

7-23-2012

Florence Township regular Monthly Meeting

Gary Ludwig spoke about the complaint about him burning in the parks and would like regulations sent to him as he did not receive them after the last meeting.

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The Treasurer's report is as follows a beginning cash balance of \$77,766.46, receipts of \$1,766.10, and disbursements of \$14,886.71 for a total cash ending balance of \$64,645.85. We have five CD's for \$170,864.02 for a total cash and investment balance of \$235,509.87. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Zoning-Kirby Rigelman residing the Episcopal Church. Joe made a motion to approve, Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Planning Commission last month we received a letter from Mike Wilson requesting to leave the station sign on the trailer for a year. The board's recommendation was to allow the sign until the rest of the year. The letter has not gone out to Mike Wilson yet.

We have received a letter from Senator Howe that he sent to the Governor requesting that a generic environmental impact study be done on the silica sand mining. Jim attended the Goodhue County Planning commission meeting and is requesting that the Town Board pass a resolution of opposition to development in Florence Township and support of moratorium extension. Joe made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Kristen would like to hire consultant John Wells to review the County ordinances and help support our ordinance. Joe made a motion to approve up to \$1000.00 for the report. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We went over the design review for the church siding and approved it. We are going to put the new ordinances on the web page and post them at the Town Hall so people will have a chance to review them before the next meeting and we will have a public meeting at 6:45 on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall for discussion of the ordinances.

Parks Commission-The parks board will also have a public meeting at 6:45 on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall to reestablish the Parks Commission. We are still working on the final draft and hope to have it finished in a couple of weeks. The parks donation fund is now zero and the balance in the parks fund is \$4,911.07. Tom gave a report on the history of the old HPC and parks checkbooks. These checkbooks which used to be under the control of the HPC were closed out and transferred to the Town Board account. Two new accounts were created a parks fund and a Parks donation fund. The parks donation fund was a donation from the Cemetery Board for \$2,250 to move and plant trees in the parks and cemetery. The same day as the deposit back in May of 2007, there was a check to tree moving company for \$4,250. There should be no remaining funds in the parks donation fund. All of the transferred funds should have been placed in a Parks fund. The Board motioned last month to purchase six picnic tables

for the parks and for the parks donation fund be used to pay for them which should eliminate the fund. The projected balance in the Parks Fund will be \$4,911 after the purchase of the picnic tables.

Friends of The Town Hall-We have our own tape recorder to record oral histories. We still have a credit with the Goodhue County Historical society for transcribing oral histories.

Old Business-The Otto/Anderson fence issue, Joe talked to Einar and he represented one of the residents and does not know if he should consult us on the matter. So we are still waiting on what action should be taken.

Maria the painter presented a new bid for \$8,000.00 not including materials. She is lead paint certified now. Joe made a motion to table the painting bid until next month. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

New Business-Jim attended a fema disaster aid meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> and then went around with Barney and took pictures and documented the storm damage. Tom needs to fill out some financial information and the application will be complete.

Sue presented a resolution to approve election judges for the primary and general election. Joe made a motion to approve the list of election judges as presented. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

The Frontenac Sportsman club received a donation from the family of a Township resident that passed away and would like to use it to cover the bleachers at the ball park. Mike made a motion to use the donation to cover the bleachers at the ball park. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

We have a CD coming due on July 28<sup>th</sup> for \$20,291.00. Joe made a motion to cash it and put it into the money market account. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

There is a keg permit for Shawn Whipple for September 29<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

We have three letters of application for the new parks commission, William Siewert, Brad Stone and Ron Knudsen. Joe made a motion to table the applications until the park board is reestablished. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

We received a letter from the state about acquiring a parcel of land that is being forfeited because the taxes have not been paid. We cannot locate the parcel on the County GIS system. Joe will find out where the parcel is.

Mike made a motion to spend \$500.00 on reapplying chloride to parts of Territorial Road that was washed away by the storm damage. Joe second the motion. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills where paid

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk