

Avon Township Board of Supervisors

September 6, 2006

Avon City Hall

The regular meeting of the supervisors was called to order by Chairman Gondringer at 7:30pm. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call; Present, John Merdan, LeRoy Gondringer, Richard Bresnahan, Kelly Martini, Renee Smith. All present.

Also present; Eric and Joyce Linn, Mayor Evans, a large delegation from the city, with Dan Lundberg as spokesperson.

Minutes: Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Martini presented the following treasurers report for approval. Bauerly bill was larger because more material and time was needed that were not included in the bid.

Balance 7/31 43,641.10 299,936.11 21,225.19 2,000.00 366,802.40

Receipts 550.00 50.00 0 0 600.00

Total 44,191.10 299,986.11 21,225.19 2,000.00 367,402.40

Disbursements 4,472.05 29,489.04 3,857.80 0 37,818.89

Balance 8/31 39,719.05 270,497.07 17,367.39 2,000.00 329,583.51

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the treasurers report. All in favor, motion carried.

The supervisors examined the claims to be paid.

Jim Yurczyk has requested his pension payment through PERA. Martini will arrange for this.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan to approve payment of the claims. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Report; Jeff Lange discussed the coffer dams along Tower Road. A vehicle that may hit the timbers and big rocks there may receive excessive damage. Lange suggested they should be removed. There is enough vegetation that will prevent erosion in the ditches. Lange estimated the cost of removal would be \$2,000.00.

Residents along 154th (Vima) and Blattner Drive have asked for more black dirt to seed in the shoulders.

Gondringer asked Eric Linn if the Fire Department would be willing to put up new 911 signs. Martini will put in orders when more new signs are needed.

Speed bumps and divets for the trailer park were discussed. Lange felt speed bumps are hard to plow snow, and divets fill up with snow and freeze.

A culvert on Two Rivers Road still needs attention.

Township is looking for a person or company to take care of the brush that grows along the roads. Lange suggested Cougar Tree Service. Also, the board will find out who Holding Township uses for brush.

Ken Mergen presented the following items for the planning board;

Jerry Stark needed a signature on his county permit.

John Babcock requested a hearing for a road setback variance. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to set a public hearing on behalf of John Babcock for September 27 at 8:15 pm. All in favor motion carried.

A representative from Rinke-Noonan was present with research on the trailer park petitions. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to draft an ordinance for the park

curfew. All in favor, motion carried. The Rinke-Noonan firm will prepare the document to be reviewed at the next meeting.

P.S.I. Discussion

Dan Lundberg acted as a spokesperson for the group. The people present questioned the board concerning an official opinion against the permit for P.S.I.

Bresnahan felt that he had represented residents south of the freeway. The letter written to the MPCA and signed by two of the supervisors was critical of granting P.S.I. the required permit. The group present said the letter gave them the impression that the whole township was against the permit.

Officially, the township has not taken a stand on this issue. The supervisors who signed were acting as private citizens and did not represent the entire township.

The township offered to draft a letter to MPCA and copies to P.S.I. that offered a clear statement that Avon Township has not taken an official stand on this matter. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to approve such a letter. All in favor, Motion carried. There is an effort to form a group of officials from various area cities and townships. Purpose is to see how we can save money and time by working together. Meeting is planned for September 18 in Freeport. Clerk Smith will attend.

Clerk received two complaints about the condition of Mark Terres' property and what can be done to improve the large quantities of "stuff" standing around. The clerk will draft a letter perhaps including the county nuisance ordinance.

Smith presented the election judge list for approval. Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan, to approve the judge list. All in favor, Motion carried. Judges will earn \$13 an hour.

Eric Linn discussed the fire department. They would like to build a new fire hall some day, and vacate this building completely. Currently, there are 23 volunteer fire fighters. The training they take is quite long and difficult.

Gondringer repeated that he will write the letter to MPCA and send a copy to P.S.I. The supervisors hope to look at a curfew ordinance by the next meeting, October 4. Suggestion was made to use rubber speed bumps in the trailer park.

Martini will go through the township address labels and reorganize them alphabetically. The township had a concern over Borgerding's final bill. Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan to wait another month, before paying this claim.

Do we need to have a zoning administrator? What about an assistant deputy clerk to pick up some of the duties. We will need to work up a job description. Perhaps then we could advertise in the next newsletter.

The residents of the Lower Spunk Lane may be hooked to the city sewer soon, since they are located across the road from the Waters Edge development.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.