

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors

August 1, 2012

Avon Township Hall

**Call to Order:** Chairman Gondringer called the meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors to order at 7:30 P.M.

**Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present – Richard Bresnahan, LeRoy Gondringer, Kelly Martini, John Merdan, and Marion Gondringer. Absent – Stephen Saupe.

**Approval of Agenda:** Bresnahan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Merdan moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2012 meeting as corrected. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Martini read the Treasurer's Report and provided the Cash Control Statement for the period 7/1/2012 to 7/31/2012 (*below*). Merdan moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

For the Period 07/01/2012 to 07/31/2012

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Revenue	\$70,598.60	\$23,747.44	\$20,718.68	\$73,627.36
Road and Bridge	\$337,819.00	\$32,727.21	\$5,186.50	\$365,359.71
Fire	(\$31,578.66)	\$10,045.47	\$0.00	(\$21,533.19)
Road Damage Deposit	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$100,053.47	\$1,588.96	\$0.00	\$101,642.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$477,292.41</b>	<b>\$68,309.08</b>	<b>\$26,105.18</b>	<b>\$519,496.31</b>

**Claims & Payroll:** Martini presented claims 1863 -1875. Bresnahan moved to approve the payroll and the claims. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Road Report:** The following items were discussed:

1. 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue road vacation– A resolution to vacate 180<sup>th</sup> will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. 135<sup>th</sup> Ave. –Work has been ordered for this project. Contractor Brinkman will submit necessary insurance information and will be responsible for disposing of the dirt removed from the ditch.
3. Culvert replacements – On roads: 360<sup>th</sup> St., Tower Road, 363<sup>rd</sup> St. – Contractor insurance information has been secured. Scheduled to be completed in about two weeks.
4. 175<sup>th</sup> Ave. – Discussion took place as to how to handle the graffiti painted on the north end of road.
5. 370<sup>th</sup> St. turnaround/cul-de-sac – Motion by Merdan to authorize Gondringer to spend up to \$2000.00 to install turnaround, second by Bresnahan. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. Yellow Plow painting/repairs – Progressing. Some places on the box needed patching so the plow was taken to Mayers Repair.
7. 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Queens Road – Erosion of shoulder gravel near the stop sign will be filled in.
8. St. Anna Drive - A field approach on this road, across from Riley Court, has eroded and will be re-shouldered.
9. 911 signs – Signs for George and Jennifer Schwalbe’s driveway will be ordered for installation. (17472 360<sup>th</sup> St.). Township will cover the cost because it was missed on initial installation of 911 signs.
10. Sunridge Addition – Road ditches still have not been cut. Merdan will follow up.
11. Brushing – 154<sup>th</sup> St. has overhanging branches needing removal. Brushing work on Upper Spunk Lake Road needs further removal of some large trees with branches that are overhanging. Doug Streit will cut the brush along his property on Springwood Lane. Brush chipping on brush-cleared roads has been ordered.

**Planning Commission Report:** Mr. Ken Mergen, Planning Commission Chair, presented the Planning Commission report. Mergen reported:

1. Finding of Facts forms were reviewed and corrections suggested.
2. The Commission makes the suggestion to the Board to post the fee schedule in the outdoor bulletin board space.
3. The Commission recommends consideration by the Board for the implementation of a policy for charging double the permit fee for driveways that are constructed before a permit is issued.

Motion by Bresnahan to accept the Planning Commission Report with the recommendation to double the permit fee for driveways that are constructed before a permit is issued. Second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried. In the future driveways built before permitted will be charged double the normal fee.

### **Scheduled Business**

1. Land Sale – Land survey has been received and reviewed. Mergen will contact prospective buyers who have shown interest. No bids have been received.
2. Nelson Shepard driveway permit – Ms. Shepard presented a request for two driveway permits on their property: one off Parkwood Circle, and the other off Plum Hill Lane. Ms. Shepard states that all cars parked on the site are licensed, registered, and in running order as required by the County. Driveways will allow better access to a newly built garage that will be used to house some of the vehicles on the location. A site visit is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2012, 8:00 P.M..
3. Fee Schedule: The fee schedule will be posted in the outdoor bulletin board space.
4. Skid Loader – Is ready to be delivered. The first bill received included sales tax. Contact was made and a corrected bill has been received. Motion to purchase a pallet fork (\$550.00 or less) and a snow

bucket (\$895.00 or less) by Bresnahan, second by Merdan. All in favor. Motion carried. Gondringer will research and purchase.

### **Other/Old Business**

1. *S & P Credit Rating Review* update. Bresnahan and Martini completed the interview required. We are asked to provide them with a list of capital reserve fund needs. Health of the Town was discussed. Stability of Town was assessed. Clarification on liability of Town with Avon City was determined to be none. All is in order for the Town Credit Ratings.
2. Avon City Compost Site concerns – Some confusion has been noted concerning the statement in *The Enterprise* by Avon City Mayor Grutsch stating that the Town did not respond to a request to contribute to the cost. This is incorrect – the Town had not received a formal request to support the site at that time. This erroneous information was discussed at the June 6 Board Meeting. At the July 11, 2012 Board Meeting a decision was made to bring this issue to the citizens at the March Annual Meeting for public input and the Clerk alerted the City as to this decision. In the last two weeks it has come to the Board's attention that many Town residents have been refused entry to the site making this a current issue for additional discussion.

Gondringer presented the situation as it stands to date. The City of Avon is refusing entry of the compost site to all Township residents until some form of monetary compensation is received. The Town was not aware that this step was being taken until receiving phone calls from concerned residents. Much discussion by residents and Board members took place. It was felt that this issue needs to be dealt with before the next Annual Meeting. This issue is scheduled to be discussed at the Avon City Council Meeting on August 6, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. Residents were encouraged to attend and tonight's Avon Township Meeting will be continued to August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 to allow Board members to attend as well.

**Adjournment:** Bresnahan moved to continue the meeting until Monday, August 6, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Avon City Hall, and if necessary further continued on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at the Avon Town Hall for the intention of acting on the issue of the use of the Avon city compost site. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Meeting Continuation:** Gondringer reopened the meeting of Avon Township Board of Supervisors on Monday, August 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Avon City Hall. Present – LeRoy Gondringer, John Merdan, Stephen Saupe, Kelly Martini. Absent – Richard Bresnahan.

The Supervisors listened to comments about the compost facility by the Avon City Council and requested a separate meeting with the Avon City Council on August 27, 2012 at the Avon Township Hall. This meeting will address the issue of township residents using the Avon compost facility. Saupe will publish this meeting. Merdan moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Announcement of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion Gondringer, Deputy 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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