

**Minutes from the Joint Meeting of Representatives from Avon Township  
& the City of Avon**  
Monday, August 27, 2012

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman LeRoy Gondringer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Main Chamber of the Town Hall.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Clerk Saupe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Those present introduced themselves. Representing the City of Avon were Marge Evens, John Grutsch, Hugh Knox, Kurt Marthaler, Ray Schmitt, and Jim Thares. Representing Avon Township were Richard Bresnahan, LeRoy Gondringer, Kelly Martini, John Merdan, Ken Mergen, and Stephen Saupe.

4. **Scheduled Business:**

A. Compost Facility. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues related to the use of the Compost Facility by Town residents. The City has maintained the compost site for approximately eight years. Brush is burned once a year. The pile is turned at intervals. If packaged correctly, Buecker Sanitary will also pick up compost for City residents.

When it first opened, the site was available for dumping 24/7 but there were problems with people dumping junk so the hours were restricted to Wednesday and Saturday. Town residents had previously been allowed to dump yard waste as a goodwill gesture by the City, but were recently prohibited from using the site until the Town paid a \$1000 composting fee. Many Township residents were upset with the decision to close the facility to the Town.

Mr. Gondringer stated that the Town prefers a permit system whereby users pay for the service because the Town has traditionally not provided these services and has not taxed residents for it. The City doesn't want a permit system; the City argues that it will be too difficult/costly to monitor and enforce.

Mr. Bresnahan met with Mr. Jeff Lange, Lange Excavating, to analyze costs of the facility. Mr. Lange estimates that it costs approximately \$10,972 to operate the facility, assuming it is open two days per week.

There is a concern about liability on the access road to the site and that the Town would also assume liability if the Town contributes to the operating costs of the site. Mr. Grutsch assumed the City insurance would cover liability. Mr. Thares will contact the City insurance agent to confirm and will look into easement language that currently provides road access to the compost site.

The City agreed to leave the site open to Town residents. The City will wait until after the Annual Meeting in March to collect a fee of \$1000. At that time, they want a fee of \$2,000, which will include payment for the 2013 year, assuming no other solution to this situation is adopted.

The City approved the Town dumping brushing at the site.

B. Increasing City/Town Communication. It was generally agreed that it would be good if the City and Town had a greater amount of communication. Mr. Gondringer suggested an annual meeting. Mr. Grutsch suggested it could be done at the annual Joint Powers Meeting, which is traditionally held in April. In order to allow for the Town to act on any outcomes from the joint Town/City meeting at the Annual Township Meeting in March, it was suggested to move the Joint Powers Meeting to the end of February.

5. **Adjourn.** Mr. Bresnahan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Mr. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Saupe, Clerk

**Approval**

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Richard Bresnahan

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LeRoy Gondringer

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John Merdan

**Attest**

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