

11-20-2023

### Florence Township Regular monthly meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. There was a motion made and second to approve as read. The motion passed. The treasurer's report is as follows: A beginning checking and money market balance of \$825,310.88, receipts of \$8,658.65, disbursements of \$13,422.40 for a checking and money market balance of \$820,547.13. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

Planning-we accepted these changes to STR ordinance. The word agricultural was removed from section one. 120 nights was changed to 180 nights cumulatively per calendar year. Individual reviews for short term rental IUP applications will begin on December 31<sup>st</sup> Both initial and renewal must be filed by the owner each year, with the deadline set for December 31. The township commits to processing and rendering a on the application sixty days from December 31. Public hearings for all STR shall be held no later than the March Planning Commission meeting each year. Must have a Minnesota department of health and lodging license. Failure to do so is ground for non-renewal appropriate insurance specifically coverage for the operation of a short-term rental on the property. There was a motion made and second to approve the changes to STR ordinance. The motion passed. Chuck Rusch has applied for a variance application for a setback for a shed 19 feet from the property line instead of 25 feet and 7 feet instead of 15 feet. Motion made and second to approve the variance as presented. Motion passes.

HPC-no design applications. We are working on closing out the grant. Locust lodge update. She is looking for an extension on the time to fix the house. We would like to follow up with a timeline of what is going to be done by April 1<sup>st</sup> and construction starting end of May. Trying to get people for an oral history.

Parks-We had a full town hall on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. Hunters have been hunting Wakondiota park for years and we don't have and regulations posted. It is legal to hunt in the park. The pollinator garden is ready to plant. The broken duck has been removed. The dock has been removed. A motion was made to remove a tree on the Steamboat landing for \$500.00. The motion passed. The presale cost for kayaks is \$75.00 available through April 2024. A motion was made and second to remove

the word leaning from a motion passed by the town board in March of 2022 and amend the new motion. The motion passed. Dennis Dick said he would follow the park plan for the parks. Tim Jonas dragged the beach it was \$200.00. He thinks the beach should be dragged 3 times in the summer. We made a motion to improve the seats and suspension on the lawnmowers the cost would be \$1500.00. We have three PAA's Steve Gheen remove trees and drive through Wakondiota and Jeff and Ann Bolin to remove tree and maintenance for Valhalla Park. There was a motion made and second to approve all three PAA's. Motion passed. Parking for ice fishing we need to get all signs to say the same thing. We don't really know what to do about it. We will wait for recommendation from the county.

Friends of town hall -No report

Old business

New business resolution to accept donation 20231120 from Katheryn Kouchich for \$50.00 for the Joyce Engstrom foundation.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, clerk