

8-26-2013

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 in checking and money market account of \$132,527.57, receipts of \$152,219.67, disbursements of \$18,003.21 for a checking and money market balance of \$266,744.03. We have four CD's for \$151,910.38 for a total cash and investments of \$418,654.41. Approved as presented.

Zoning-Kris Koplín build a house in Old Frontenac at 34946 Barton Street they have HPC approval. They are looking for Township approval and will attend planning commission next meeting for their approval. Jim made a motion and Joe second the motion to approve contingent on planning commission approval.

Bud Barnum wants to build a 56x42 foot shed. The planning commission has approved it. Jim made a motion to approve, Joe second the motion. Motion passed.

Planning Commission-we reviewed the updated comprehensive plan and we wrote a resolution supporting setbacks along the river for industrial mining in Goodhue County. We are working on few areas including a mile setback from residential areas, more restrictive penalties for mining operations if they don't abide by conditions, and using the chemicals for washing the sand. Jim made a motion to approve the resolution. Joe second the motion. The motion passed.

Friends of the Town Hall-no report

HPC-we passed a motion to recommend to the board not to sell public land.

Parks Board-We had a very well attended meeting. We are hoping that the consultant will help us get all together and get things done in the parks. We are wondering if we have to use the Roberts rules of order but the Association of Township recommends not using them. Joe made a motion to encourage all commissions to amend their bylaws for using the Roberts rule of order. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Jim went and looked at all the parks with John Wiech and Tom Hallaway. The dump was burned and we do not know who did it. There have been a lot of different materials such as shingles dumped in there. We are thinking about gating it or closing it. There is a park called Delta Park across county road 2 it does not seem to get used much so should be looked at in the park plan with the consultants.

The regular monthly meeting was suspended.

Special Meeting for the Comprehensive plan update was called to order at 7:00.

Jody McIlrath went through the new Comprehensive plan and the changes made from the old plan. We did not eliminate anything from the old plan but added changes to protect sensitive areas from industrial zones.

The plan has been updated to change census updates and to consider the frac sand mining issues. The plan was updated to renew the township's goals and concerns for our sensitive areas. We tried to separate the sensitive areas from agriculture areas.

The board will set a final public meeting date for approval of the updated comprehensive plan. The next planning commission meeting we will add the proposed changes made tonight. Joe made a motion to have final review and approval for the updated comprehensive plan at 7:00 on September 23rd. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

The public meeting was closed. The monthly meeting was reopened.

Old Business-David Williams has checked into noise ordinances and have the planning commission look at ordinances. Dan Prebe said that they have not had any complaints from the sheriff since the petition was brought up.

Mary Bloom has called and said that chloride has been put down in front of her house and wants us to remove the gravel from in front of her road. Jim made a

motion to bring up the option at the annual meeting to not put down Township provided chloride any more. Joe second the motion. The motion passed.

Anderson/Otto fence issue is still not clear due to the exact boundaries of the historic district. We are going to send a letter to the County to have them address the issue. Jim will talk to the County.

Trash burning and dump issue. We are thinking about closing it and gating it and having it open it only on certain dates. Jim made a motion to close it and have it open the second Saturday of the month from 8:00 to 12:00 Joe second the motion. The motion passed.

The budget is \$20,000 dollars less from 2009 to 2014. So as a Township we need to use our money wisely.

We have a resolution from the county to partner to replace bridge #L0572. Joe made a motion to sign the agreement Jim second the motion. Motion passed.

Roads we did brush cutting in Old Frontenac, rock and chloride is all down, we met with the school district about bus routes and trouble spots.

All Outstanding bills were paid.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

