

News from Avon Township

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As you likely already know, last week Township residents went to the polls to elect two Supervisors and a Clerk. Voters re-elected Mike Linn for Supervisor for a three-year term and Rich Sanoski was elected for a one-year term. They will join Ken Mergen who is currently serving as Supervisor for Will Huston who has taken a temporary, personal leave of absence. Avon Township is lucky, indeed, to have three excellent individuals serving as Supervisor. We are in good hands, for sure. I am honored that voters re-elected me to serve another two-year term as Clerk – thanks so much for your support!

Supervisor Sanoski will be completing the term of John Merdan who resigned in the autumn for personal reasons. Before his resignation, Merdan served the township for 17 years! John began his service on the Planning Commission in 2002. He served for four years until he was elected to serve as a Supervisor in 2006.

One of John's major roles on the Town Board was to be responsible for roads. He could be frequently found checking the conditions of the roads, doing roadwork, calling out the plows when needed, ordering road supplies, and supervising our township staff. John's primary responsibility was to maintain the quality of roads that Township residents expected.

John never complained, was patient, worked well with his fellow board members. He was always polite and diplomatic with the residents, even when he would be reamed out for something like the plow smashing a mailbox or ripping up some sod. His even temperament made board meetings a pleasure. He could be counted on to make wise decisions that were in the best interest of the Town. John was a quiet, but strong, force on the board.

John played an important role in developing our town hall and maintenance facility complex. He served as supervisor during this time and was also a member of our building task forces. He helped oversee development of our facilities and he says that this is what is most proud of during his 17 years of service. Last month we held a ceremony to thank John for his work. If you see him around the township, be sure to thank him and wish him well as he pursues new endeavors.

Merdan's work on roads reminds me that next month we will hold our annual Road Inspection. On this day, the Supervisors drive all 44 miles of Town roads and make decisions on work that needs to be done. We are now planning to resurface Tower Road and Shorewood Drive. If you

have any other recommendations for roads in need of repair, please contact me or one of the Supervisors (Linn, Mergen, Sanoski).