

11-23-2009

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Joe Ellingson. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented and is as follows. Checking and money market account \$149,578.11, a CD for \$13,328.39 for a total of \$162,906.50.

Zoning Bill Gilk West Wind Trailer Park Hwy 61 is requesting township approval for a variance for a new septic system. The variance that is needed is to have the septic 14 feet from a trailer and 5 feet from a garage. The variance is needed to build septic systems that comply with County regulations. The County is requesting the variance. A motion was made and seconded to give Township approval for the variance. The motion passed.

Kristen Eide Tollefson is going to do some repairs to the old school house on County Road 2. The repairs include re-roofing and repairing internal support structures. She is requesting that the Town Board write a letter to the County specifying that the Township does not require a permit for these types of repairs. The Town Board agrees to send a letter to the County zoning office.

Dan Stacker wants to know if the Township has more strict zoning rules concerning property line setbacks than the County. We do not. Our setbacks are the same as the Counties.

Commissions

Planning Commission-No meeting last month. We are still 4 members short.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We would like to request funds to purchase some items for the parks. We would like to buy 6 five foot benches and cement bases for them for \$1360.00, 6 picnic tables for \$1924.00, 12 cement posts to mark boundaries for \$59.88, 1 soccer goal for \$89.99, 1 volley ball net for \$29.00 and 8 hours of brush cutting at \$75.00 an hour for \$600.00 for a total of \$4062.87.

A motion was made and second to use \$2000.00 from the general fund and \$2062.87 from the parks fund to purchase the above items. Three of the picnic tables to be used at the ball park. The motion passed.

The Heritage Preservation Committee suggests that we trim the cottonwoods instead of cutting them down. We need to hire Jim Brooks to look at the trees and give his opinion on what should be done with the trees. Joe will contact him to have him look at them.

Friends of the Town Hall-The roof is fixed. Our meetings are the second Saturday of the month at 10:00. The next neighborhood watch meeting for Frontenac Station will be on Tuesday November 24th at 7:00 at the Town Hall.

Old business-Erickson engineering which is a firm that the county suggested that The Township might use for the replacement of the bridge on Territorial Road is asking if we are ready to go ahead and get started. The exact costs to use this company are very vague. Joe will contact the County to request the names of other engineering firms to use.

Poplar Ridge-Attorney Einar Hansen would like to know if the Township would like to continue to use him for the remaining steps needed for the special assessment of Poplar Ridge for blacktopping the road. A motion was made and second to continue using Einar Hansen as the attorney for the special assessment of Poplar Ridge. The motion passed.

New Business-The community center will need a new roof next summer. The sportsman's club can donate some money for it but the Township will have to pay for part of it also. The inside of the community center needs to be painted also. A motion was made and second to approve up to \$250.00 to Dale Messenburg for paint and painting the inside of the community center. The motion passed. The dumpsters at the community center are being filled with items that cannot be recycled. Dale Messenburg will haul it down to Hagedorns and have the bill added to the Township monthly bill.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger clerk