD**

#### **County Activities -- only includes issues with township contact involved.**

- 2 New Home Permits Reviewed
- 3 Home Remodels/Additions Reviewed
- 2 Residential Acc Bldg Permits Reviewed
- 1 Farm Accessory Bldg Permits Reviewed
- 1 County Variance Requests Reviewed

### **9 Total County Actions**

#### **Township Activities**

- 5 Accessory Building Permits Issued
- 3 Certificates of Compliance Issued
- 2 Plats/Splits Received
- 2 Variance Requests Received

### **12 Total Township Actions**

### **21 Grand Total**