

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

March 13, 2023

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

Call to Order: LeRoy Gondringer, *Chair*, called the meeting of the Avon Township Supervisors to order at 3:30 P.M. in the Conference Room 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.

Roll Call: Present – Richard Bresnahan, LeRoy Gondringer (*Chair*), Rich Sanoski, and Stephen Saupe (*Clerk*). Also present – Joe Koopmeiners (*Maintenance*), Lori Yurczyk (*PC Chair*), and Dan Kron (O’Malley & Kron Surveyors).

Business:

1. **Road Vacations.** One goal purpose of this meeting was to solicit advice from Mr. Dan Kron, O’Malley & Kron Surveyors, concerning roads that have been considered for vacation (Plum Hill & Parkwood Court cul-de-sacs, High Street, Schirmer’s driveway). Mr. Kron is unable to attend a regularly scheduled Supervisors meeting. Mr. Kron provided an overview of his qualifications (*i.e.*, surveyor, former Collegeville Township Supervisors).

Mr. Kron said that if a road is vacated then the Town would need to deed their interest to the adjoining landowners. If a road is vacated, the Town must also ensure that we are not creating more problems.

Plum Hill & Parkwood Court *cul-de-sacs*. A major disadvantage in vacating the land remaining after reconstructing these cul-de-sacs this past summer is that it would block access to the utility corridor. Though access could be gained from Parkwood Circle, it would provide a narrow walkway and make it impossible to complete work without receiving resident approval. Other disadvantages are that vacating the land would create non-conforming lots due to the narrow frontage and that at least one drive would need to be shared. In addition, the Township legal costs would likely be high. After discussion, Bresnahan moved to not vacate the cul-de-sacs in Sun Ridge addition because of utility easement access, it would create non-conforming lots and a shared driveway situation, and it would be expensive. Sanoski second. All in favor. Motion carried.

High Street – this situation is complicated because it is part of two plats. In addition the existing cul-de-sac is not in the correct place; it is partially on private property. If High Street is vacated, there would still be access to the undeveloped property adjacent to the road. High Street could be divided or given to the property owner to the south because of the most recent plat. The Supervisors thought it would be good to clean up property boundaries in this area, especially concerning the cul-de-sac, and to continue to look into the vacation of High Street. Bresnahan moved to further pursue the vacation of High Street with our legal counsel and look into options, but that this doesn’t mean that the Supervisors have approved any final agreement to swap properties. Sanoski second. All in favor. Motion carried. Bresnahan was authorized to contact attorney Adam Ripple to learn about the legal options/situation for vacating High Street.

Schirmer’s Driveway – the Township has been maintaining this as a minimum maintenance road. However, it only serves one resident and if this property were to be vacated, it would not affect any other resident. Bresnahan was authorized to discuss vacating this road with Attorney Ripple.

2. **Liquor License** – John Ruprecht requested a gambling permit (bingo, pull-tabs, raffle paddlewheels) and a liquor license for the Immaculate Conception Church festival in June. Sanoski moved to authorize a gambling permit and a 1-day temporary on-sale liquor license for the sale of intoxicating liquors at the Immaculate Conception Parish grounds at 37186 Co Rd 9, Avon, Minnesota. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 3. Summer Roadwork – The Supervisors discussed the request for bids for summer roadwork in the Township, including a shared project with Holding Township (Two Rivers Road). The document was edited. Bresnahan moved to approve a draft of the advertisement for bids. Sanoski second. All in favor. Motion carried. The Clerk will make the indicated changes and provide a copy to the Supervisors for final approval.

The Supervisors want to get an early start on roadwork and decided that it would be advantageous to have the bid opening as soon as possible. Sanoski moved to open the bids after the Planning Commission meeting at 8 PM on April 26th. Bresnahan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The bid package will include options for resurfacing all or some subset of roads. The Supervisors expressed concern about happens if some bid options are more favorable to Holding Township than to Avon Township. Our Township will take priority.

Adjournment: Bresnahan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Sanoski second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Saupe, Clerk

date: March 16, 2023

Supervisor Signatures:

date: _____

LeRoy Gondringer, Chair

Chad Klocker

Rich Sanoski