

8-23-2010

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 Treasure's report is as follows, beginning \$150,141.39, receipts of \$133,639.17, disbursements of \$80,807.00 for a total in checking and Money market of \$202,973.76, CD for \$50,000.00 for a total funds of 252,973.76. The Treasure's report was approved as presented.

No Zoning permits- None

Planning Commission-We are still working on getting more surveys out to people. We are still one member short. We did not take any action on the gas station sign as they are going to be closing.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We met on August 17th. We invited Judy Johnson and Virginia Oliver from the Friends of the Town Hall and discussed why we cannot include the Town Hall in our jurisdiction. We talked with Jon Wiech about his duties and hours necessary to do his job. We approve of the board receiving house plans for all new construction to make sure that the plans coincide with what is actually being built.

Friends of the Town Hall-We attended the Heritage Preservation Commission meeting and appreciated all they had to say.

Old Business-Poplar Ridge public hearing has been set for 7:00 at the Town Hall on September 20th to accept the bids.

A motion was made to approve the assessment of the residents of Poplar Ridge to be divided equally by parcels in excess of two acres. The motion was second and passed with a unanimous vote.

Highway 61 garden replacement project- Joan has not heard anything yet and she will stop in the MN dot office and check and see what is happening.

Quiet Zone-RR study showed that there are issues with all five crossings but 2 out of the 5 must be improved to make the quiet zone a possibility. Julie Carr from the MN Dot would like to have an engineering study done to see the cost of the necessary improvements. Jody McIllrath will check and see if there is any cost for this study. A motion was made and second to continue with the engineering report if there is no cost to the Township. The motion passed. There may be funding available for the crossing improvements.

New Business-Prepay LP gas contract is \$1.56 per gallon. A motion was made and second to purchase 400 gallons at \$1.56 per gallon. The motion passed.

Oak Ridge Avenue Way needs to be graded. There are potholes on Wood St., Van Blarcum and Johnston St.

There is a hole on Leon Paul's grave at the cemetery. Clay will look into it and fix it.

Tom would like to set up electronic funds transfer for some of our recurring monthly bills. A motion was made and second to set up electronic funds transfer for these accounts, Verizon, Mediacom, Century Link, Xcel and possibly Lake City Disposal. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk