

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors
June 6, 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 Stephen Saupe.

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

Minutes: Bresnahan moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2012 meeting. Merdan second. Two in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Martini read the Treasurer’s Report and provided the Cash Control Statement for the period 5/1/2012 to 5/31/2012 (*below*). Check 7119 (claim 1830) to Excel was voided because sales tax previously paid by the Town will cover the balance. Check 7123 to M&R Signs was voided after a new invoice arrived. Bresnahan moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

For the Period 05/01/2012 to 05/31/2012

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursed	Ending Balance
General Revenue	\$21,730.54	\$10,206.69	\$12,713.35	\$19,223.88
Road and Bridge	\$268,312.08	\$0.00	\$667.72	\$267,644.36
Fire	\$5,115.13	\$0.00	\$61,631.93	(\$56,516.80)
Road Damage Deposit	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$106,033.41	\$0.00	\$9,687.50	\$96,345.91
Total	\$401,591.16	\$10,206.69	\$84,700.50	\$327,097.35

Claims & Payroll: Martini presented claims 1816 – 1839. Bresnahan moved to approve the payroll and the claims. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Road Report: The following items were discussed:

1. Narnia Lane – Bresnahan moved to authorize \$500 for Stantec Engineering to prepare a preliminary cost estimate for the Narnia Lane project. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried. Two representatives from Stantec, Mr. Stan Hanson and Ms. Linda Brown, were present to discuss the project. The project involves approximately 1600 feet of currently private gravel road. If the road is brought to Town standards it will need a 66-foot easement and cul-de-sac with a 45-foot radius. In addition, wetlands must be delineated and an Excel power line must be moved. New culverts may be needed. Overall, the cost of the project is estimated at \$151,500, which includes construction, wetland delineation, overhead wire relocation, easements, and engineering (\$19,000). Bituminous will add \$66,000 to the project. Gondringer recommended the Town pay for engineering costs and residents pay the remainder while Bresnahan preferred a 50:50 split citing a court ruling. Merdan stated that all of the residents must be ‘on board’ for the project to continue. The Town will wait to hear if the

residents support the project before proceeding.

2. Vacating 180th Avenue – A resolution to vacate 180th will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Saupe will prepare the resolution. Ms Yurczyk requested that the Town lower a culvert on the west side of the road. Because of the wetlands, this is not feasible.
3. 370th Avenue – Mr. M Pierskalla contacted the Town suggesting that a cul-de-sac is required on 370th, which is a minimum maintenance road. The Supervisors will do an inspection at the next meeting and will discuss this further at that time.
4. Upper Spunk Lake Road – the Stearns County Surveyor contacted to Town inquiring whether Upper Spunk Lake Road is a Town road. It is.
5. Wunderlich Request – Jim & Mary Wunderlich inquired about a road near Red Maple Drive. It is a platted Town road that has not been built with associated easements.
6. Spraying on Upper Spunk Lake – Ms. Joan Kurilla contacted the Town to inquire whether the Town will spray for army worms. The Town is taking no action. Some residents of Upper Spunk Lake hired a company to spray, which upset other neighbors who were unaware of this action and were concerned about damage to bee hives, etc.
7. Paving – The Town will seek bids for overlaying the following roads: Two Rivers Road west of 190th, St. Anna Drive west of 190th, and Sunnyfield Circle. The bids will be opened at the July 11th meeting. Bidders will contact Gondringer for spec's and more information. The Town will consider using an engineer for the next road project.
8. Culverts – the Town will seek quotes for culvert work on Tower Road, 360th and 363rd. These will be opened at the next meeting.
9. Yellow Plow – the sander is rusting and needs repair. Merdan moved to authorize sandblasting, priming and painting the sander and box. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. 365th – Mr. B Keppers asked the Town to examine 365th and install some additional gravel to cover up pointed rocks. Mr. Keppers has a source of gravel; the Town is waiting for a quote before proceeding.
11. Skid Loader – Gondringer has received proper authorization form that allows the Town to take advantage of a governmental discount. He will now buy the machine as previously approved.
12. Avon Compost – The recent issue of *The Enterprise* reported Mayor Grutsch said the City is considering prohibiting Town residents from using the Avon City compost site unless the Town provided financial support. The report also reported that the Town did not respond to a request to contribute to the cost. This is incorrect – the Town never received a formal request to support the site.
13. Ditch Mowing – Bresnahan moved to approve the quote from Lange Excavating for cutting road ditches and blading roads. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried. Ditch mowing will begin soon.

14. Gophers – it is becoming increasingly difficult for Town officials to store gophers collected for the gopher bounty to be given to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Rockville. One solution would be a freezer at the Town Hall, but there is no support for expending funds on this item. Saupe will contact Ms. Linda Peck to see if she is willing to donate a freezer to keep the gophers. The Town will reexamine the need for the gopher bounty at the end of this season.
15. Signs – Martini reported that several signs had been ordered and installed. A soft shoulder sign was straightened. Approval was given to remove brush from around signs as necessary. Residents are required to straighten their own 911 signs or pay the Town to do it for them; Gondringer will include this in the next Town news article in *The Enterprise*.
16. Erosion on Norway Road – there is erosion on Norway Road; Mr. Dean Martini has removed four truck loads of dirt from the ditch.
17. Brushing – Mr. L Ritter contacted the Town about overhanging tree limbs that have damaged cars along Upper Spunk Lake Road, near the public landing. Nelson will be authorized to cut the trees. Bresnahan moved to authorize Luke Johnson to chip brush that has been cut by Nelson. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried. Merdan will contact Mr. Johnson.

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

1. Notch Interim Use Permit – The Notch family is seeking an IUP to install a mobile home on their property for family medical care. The Planning Commission recommends setting a public hearing to hear the request. Bresnahan moved to set a public hearing for June 27, 2012 at 7:45 PM to consider a request for an IUP for Don & Linda Notch to install a mobile home on their property for supportive care. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Albany Telephone – the company originally planned to install a building on Town property along Upper Spunk Lake Road but has opted for an alternate site in the City; no action by the Town is required.
3. Saint John's Renovations – Saint John's is planning a series of renovations to their ball fields. These should have minimal impact on the Town.
4. Schwalbe Variance – Mr. Steve Schwalbe is seeking a variance from road setbacks to install a pole building on his property. The Planning Commission recommends setting a public hearing. Bresnahan moved to set a public hearing for June 27, 2012 at 8:15 PM to consider a request for a variance for Steven Schwalbe to construct a pole barn 70 feet from the center-of-the-road instead of 93 feet as currently required by ordinance. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Policies & Applications – Merdan moved to approve the revised "Performance Standards & Policies" and "Application" documents. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bresnahan moved to accept the Planning Commission report. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Scheduled Business

1. Land Sale – The “Land Sale Committee” met and outlined a plan for selling the property. The sale was advertised in *The Enterprise, Hometown News, Peach, Mid-Minnesota Shopper,* and *Star-Tribune*. It will also be advertised in *The St. Cloud Times*. Several calls about the property were received. Mr. Dick Studer and Mr. Jeff Meyer, adjacent landowners, appeared at the meeting to alert the Town that the map of the property does not appear to be correct. Bresnahan moved to authorize Ms. Linda Brown, Stantec, to survey the boundary for a cost of approximately \$1,200. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 06-06-12 – Bresnahan moved to approve Resolution 06-06-12: Resolution revising the policy for using Avon Township Records. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Noise Ordinance Exemption – Gondringer moved to approve a noise ordinance exemption for the Immaculate Conception Church Bazaar on June 23, 2012 from 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried. The fee was waived because they are not a licensed establishment.

Adjournment: Merdan moved to continue the meeting until Wednesday June 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G Saupe, Clerk

Supervisor Approval:

Richard Bresnahan

LeRoy Gondringer

John Merdan

Attest

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