

7-27-2009

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Ellingson at 7:00 O'clock. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The treasurer gave the treasurer's report which is as follows. Checking and money market account \$82,703.52 a CD for \$13,223.92 for a total of \$95,927.44. A motion was made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

Zoning-David Martinson would like to put a trailer/storage shed on his property on Keye Avenue. A motion was made and second to allow the trailer/storage shed. The motion passed.

Chris Hinck has 110 acres on 340th street and would like to tear down the existing house and put a 16x80 trailer and new septic on the property. The trailer is sided and has a shingled roof. A motion was made and second to approve the demolition and the trailer being move in. The motion passed.

Brian Schreiber on Ski Road would like to build a 30x96 pole building to be used as a garage and storage shed. A motion was made and second to approve as long as all state and county setbacks are met. The motion passed.

Cory Wurst would like to build a 40x82 foot house at 35496 Eagle Ridge court in Eagle Vista II. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Greg Lundstrom would like to build a 78x32 house at 35291 Martin Street in Eagle Vista II. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Dan Pahl owns 56 acres on Territorial Road and is thinking about selling off 16 acres for 2 or 3 building sites. He is just in the preliminary stages of what needs to be done. The Town Board directed him to the planning commission.

Commissions

Planning Commission-The County has finished their hearings for their comprehensive plan. We have talked to Mike Wozniak about possibly addressing some of the sensitive area ideas that we have been working on for our ordinance into the county plan. We are still four members short. Ben Boege is the new chairman.

Heritage Preservation Committee- No meeting last month

Friend of the Town Hall-We would like to thank the board members that helped move the file for us. We have put together a collection policy and our waiting for the historical society to help us get started. The history center will be open this Saturday August 1st from 10:00 A.M. to noon. The roof still needs to be repaired. Joe will talk to Doug and Jeremy Stevens for an estimate. Joan will call Lake City septic to check out the septic system. Clay Ruggles washed the windows 6 weeks ago.

Old Business-Poplar Ridge update. They are going to resubmit a new petition for having the paving project assessed. Once we receive that we will move forward.

The bridge on Territorial Road was schedule to be done in 2010 but the state funding was cut and the project has been moved back to 2011. We will need to budget for this in the 2011 budget. Joe will talk to the county and get an approximate cost for the survey.

Mary Boom from Old Frontenac called and asked why we don't use calcium chloride on the roads instead of magnesium chloride which she is allergic to. The reasoning is that calcium chloride is a petroleum product and is more expensive. Magnesium chloride is a natural product and is biodegradable.

The cottonwood trees in the park on Van Blarcum still need to be addressed as to what the Town Board is going to do with them. Joe will talk to Swenke about pushing them over. Mike and Joe will get bids from tree cutting companies.

Mike talked to Kevin Horsman about the complaints about his dogs and the problem seems to have improved.

New Business

The Goodhue County sheriff's department would like to set up a neighborhood watch program in Florence Township. There will be an informational meeting on Monday August 17th at the Town Hall. There will be a deputy there to give a presentation. All interested township residents should attend.

There are some trees along the Lake City golf course up from triple R sales that are too close to the road and need to be trimmed.

The dumpster at the community center is being abused. The issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

Tom Gnotke asked the Prairie Island community to donate \$2500.00 dollars to the Township to purchase a laptop computer, printer, projector and a screen. They agreed to donate \$2500.00. A motion was made and second to accept the \$2500.00 donation from the Prairie Island Indian community to purchase a laptop, printer, projector and a screen. The motion passed.

The light at the boat ramp is out. Joe will call an electrician to get it fixed.

There has been a pickup parking in the street overnight in front of the church and it is interfering with parking for church services and funerals. There are no signs saying no overnight parking and we do not have an ordinance for that. Joan will tell Pastor Hoppe that the best he could do is to put a note on the windshield or call the Town Board and we will put a note on the windshield the next time it happens.

The north end of Ski Road is very rough and needs to be graded. Joe will call Swenke and have it done.

The chloride bill was considerably higher than expected. Joe and Dick Swenke told Ferrell gas where to put the chloride and they over applied it. Joe will call them to discuss the bill.

Our Township insurance premium went up from \$2404.00 to \$5,336.00 because the value of the town hall increased dramatically. Tom will call the insurance company and Bill Laidlaw to try and find an explanation before we pay the bill.

The Prairie Island Indian community would like to put a new overlay on ski road leading to the golf course. They would completely fund the project. Tom will talk to the attorney as to how the Town Board should handle the situation.

Keg permit for Clara Gross 31349 West Florence Trail for August 29th. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

All Outstanding bills were paid.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30

Respectfully Submitted
Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk