

6-28-2010

## Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mike Blair. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The Treasurer's report is as follows beginning balance of \$191,064.85, receipts of \$720.22 and disbursements of \$9,065.11 for an ending balance of \$182,719.96. The treasure's report was approved as presented.

No Zoning permits

Planning Commission-The survey is out and is online for residents to complete. We are still one member short. We have a lot of maps and need to find a way for more people to see and use them.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We elected officers. Bill Flies is Chairman, Art Hamilton is the vice chair, Justin Thompson is the secretary and Char Henn is the Goodhue County Historical society representative. We changed our bylaws to state that a quorum shall be the majority of the active commission members. We presented a list of twenty seven street signs in Old Frontenac that are worn and should be replaced. The signs are should be brown with white lettering to match the other signs.

Friends of the Town Hall nothing new to report. We would like to request that the Heritage Preservation Commission apply for a grant to help reroof the Town Hall through certified local government status. The Town Hall is not in the jurisdiction of the HPC and therefore cannot do that. A motion was made and second to have the HPC research to see if there are historical buildings that can be added to their jurisdiction by resolution of the Town Board. The motion passed.

Old Business-The cottonwood trees have been cut down but there are some holes that need to be filled in. We will try and find volunteers repair the holes and plant some grass seed.

Roads Joe will contact Barney about what roads need to be chlorided.

Poplar Ridge- we are in agreement with some of the studies necessary to proceed with the project but we would be requesting that the Township split the cost of the engineering studies and to get started with them as soon as possible. A motion was made and second to hire the engineering firm of Yaggy and Colby to do the necessary engineering studies and the Township will split the cost with the residents of Poplar Ridge. The motion passed.

Quiet Zone- the traffic counts are done and the next step is to determine the risk calculations using these new numbers. Then the board needs to decide what they want to do to improve the crossings which will give us an estimated cost and then Julie Carr can try to find available funds to complete the project.

Jim Brooks mailbox was damaged by a snow plow. We have a bill that needs to be turned into Swenke's company for reimbursement.

Joan Marshman is working with the MN DOT landscape partnership to try and replace the old gardens along highway 61 that had to be removed when highway 61 was redone. She will continue working on it there is a December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for a spring planting.

New Business- the planning commission should try and work on a book of all current ordinances and zoning guidelines.

Road report- There were a few trees that fell in the last storms that we cleaned up otherwise the roads are pretty good. We need to replace two yield signs that are worn out one at the intersection of Wood and Green Streets and one at 335<sup>th</sup> and West Florence Road.

A letter has been drawn up to distribute to residents using park property for their personal use, requesting that they remove their personal belongings from the park property. We will discuss again at the next meeting. Mike made a motion to deliver the letter to individuals which it concerned. There was not a second. The motion failed.

Clay will talk to Dick Herron about his remodeling and building permits.

A keg permit for Mary Lamb on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

The cooler at the community center needed repair and the sportsmen's club donated \$700.00 for the repair. A motion was made and second to accept the \$700.00 donation by the sportsmen's club for repair of the cooler. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted  
Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk