

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors

May 1, 2013

Avon Township Hall; 16881 Queens Road, Avon, MN

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 – LeRoy Gondringer, John Merdan Kelly Martini and Stephen Saupe. Absent – Richard Bresnahan

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

Minutes: Gondringer moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2013 meeting as presented. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Martini read the Treasurer's Report and provided the Cash Control Statement for April 1 – April 30, 2013 (*below*). Gondringer moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

For the Period 04/01/2013 to 04/30/2013

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Disbursed	Ending Balance
General Revenue	\$43,185.40	\$953.29	\$6,786.39	\$37,352.30
Road and Bridge	\$316,767.78	\$0.00	\$2,363.47	\$314,404.31
Fire	\$8,173.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,173.11
Road Damage Deposit	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$81,900.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81,900.16
Total	\$450,226.45	\$1,153.29	\$9,149.86	\$442,229.88

Claims & Payroll: Martini presented claims 2028 – 2037. Gondringer moved to approve the payroll and the claims. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Road Report: The following items were discussed:

1. Road Inspection Results – Priorities for roadwork will be determined when Bresnahan is present. Merdan was authorized to begin brushing work on 370th and to set a priority list of areas requiring brushing.
2. Snow Plowing – There should be annual performance reviews for our plow drivers. Gondringer, Mergen and Saupe were appointed as a subcommittee to conduct a review of our current drivers. A backup driver is necessary in light of the issues with the last storm. The Town will consider purchasing a pickup with a blade to clean up cul-de-sacs and other areas.

Public Hearing: *none scheduled*

Planning Commission Report: Mr. Ken Mergen, Planning Commission Chair, presented the Planning Commission report. He reported that the Planning Commission addressed the following:

1. Merdan Conditional Use Permit – The Planning Commission recommends approval. This will be discussed at a future meeting when a quorum is present.
2. Knife River Mining Permit – Knife River is seeking an extension of a gravel-mining permit. The Planning Commission recommends a site visit and public hearing. Concern was expressed about stockpiling material at the site and notifying neighbors within 5-10 days. Gondringer moved to set a site inspection for 6:30 PM on May 29th and a public hearing at 7:45 PM on the same date to consider the request by Knife River. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Chickens – The Planning Commission discussed the new Stearns County ordinance concerning chickens. The supervisors will discuss this at a later meeting.
4. Mergen attended an Emergency Response planning meeting sponsored by the City.

Scheduled/Other Business

1. Resolutions for Town employees – to be discussed at the next meeting when a quorum is present.
2. Board of Appeals & Equalization – Gondringer moved to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2013 meeting of the Board of Appeals & Equalization. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Liquor Licenses – Gondringer moved to approve a liquor license for The Landing and St. Anna Sports Bar. Merdan second. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Road listing – It was suggested that the Planning Commission could work on updating Town road listings.
5. Garbage – Merdan will look into having a dumpster placed at the Town Hall for garbage.
6. Martini provided an update on the recent Township Association meeting held in Freeport.

Old Business

1. Internet installation – approved; to be installed.
2. Peach Drive – we are waiting for a response from the DNR.
3. Newsletter – The Town will publish a newsletter. Articles are being prepared and collected. Possible topics that will be included are snow removal, web site, mailboxes, compost site information, email distribution list, ditch spraying & brushing, and upcoming roadwork. Mailing will cost \$0.03/ mailing label. It will include a form to opt out of spraying.

Reports/Announcements

- a. Certificate of Real Estate Value received: *Dingmann (17129 Co Rd 9; \$155,000)*
- b. Construction Site Permits received: *Reisdorf (36479 Pelican Lake Road, new roof); Kurtz (19412 Red Oak Circle, 30 x 50 pole shed); Dobmeier (18978 Upper Spunk Lake Road, home and garage additions; Viehauser, 14745 Co Rd 52, shed addition)*

- c. A complaint between neighbors on Sunnyfield Circle was resolved when the neighbors worked together.
- d. There will be a Joint Fire Board meeting with Collegeville at the June Avon City Council.
- e. A request for SCORE grant reimbursement was sent to the County.
- f. A letter was sent to County about the excessive vehicles on the Shepard property.
- g. AmeriGas purchased gas Service.
- h. An asphalt maintenance brochure was received from Glieden Enterprises.
- i. An announcement was received from MidContinent Cable concerning their services/costs.

Continuation of the Meeting: Merdan moved to continue the meeting to May 22, 2013 at 9:22 PM to discuss roadwork and the salt shed. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Stephen G. Saupe, Clerk

Supervisor Approval:

 Richard Bresnahan

 LeRoy Gondringer

 John Merdan

Attest

 date