

Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Meeting of the Avon Township Board of Supervisors

August 29, 2022

Avon Township Hall, 16881 Queens Road, Avon (MN)

Call to Order: Chair LeRoy Gondringer called the meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors to order at 7:06 P.M. in the Main Chamber of the Avon Township Hall. This meeting, like other Town meetings, was also available virtually via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8325486945>, Passcode: AvonTown.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present – Richard Bresnahan, LeRoy Gondringer (*Chair*), Kelly Martini (*Treasurer*), Rich Sanoski, and Stephen Saupe (*Clerk*). Also present – Joe Koopmeiners (*Maintenance*).

Business:

- Mower Replacement** – The primary purpose of this meeting was to make a decision concerning the ditch mower. The mower broke last week. A bolt came loose in the gear box that caused damage to the shaft and pulley. The mower was purchased in 2014 for \$8950. Parts are on order but it could take a month or longer for them to arrive. There are three major options – wait for the parts on order and repair the current mower when they arrive, have new parts fabricated from a local machine shop and repair the current mower, or purchase a new mower and fix the old mower and sell it. Because the roadsides are in desperate need of mowing, the Supervisors didn't want to risk waiting for the parts or for the parts to be manufactured. The Supervisors agreed that an 8-foot mower would work best in our situation and has the best resale value. Local implement dealers were contacted for potential replacements. A Melrose dealer has larger and smaller mowers in stock, but an 8-foot mower is on order. A Litchfield dealer has an 8-foot mower in stock for \$12,700. After discussion, Sanoski moved to purchase a new 8-foot mower from Litchfield and repair the existing mower and sell it. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried. Gondringer will follow up with dealer. It was suggested that it might be cost effect to purchase a new mower every five or six years and trade-in the old mower.
- Nob Hill Driveway** – a resident inquired about running a driveway from the SW corner of his property at 03.01106.0001 to the cul-de-sac at the end of Nob Hill Drive. The property is bordered on the south and west by undeveloped roads. Bresnahan thought that the southern one may have been vacated in the late 1980's. The driveway would cut across this road, and potentially block access to any future development to the east. It is not clear if the who pays for the portion of the driveway through the undeveloped road. The resident could also potentially access the private undeveloped road to the west, but would then likely require an agreement with the neighbors concerning use and maintenance of this road. If the southern road is vacated it would require a change to the plat. This is a complicated situation and the Supervisors agreed that legal advice would be necessary. Bresnahan will contact Town attorney Adam Ripple for advice (*i.e.*, can a road in a plat be vacated? process?) about vacating the road to the south of the property, as well as the area that will be created on Parkwood Court when the cul-de-sac is reworked later this summer. The Clerk was authorized to email to Mr. Ripple documents related to both potential road vacations. The Supervisors were most favorable to allowing the driveway to connect to the Nob Hill cul-de-sac assuming potential issues could be worked out. A third parcel that could be vacated is the one small lot along Two Rivers Road.
- Solar Project** – Bresnahan reported that a rep from Real Solar will attend the next Supervisor meeting via Zoom. A question that needs clarification includes who applies for rebates. Bresnahan also clarified

that the project size max is 49 kW because of the Xcel threshold requirement for a maximum of 40 kW with metering. The Supervisors generally agreed that a public hearing should be held before agreeing to investing in this project. The Supervisors will consider setting a public hearing at their next meeting.

- 4. **Plow Drivers** – We still need to get a commitment from one plow driver. Sanoski was authorized to negotiate. It was reported that Krain Township and Holding Township pay drivers \$28 and \$30 per hour, respectively.
- 5. **Pedestrians in Roadways** – there were several concerns raised about students from CSB|SJU in roadways. Bresnahan will contact the Athletic Director and ROTC program to have them encourage student runners, etc., to use caution when conducting activities on Town roads.
- 6. **Mound on Upper Spunk Lake Road** – it appears to be in the Township road right-of-way. The Supervisors will check it out before their next meeting.

Adjournment: Sanoski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Saupe, Clerk

date: August 30, 2022

Supervisor Signatures:

date: _____

Richard Bresnahan

LeRoy Gondringer

Rich Sanoski