

08-17-2020

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by teleconference. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. There was a motion made and second to approve as read. The motion passed. The treasurer's report is as follows: A beginning checking and money market balance of \$464,416.57, receipts of \$227,810.76 and disbursements of \$67,609.90 for a total checking and money market balance of \$624,617.43. We still have the one CD for \$89,357.49 for a total cash and investments of \$713,974.92. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

Zoning-We have been working on updating our ordinances in the R1 district. We will have a public meeting on September 14th at 6:00 at the Town Hall. We tried the video conference and it did not work. We still have requests to use zoom. We are out of compliance with some of the county ordinances. There is a zoning violation by Jeff Zimmer on Hill Avenue. He did a lot of grading on bluff land without a permit. He has removed vegetation and graded into the hillside. A motion was made and second to send him a letter from an attorney. The motion passed. There is another zoning violation at 36724 hwy 61 Blvd The property owner is Jorgenson. He built a structure without a permit. We recommend to send a letter drafted by MSA. There was a motion made and second to have MSA draft a letter to Mr. Jorgenson. The motion passed. We have a building permit for Wayne Buysse at 28752 Wood Avenue. He is in R1 district. He wants to put and extension on a patio off his garage. However it is too close to the drainage ditch to build. He can either wait until the ordinance gets changed or he can request a variance. Bo Kennedy says it is a low impact project does not believe it would cause any erosion problems. He does not meet our setbacks or our sensitive features. Amy will contact Wayne.

We have a building permit for Haley 307th street way. They are combining two parcels to build a new home. It is R1 district and shore land over lay. The square footage does not meet county regulations. We are recommending denying the permit until the two parcels are combined. A motion was made and second to

adopt the staff report and deny the building permit. Joe abstained. The motion passed. Possible new business going in at Bushel and Peck building. They will need to submit a land use application. Paul Fried sign permits. He has been approved by Goodhue county. There was a motion made and second to approve the Fried sign permits. The motion passed. We are getting close to being over budget for the year.

HPC-Kathy we did not have a meeting in August.

Parks-Brent Urbach could not attend. There is a tree down in Wakondiota Park. The picnic table is being put together and being delivered. The kayak rack is filled and they are requesting another one for next year. There have been two controlled burns already and nobody even knew about them. NRP if conditions are right we can do a controlled burn. We will have necessary permits that are required for a controlled burn.

We have donation from Ron and Peggy Knudsen for \$649.95. There was a motion made and second to accept resolution 2020-17-08 to accept the donation from Ron and Peggy Knudsen. The motion passed.

Friends of the Town Hall- no report

Roads- We built the burme on the road by Bill Stempers house. The dump was burned. We had some trees down from the storm. A big tree limb on lake Avenue.

We usually mow the road ditches in September after Labor Day. Joe wants to know what we feel about spraying the ditches.

How should we spend the Government covid money? We should buy sanitation stations, masks, disinfectants. The money needs to be spent November 15th.

Starting in September all Commission meetings will be at the Town Hall on their regularly scheduled days and times. The Town Board meetings will meet at the Community Center on the regular scheduled day and time. There must be a teleconference option available. Masks will be required and everyone should sit six feet apart and use hand sanitizer entering the building. There was a motion

made and second to have the commission meetings at the Town Hall and Town Board meetings at the Community Center. The motion passed. Barb Haley would like to come to our next meeting for questions and answers.

We have keg permit for community center for a wedding on September 12th Katie Beck from Red Wing. A motion made and second to approve if they follow state covid regulations. Have Robin call them and make sure they understand. The motion passed.

How should we go forward with getting all the commission bylaws on the same page. Each commission should address their own bylaws.

No news on Barton Street yet.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting adjourned at 7:25

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk