

4-23-2012

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. There was a motion made and second to appoint Jim McIlrath to the town board to fill the vacancy by Clay Ruggle's resignation. The motion passed. Jim McIlrath was sworn in as the new supervisor. There was a motion made and second to have Mike Blair remain as chairman. The motion passed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report is as follows. A beginning cash balance of \$138,012.37, receipts of \$308.83, and disbursements of \$15,635.12 for a total cash ending balance of \$122,686.08. We have five CD's for \$170,864.02 for a total cash and investments ending balance of \$293,550.10. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Harry Roberts presented a State Park report on total use and revenue of the park last year. There is a state Park open house on Saturday June 9th 2012.

Zoning-Tom Gnotke 34693 Rainwater Court build a 14x30' deck. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Garrard Goerhing 30584 Keye Ave. Way build a 14x38' shelter/cabin. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

All building permits must first go to the planning commission prior to the Town Board.

Rick Ellingson is applying for a 3.2 off sale beer license. A motion was made and second to approve the 3.2 off sale beer license for Rick Ellingson. The motion passed. Joe abstained from voting.

Planning Commission-we are still working on the warning siren issue. The county code red warning system now includes weather warnings. There are two billboards in Florence Township that are not in compliance with the sign ordinance one at Hanson's Harbor and the other at the Frontenac Station. We have drafted letters to them explaining this and requesting that they contact the board. A motion was made and second to approve the letters with suggested changes. The motion passed.

We are having two public meetings on May 10th and May 17th from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Town Hall to review and update the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

We are requesting to have Attorney Troy Gilchrist attend the meeting and aid in the legal aspects of the document. His approximate cost would be \$990.00. A motion was made and second to approve the approximate cost of \$990.00 dollars for Tony Gilchrist's services. The motion passed.

We are also requesting that we hire Katie Himunga to facilitate the meetings and compile the final document not to exceed \$950.00. There was not a motion request was denied. Jody McIlrath has volunteered to facilitate and compile the final document.

Heritage Preservation Commission-The MN Dot came to our last meeting to discuss the Mississippi River Trail. We would like to pass the resolution supporting the Mississippi River Trail through Florence Township. There was a motion made and second to pass the resolution as presented. The motion passed. The lilac giveaway was successful. We had some complaints about residents continuing to use public park land for private uses. We had our elections Art Hamilton is the Chair, Brad Stone is the secretary and Kirby Rigelman is the Vice Chair.

Park Board-We are still working on how we are going to proceed with the park plan that will be best received by the community.

Friends of the Town Hall-No report. The friends and the HPC will remain their own entities.

Old Business-There were no bids received for painting the Town Hall will put the add in the paper again.

There are complaints about Gordon Johnson and Gary Ludwig continuing to use the park for their own private uses. We need to send them a letter requesting that they remove their equipment off of the park property and to stop burning in the park.

New Business-Joe presented the road tour summary. There was a motion made and second to approve the road tour summary as presented. The motion passed.

A letter needs to be sent to Jerry O'Brien about the rocks he has in the road right away.

A motion was made and second to pay for the lilacs for the giveaway from the parks donation fund. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk