

Avon Township Board of Supervisors
October 31, 2007
Avon City Hall

The monthly meeting of the board of supervisors was called to order by Chairman Gondringer at 7:30pm. Those present began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present; John Merdan, LeRoy Gondringer, Richard Bresnahan, Kelly Martini, Renee Smith. All present.
Also present were Steve Saupe, Ken Mergen, Steve Plantenberg, Jeff Lange.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting.
Motion by Merdan seconded by Bresnahan to approve the minutes of the special, joint meeting held on September 20.
All in favor of the minutes, motions carried.

Martini presented the treasurers report for approval. (See copy attached)
Motion by Merdan, seconded by Bresnahan to approve the treasurers report.
All in favor, motion carried.

The supervisors examined the claims to be paid this month. The blacktopping bill will be paid this month. Class 5 was put on Peach Drive two times this month. (276 yards and 108 yards).
Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan to approve payment of the claims. All in favor, motion carried.
The board was not particularly satisfied with the blacktop work done by Mid-Continent this year. Merdan felt the promises the company made were not kept. The job was timed poorly. Power lines were downed twice by Mid-Continent trucks. Traffic safety control was poor. Shouldering was 1 ½ weeks late. The company did not respond to phone calls in a timely manner. No proof of insurance was given. Next year the supervisors will choose the lowest “responsible bid”. Bresnahan would ban Mid-Continent from bidding next year.

Township has chosen L&M of Belgrade to do the crack filling. Time will be from October 8 to 15. We have an insurance certificate from their company.

Lange stated that anyone we hire to cut trees should leave the stumps as flat and close to the ground as possible. Spraying road ditches will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Discussion began of the road project on 165th Avenue. The cul-de-sac must be offset because of the power line there. Fill material can be obtained from Paul Buttweiler. A small amount of wetland may be disturbed. We will need to contact Greg Bechtold about dealing with the wetland. Adam Ripple will help to obtain easements from the land owners, and road vacation. Cul-de-sac will probably be laid out before a survey is done.

Supervisors reminded that the township needs to get quotes for projects over \$10,000 and bids for projects \$50,000 or more.

Jeff Lange has attended classes to recommend using chemical sprays on the roads in the winter before major snowfalls occur. Chemicals are measured by the road temperature. Road salt does not work below 15 degrees. Lange would have to modify his equipment with tanks to use for chemicals.

Sodium chloride (salt) would be replaced by magnesium chloride.

Lange's snow plow contract will be up this year. The future contract needs to be put out on bids. Township may advertise for bids and the matter could be discussed at the annual meeting.

There is more pressure being put on against the use of excess salt sand, because of possible environmental damage. The township has enough salt sand on hand at this time.

Planning Board: Ken Mergen discussed the hearing held for Jack Ramler concerning road setback along Red Maple Drive. Planning board recommended approval.

Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve the variance.

Merdan and Bresnahan, seconded voted yes. Gondringer abstained.

Shawn Bertram of Red Oak Circle, is requesting a setback variance to construct a pole shed closer to the road than allowed. Hearing was set for October 31, at 8:15pm.

Jim Sand came to the planning board to talk about dividing his property of 11 acres and a home on County Road 54. Planning board explained that it is not likely that the county or the township would agree to a zone change at this time.

Avon City has asked the township to pay one third of the cost of a feasibility study for a new city hall, police, or fire hall. Funds were found by the city to pay for the study on their own.

Supervisors discussed future township policy. Should we buy our own equipment for road work? Should we look for property elsewhere in the township for a storage garage, salt shed or meeting hall? Do we need to sell the property and salt shed we have now? Motion by Bresnahan, seconded by Merdan, to approve all the planning board activity.

On October 9 there is a meeting at the Freeport Community Center to inform the public of the new revised county comp plan.

Then annual meeting of the Township Association will be November 15 through 17 in St Cloud.

The Township Association fall meeting will be on October 19 at the Freeport Community Center.

Bresnahan informed that he received a call from the public concerning some one dumping trash in the out lot in Knapps Addition.

The development should have covenants to cover this. Township can look into it if it is in the road right of way. Gondringer will call the party involved in this action.

Bresnahan will call Kevin Behrend on Pelican Lake Drive to discuss the wall he has constructed on the road right of way.

In the future, the road damage deposit will be \$275.00 if a 911 sign is needed.

Next meeting will be November 7, at 7:30pm.

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

	General Revenue	Road & Bridge	Fire	Road Damage	Total
Balance from 8-31-07	\$42,174.69	\$240,677.01	\$18,370.86	\$2,200.00	\$303,422.56
Receipts	\$494.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$694.68
Total	\$42,669.37	\$240,677.01	\$18,370.86	\$2,400.00	\$304,117.24
Disbursements	\$2,351.49	\$32,432.36	\$3,373.00	\$0.00	\$38,156.85
Balance ending 9-30-07	\$40,317.88	\$208,244.65	\$14,997.86	\$2,400.00	\$265,960.39
CD ending balance in fire fund			<u>\$15,000.00</u> (\$2.14)		