

9-27-2010

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's report is as follows. A beginning balance of \$202,973.76, receipts of \$2,015.33, disbursements of \$10,954.57 for a balance in the checking and money market account of \$194,034.52 \$50,000.00 in CD's for a total funds of \$244,034.52.

Zoning-Brian Dupong 30862 Hill Avenue put a 32x48 foot lean to on an existing pole shed. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

David Richmond 31821 Maple Court put a 17x20 foot attached deck. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed. He also presented a plan to finish his basement. The plumbing is already roughed in and there are existing walls. It was determined that no Township permit was required.

Commissions

Planning commission-We were going to change our meetings to Tuesday night but that is not going to work so are meetings will remain the 2nd Monday of the month. We are still taking in surveys and working on them. We are going to look into buying a laptop to be used to look at maps and keep our records on. We are still one member short. \

Heritage Preservation commission-No report

Friends of the Town Hall-We would like to acknowledge Ken and Virginia Oliver for there service as volunteers to the Red Wing Red Cross as ham radio operators. We would like the supervisors to start a contingency fund for the Town Hall so we can use some of our budgeted money from previous years for some big projects like painting of the Town Hall. The front doors need to be refinished hopefully this fall. We have a bid from house painters from Rochester for \$800.00. We are requesting \$250.00 from the board and we will budget the remaining \$550.00. The board is requesting another bid to refinish the doors. Also our annual meeting is Saturday at 10:00 A.M. everyone is invited for refreshments at 11:00 and a presentation by Bill Webster at 11:15 with a preview of the DVD that is being made.

Old Business-Poplar Ridge, Einar Hanson recommends that we have the residents sign a waiver giving up their right to appeal the assessment and possibly get a more updated market analysis but it is probably not necessary at this time. A motion was made and second to approve the resolution to obtain waivers of the property owners who benefitted from the improvement to waive any right to appeal or contest an assessment based upon the bid received is performed as bid. The motion passed unanimously. A special meeting was scheduled for Monday October 4th at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall to approve the resolution ordering the improvement of Poplar Ridge and for the discussion

of the resolution to obtain waivers from the property owners to waive the right to appeal or contest the assessment.

The highway 61 garden project-Joan has obtained funding for the project but the planting will be in the spring.

The community center needs a new roof. The sportsman's club has received two bids \$6,000.00 for asphalt shingles and \$12,000.00 for a steel roof. They will donate the \$6,000.00 for the asphalt shingles and sentence to serve will do the labor. The board is requesting a more updated bid for the project.

The R.R. quiet zone project-We walked the five crossings with the state R.R. and federal R.R. Representatives and they would like an engineering study to be done. Jody McIlrath would like the study done but at no cost to the Township.

New Business- There was a resolution presented to approve the election judges for the November 2nd general election. A motion was made and second to approve the resolution approving the election judges. The motion passed.

Dave and Shirley Sommerfield mow the play park and would like to see the walnut trees by the park cut down as they have had many complaints about the walnuts in the park. The board will look into it.

There are issues with the grass being too long at some intersections to see traffic.

Roads-There is still a big rut on Lake Avenue by the bridge, there are washouts on White Oak Lane and there is a tree partly on West Florence Trail. Clay would like the liaison be changed from Joe to either Mike or himself. There was a motion made and second to have Clay be the liaison between Barney and the board. The motion passed. Clay also discussed what needs to be done when there is a call about a road issue at night. He thinks that the board should buy some cones and flashers to be put out in such a situation. The county dispatcher usually alerts Barney and the situation is taken care of.

The neighborhood watch program celebrated its one year anniversary. Our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 at the Town Hall.

There was a discussion concerning the woodpile on park property and it was decided that the woodpile could remain on the park property until April 15th 2011 and is to be used by the volunteers that cut the wood.

There was a keg permit for Jody Heitman for October 23rd. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk

