

4-25-2011

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as presented. The treasurer's report is as follows. An ending balance of \$265,876.39, receipts of \$382.34, disbursements of \$119,837.02 for a total checking and money market balance of \$146,421.71. Four CD's for \$100,000 for a total cash and investments of \$246,421.71. The treasure's report was approved as presented.

B-Wells bar is applying for a 3.2 malt liquor license. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed. Joe abstained from voting.

Zoning

Kim Earnest and Brian Miller are requesting two permits one for demolition of the Villa Angela and one for new construction. The Heritage Preservation Commission has approved both permit requests. A motion was made and second to approve both permits. The motion passed. The board is requesting that the applicants meet with the planning commission due to the flood plane issues.

John Falvey Lake View Drive is requesting a permit to build a 12x21 foot shed on a cement slab. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Commissions

Planning Commission we have three topics to discuss. The first to make the board aware of the possibility of sand mining in Haycreek Township this will affect us because the loading site is in Florence Township. There have not been any permit requests yet. Secondly, we are working with the county with the sensitive areas and would like a resolution passed for the purpose of collaboration between Florence Township and Goodhue County. A motion was made and second to approve the resolution as presented. The motion passed. Thirdly, there was a bill at the legislature to harvest walnut trees in Frontenac State park. The bill did not pass. However, we have written a letter to the legislature stating that we believe that harvesting trees in the State Park would not be in the best interest of the park or our community. A motion was made and second to approve the letter to the legislature. The motion passed.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We are working with the Episcopal Church. They are planning a restoration project over the next seven years. The first phase will be to replace the shingles with the wood shakes like it was originally. Next would be the replacement of the siding and the stain glass windows. The final phases would be restoring the interior and the church grounds. We are hoping to be able to help them get funding for the project.

We discussed a past permit that was given to the Augustine's that has never been completed. We are going to send them a letter to try and get them to complete their addition.

We also talked about the cutting of trees in Vallahalla Park for vistas. County regulations prohibit cutting of trees four inches in diameter. We have a plan that includes removing invasive species and replanting trees.

There are two applications for the HPC Justin Thompson and Kirby Rigelman. Both have reapplied. A motion was made and second to approve both applications. The motion passed.

Friends of the Town Hall-We worked in the gardens today. Our meetings have been changed to the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M. We would like to work with the HPC on making the Town Hall a historic district. Bill Flies will attend the next Friends meeting. The Goodhue County Historical society is making a civil war exhibit and is looking for pictures of township residents in uniform. The Goodhue County Historical Society is transcribing the information we obtained from the Savage family. Alfred Watts has agreed to be the curator for our history center.

Old Business-none

New Business-The Erickson engineering firm has been contacted about the bridge on Territorial Road and we are waiting for a response.

The Lake City men's softball league would like to play six games a week on the Township field. Each team will donate \$100 to \$150 for new bases and lime for the field. The board sees no problem with them using the field as long as it there is no cost to the Township.

Road Tour-Major projects 1. Reopen culvert on Ski Road near the red house. 2. Replace culvert on 335th near the Stuhr farm. 3. Replace first bridge on

Hill Avenue from hwy 61. Check Flueger's bid no decision made. 4. Replace bridge on West Florence Trail. Tom will talk to attorney about the legalities of moving the right of way. 5. Get a bid on repaving or reclaiming on Golfview Ridge and 360th. 6. Crack seal and sealcoat Lakeview Drive. 7. Fill dip on 335th with rock.

Minor projects-1. Clean out culvert by the chalet on Ski Road. 2. Clean out culvert ½ mile north of the chalet on Ski Road. 3. Clean out the culvert on Ski Road near Stubfor's driveway. 4. Clean out culvert on 335th by the Witt farm. 5. Add to the south end of the guardrail on Hill Avenue. 6. Take the two cottonwood trees down at the boat ramp. Mike will call Wabasha Tree Service. 7. Take out dirt along the street and replace with gravel next to B-Wells parking lot. 8. Re-grade next to the corner of Staehli Park Road and Hwy 61 intersection. 9. Transplant lilacs from garden to the end of vacated streets. Gravel placement. 1. Ski Road from the last dip going north to the red house. 2. Circle S Road from Johnson's driveway going east to the bottom of the hill. 3. Territorial road from bottom of the hill south to Walter's farm driveway. 4. 335th from County Road 5 to Sanford's driveway and on soft spots along hillside. 5. Ida Path first 800 feet from Staehli Park Road no northern end. 6. White Oak Lane mid hill to corner going west.

There is a limb over the road on Ski Road Swenke's house that needs to be removed.

Luhman's construction has given us a bid for .74 a gallon of magnesium chloride that comes out to be about 300 feet for \$180. There was a motion made and second to accept Luhman's bid for magnesium chloride at .74 a gallon. The motion passed. Joe abstained from voting.

All outstanding bill were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk