

03-12-2024

## **FLORENCE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00. Elected Jody McIlrath to be the moderator. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Lt. Cory Gagnon from the Goodhue County Sheriff's Department provided an update on county crime and service statistics. Clerk Sue Eisenmenger read the minutes of the last year meeting. Motion made and second approved. The motion passed.

Planning Commission: We cleaned up the STR ordinance we have developed a complaint form for STR's. All STR's have to follow state guidelines.

Parks Commission: The Wakondiota Park pollinator garden has been planted. Annual picnic on third Thursday in June at 6:00 by the play park. We are busy in Valhalla Park removing of invasives and planting new shrubs and grasses. The Valhalla enhancement plan is continuing which will restore native plants and provide habitat for wildlife. Steamboat new dock gets a lot of use please no power loading. We have two kayak racks contact Edie Sward. EAB grant removed 88 dead ash trees and replanted new trees. The community center is still available contact Carol Holmgren. Rick Landau is the new park manager. Thank you to the many volunteers that helped with the parks.

HPC: We finished up most of our grants. We lost Joyce Engstrom. We will be having a lilac and plant exchange. We are working on local oral histories with Goodhue County. We would like to have our budget carry over to next year.

Friends of the Town Hall: No report

2023 audit report was presented. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

2025 proposed budget was presented. General fund \$92,275, Road and bridge fund \$406,00, Emergency services \$ 38,535 Total levy \$536,810 3.47 Percent increase. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

Janet Malotky made a motion to drop the Gopher bounty. The motion was second. The motion passed. There was a motion made and second to have next

years Township election and annual meeting on Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> the polls will be open from 4-8. The annual meeting will follow at 8:00. Motion passed.

Election results Mike Blair received 54 votes on vote each for Ron Knudsen and Robert Sommerfield. Pam Miller received 56 votes and one vote each for Char Rigelman, Gary Schumacher and Ann Dankers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk