

Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Planning Board of Avon Township & the City of Avon

February 26, 2015

Avon Township Hall (16881 Queens Road, Avon)

Call to Order: Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Joint Planning Board meeting was called to order by Rick Fischbach at 7:00 PM. in the Main Chamber of the Town Hall.

Pledge: Fischbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Richard Bresnahan, Rick Fischbach, Ken Mergen, Stephen Saupe, Jim Thares, LeRoy Gondringer, John Merdan, Hugh Knox, Roger Nelson, Justin Markon (student intern). Absent – Jeff Meyer.

Minutes: Mergen moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting as presented. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Business:

1. **Avon Wellhead Plan** – The Avon Wellhead Protection Plan is complete and has been approved by the State. The City is in the implementation phase and has applied for a grant from the MN Department of Health for producing and mailing two brochures from the MN Rural Water Association. The City is making a donation to the Middle Sauk Water festival that will be held in May and will be upgrading their website. A copy of the Plan will be posted on the City & Town websites.
2. **Joint Planning Board Agreement Review** – The JPB Agreement states that agreement will terminate on December 31, 2015 unless both parties agree to an extension. The overwhelming consensus was that the JPB Agreement has served the City and Township well. Both the City and Township will seek an extension of the agreement from their respective Council and Board. However, this may be unnecessary since the Chief Administrative Law Judge ruled (OA-1198-5 Avon) that once jurisdiction is granted, the agreement cannot be taken away until all the designated area is annexed – thus the agreement automatically renews.

Election of Officers: Motion by Nelson to nominate Mergen as Chair. Fischbach second. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Mergen to nominate Jeff Meyer as Vice-Chair. Fischbach second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Announcements/Reports:

- Avon Estates – progress is slowly being made on selling lots.
- Some area businesses appear to be doing well. There is no news on the status of Joseph's.
- Eurasian milfoil has been found in area lakes. Ongoing treatment is likely.
- The City has an emergency generator.
- The possibility of a new middle school is being investigated.
- The City has a noise ordinance that could serve as a model for one in the Township.

- Mobile Home Park – insuring safety and healthy living conditions for residents is a primary concern.

Adjournment: Mergen moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:22 PM. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: *tba*

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Saupe, Avon Township Clerk