

1-28-2013

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00. 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 \$304,555.53, receipts of \$2,476.57 and disbursements of \$34,958.46 for a total checking and money market balance of \$272,073.64. We have four CD's for \$150, 572.44 for a total cash and investments of \$422,646.08. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Zoning- Kurt Grigoleit 30595 County Rd 2 replace old pole barn with a new one that is 42x80. Motion made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Planning Commission-Jody McIlrath is acting chair for now. Joe made a Motion to have Jan Bruce manage the newsletter and allow up to \$1500.00 for the newsletter. Jim second the motion. The motion passed. The neighborhood watch meeting was not well attended and I think the Township needs to help with the advertising. We have started to look at the sign ordinance but we are going to table it until after the sand mining issue. There was a sand mining meeting in Caledonia. A Mayo doctor presented a lot of health facts and dangers about sand mining. We are working with representative Tim Kelly and Senator Matt Schmitt. David Williams the attorney for Fillmore County has written ordinances for them and is going to assist us in writing our zoning ordinance. We received a letter from Troy Gilchrist stating that he did what we asked of him and he cancelled his last bill. Jody will write a letter to Mr. Gilchrist and let him know that we are continuing with another attorney.

Park Board –We had a person from the U of M present to us what they could possibly do to help us with our parks. We want to use the sentence to serve again this spring. We are still looking into hiring the goats to remove buckthorn. We would like one more presentation from a forestry instructor from the U of M.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We sent our annual report in to maintain certified local Government status. Art and Mike met with a grant writer this afternoon his rate was \$600.00 to write the grant. Joe made a motion to allow

the \$600.00 to use for the grant writer. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Friends of the Town Hall-No meeting.

Old Business-Otto/Anderson fence/light issue. Nothing has changed.

The David Anderson road-Einar suggested that we have the road surveyed and accept it as a Township road.

New Business-budget meeting reminder Monday February 4th 2013 at 6:00.

Tax equalization meeting. The County would like Townships go to an open book meeting. Our meeting is set for 10:00 A.M. Wednesday April 24th.

We had a complaint about the last plowing on Lake Avenue Way that they did not plow the road to the end.

We received the new noxious weed list.

We are calling Mr. Williams to discuss the Township ordinance. He thinks that we can regulate or prohibit the silica sand mining and not restrict the aggregate sand mining. He says that we have to decide what we want to do with the silica sand mining if we want to prohibit it or regulate it. He estimates eight to ten hours at \$80.00 an hour. Joe made a motion to approve Mr. Williams to write a draft ordinance. Jim second the motion. The motion passed. Jim will continue to work with Mr. Williams.

Joe made a motion to renew the four CD's with alliance bank at .65% for one year.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15