

3-11-2014

### Florence Township Annual Meeting

The clerk declared the polls closed at 8:00 and called the meeting to order. The clerk asked for nominations for a moderator. Jan Bruce made a motion to nominate Ben Boege. Clay Ruggles second the motion. The motion passed. Ben Boege was nominated as moderator. Deputy Johnson was here for the sheriff's department and asked if there were any questions. The clerk read the minutes of last year's meeting. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. Motion passed

The 2013 audit report was presented. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. Motion passed.

There was a motion made and second to approve the 2015 proposed budget as presented. The budget was then gone through line by line for any discussion. There was a discussion as to no chloride for 2015. A motion was made to add \$5,000 into chloride and appoint a committee to decide where the chloride goes. There was an amended motion made and second to add \$8,000.00 to chloride. The motion passed. The amended proposed budget is \$312,300.00. Motion made and second to pass the amended proposed budget. The motion passed.

Commissioner Jim Bryant was here to discuss county issues. We are seeing higher plowing bills due to all the snow. Territorial bridge will be done this year. Otherwise there is no road work scheduled in the Township.

The letter from the Goodhue County fair board requesting donations from the Townships to partner with County fair. Clay Ruggles made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to the Goodhue County Fair. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Planning Commission-We have two new members but still need more members. We have had some new home constructions. We passed a new comprehensive plan update and a new zoning ordinance. There was a discussion on getting

natural gas brought into the Township. The county moratorium on mining has expired. There have not been any applications in the county for mining.

Heritage Preservation Commission- we are still looking at grants for the town hall. We have been given a \$10,000. Grant for roofing if we use cedar shingles. We also need members.

Parks-We have been busy trying to put plans together for all the parks in the Township. We are working with a park firm McGee and Bhetts from Rochester on a plan for Valhalla Park.

Friends of the Town Hall-No report

New business-Clay Ruggles made a motion that all Commissions should have agenda's available to whomever wants one before each commission meeting. The motion was second. Motion failed by a hand vote. Jim McIlrath made a motion to raise Tom's wage 20%. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business-None

Election Results Joe Ellingson 35 votes Janet Bruce 27 votes one vote for David Harvey one no vote. Clerk sue Eisenmenger 63 votes Janet Bruce one vote. 64 total votes.

A motion was made to retain the gopher bounty at \$1.50. The motion was second and passed.

Set next year's annual meeting at the second Tuesday of March polls being open from 4 to 8. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk

