

01-21-2020

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00. 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 \$375,221.77, receipts of \$189,976.66, disbursements of \$38,832.01 for a total checking and money market balance of \$526,366.42. We still have the one CD for \$89,357.49 for a total cash and investments of \$615,723.91. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

Zoning-None

Planning Commission- we discussed our setbacks and are probably not going to change them as we discussed last month. The process will be to get a variance to build if our setbacks are too restrictive. We are requesting a MSA task order to clean up our zoning ordinance to make it more clear and agreeable with the county ordinance. The cost is \$1850.00. There was a motion made and second to approve the MSA Task order. The motion passed. MSA will be helping with the variance process. We are still looking at having a zoning administrator position. . We talked about Barton Street. WE have three alternatives 1. we do nothing 2. We send a letter to the land owners and have them remove everything from the street. 3. We remove everything from the street and open it up to the lake. We should proceed with legal advice from our attorney. Jan would like the Planning Commission to write a letter for the newsletter about what we have been doing the last year.

Heritage Commission-We asked the parks commission and Lorrie Wendland for ideas on how to use the unspent surplus from the 160th celebration. The HPC recommends that the surplus money be split equally between the parks and cemetery. We still have not heard anything on Locust Lodge. The HPC recommends that Barton Street be vacated. We plan on a lilac giveaway this spring.

Parks- We have two ideas to use the surplus from the 160th celebration. One is a kayak stand on the steamboat landing. The cost for that would be about \$1500.00. Secondly put a limestone picnic table on steam boat landing with memorials for

Bill Webster and John Hodgson. It is our recommendation that Barton Street be opened as a minimum maintenance path to allow access to the lake.

Friends of the Town Hall-We did not have any history fairs last year but we are planning one for October. Virginia is continuing to research different township history.

Old business- Road maintenance still have do not know how to handle the flooding in the park. The county doesn't have any ideas either and they will look at it again in the spring. There was a motion made and second to accept the offer to lock in the Bruenig rock price the same as last year for this year. The motion passed. There is a resolution accepting 11 donations for the cemetery restoration project for \$2450.00. There was a motion made and second to accept the resolution. The motion passed. Jane Lorentzen is requesting a donation from the 160th celebration surplus. We have raised 75% of the \$12,000.00 needed for the project. The remaining amount is \$2,945.00. We would like repair some of the stones in the cemetery at the episcopal church also. There was a motion made and second to split 160th surplus money between the Parks Commission and the Cemetery Association. The motion passed. Jan abstained from voting.

New business-The county is offering for us to partner with them for seal coating and crack sealing. We declined the offer to partner with county on seal coating and crack sealing.

The regular monthly meeting will Be Tuesday February 18th due to Presidents Day. The annual budget meeting will be Wednesday February 12th at 6:00 P.M.

Mike will contact Einar about what can be done with Barton Street. All outstanding bills were paid The meeting was adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully Submitted Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk