

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Planning Board
of Avon Township & the City of Avon**
December 17, 2019
Avon City Hall 140 Stratford Street East Avon, MN 56310

Call to Order: The Joint Planning Board meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Linn at 6:30 P.M. in the meeting room of the Avon City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Dick Glatzmaier (City), Katie Reiling (City), Mike Linn (Town), Ken Mergen (Town). Also present: Jodi Austing-Traut (City Administrator) and Marion Gondringer.

Minutes: Linn asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2019 meeting as presented.

Motion made by Reiling to approve. Glatzmaier second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda: *Mergen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Linn second. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Business:

Consider annexation of a 30 acre portion of PID 03.01110.0010 located at 32902 County Road 50 in Avon, MN and owned by Lange Properties of Avon LLC:

Mergen suggested the Joint Planning Board consider approval of the annexation with the caveat that the 6 year tax rebate provision be added pursuant to the OAA, although this property is not subject to the orderly annexation agreement. Mergen also suggested approval contingent upon a 10 year extension of the OAA. Austing-Traut stated that it would be unlikely that the city council would accept a 10 year extension of the OAA without adequate time to properly negotiate terms which would delay the annexation. Land owner attorneys expressed concern for a potential delay. Mergen stated that the township had not been receiving the 6 year tax rebates pursuant to the OAA. Austing-Traut and Mergen were both under the impression that Stearns County was handling those tax adjustments. Austing-Traut will look into the procedure for the rebates and provide payment to the Township pursuant to the OAA.

Motion Reiling to approve the annexation of the 30 acre portion of PID 03.01110.0010 (32902 County Road 50 in Avon) with the addition of the six year property tax rebate pursuant to the OAA and contingent up on city making the rebate payment to township for past annexations, second Linn. Motion carried.

Common Interest Issues/Information Sharing:

The Township Board will meet with Nancy Scott on 1/2/20 to consider hiring her for zoning administration services in the Joint Planning Area.

Linn updated the board regarding the trailers that were supposed to have been removed by 10/31/19. Linn indicated that the trailers had not been moved, and another trailer has since been added to the park.

Mergen asked about the status of the city/township compost site. Austing-Traut explained that the city is looking at options to attempt to eliminate abuse of the site. There have been contractors caught dumping inappropriate materials at the compost site. The city will continue to explore its options and will notify the township of its intent.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mergen to adjourn at 7:05 pm, Second by Reiling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut, Avon City Clerk/Administrator