

2-22-2010

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Ellingson at 7:00. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The treasurer presented the treasurer's report which is as follows. Checking and money market account \$209,063.89 and a CD for \$13,381.80 for a total of \$222,445.69. The treasurer's report was approved as presented. The CD matured this month and was put into the money market account as the interest was about the same.

The fire and ambulance meeting is Wednesday February 24th at the fire hall.

Zoning-Ryan Kelly 8580 Magnolia Trail #320 Eden Prairie is purchasing the Jankowski property on Hill Ave and is requesting a driveway permit and a building permit. A motion was made and second to approve both the driveway permit and the building permit with the condition that they present at the next planning commission meeting and the Florence Township planning commission approves of the plans. The motion passed on a two to three vote. Joan opposed the motion.

Butch and Lois Berlin 33951 Hill Ave Trail rebuild on existing site after a fire. The foundation has been approved by the county. A motion was made and second to approve the rebuilding on the existing foundation. The motion passed.

Doug Dodge and Don Johnson are requesting vacating a cart path on Territorial road. They will be sent the proper paper work to make a resolution and petition to complete the road vacation.

Commissions-Planning Commission we did not have a quorum but we talked about the comprehensive plan review.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We had no minutes from the last meeting. We met February 16th. We discussed getting the picnic tables and the park benches ordered. We passed a motion to have Katie Himanga give a report on the cottonwood trees in Old Frontenac. Her recommendation was to remove three trees and prune the rest. Her charge for this report was \$150.00 to be paid by donations from the Heritage Preservation commission. We also passed a motion to replace the cottonwoods that have been removed with new cottonwoods. We also had a motion passed to take the money spent on the lilac giveaway to buy lilacs for the three roads that were closed in Frontenac Station to make a barrier to get ride of the mesh snow fence.

Friends of the Town Hall-We have had many items brought in to look at from residents. Ken and Virginia Oliver have installed a light in the display case. There are two lights out and it would be nice if they were replaced by the annual meeting. We had an estimate from Northern Flooring Company for fixing the floor. The estimate for just buffing and coating the floor was \$2,618.00 and the estimate for buffing and thoroughly cleaning the floors was \$4,787.00. The outside of the front doors need to be refinished.

We have put a \$500.00 maximum and will pay for this expense ourselves. There are items disappearing from the Town Hall and we hope they get returned.

Old Business-Jody McIlrath reported that the cost to make Frontenac Station a quiet zone for the railroads would be \$39,000 to \$45,000 depending on what we wanted at the intersections. There is not any federal funding available but because we are on the river corridor there should be state funding available for the concrete medians. Jody will continue with the necessary research.

Poplar Ridge-suggest that we set up a meeting with the interested parties and the attorney so we can either go forward with the project or stop it. Schedule a special meeting for Wednesday March 17th at 7:00 at the Town Hall to discuss the Poplar Ridge blacktopping project. All interested parties should attend.

There will be a Goodhue County Board meeting at the Florence Town Hall at 7:00 on Tuesday March 2nd.

The cottonwood trees in Old Frontenac. A motion was made and second to acknowledge the recommendation of the Heritage Preservation Commission in regards to the cottonwood trees. However, to go forward with the previous motion to remove nine cottonwood trees at the bid of \$1050.00 per tree.

New Business-We will call for bids for road maintenance for a two year contract and bids for rock and gravel and chloride and brush cutting and mowing for a one year contract.

Kristen Swan gave notice of a public meeting to be held at 7:00 on March 4th at the Zumbrota/Mazeppa Middle School in Mazeppa on the wind towers that will be going up between highway 58 and highway 52.

A motion was made and second to recite the pledge of allegiance at the start of each monthly meeting. The motion passed.

A motion was made and second to approve the private purchase of signs saying Florence on them representing the original site of Florence.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully Submitted
Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk

