

8-24-2009

## Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

Chairman Joe Ellingson called the meeting to order at 7:00. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The treasurer gave the financial report which is as follows. Checking account \$207,549.39, CD for \$13,275.19, for a total of \$220,824.58. A motion was made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

Zoning-Joel Cannon on Hill Avenue had to do is permit over because the first time he did not have the unattached garage included in the permit. He is building a 60x30 garage/shed. A motion was made and second to approve the permit for the residence and the unattached garage. The motion passed.

Louise Rainey is requesting Township approval for a variance for a septic system. She was getting a County permit to shingle her roof and the MN department of health says she needs a new septic. Her lot is not big enough for a new septic so she is requesting a 3 foot variance at the back of her property and a 3 foot variance from the garage. A motion was made and second to give Township approval to the proposed variance. The motion passed.

Ryan Becker 33981 306<sup>th</sup> St. would like to put a 30x45 foot lean too along his shed. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Stacey and Paul Oliver 35283 340<sup>th</sup> St. build an 8x10 entry way and an 8x15 deck. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Embarq buried new cable from 361<sup>st</sup> St. north on Territorial Rd 1500 feet. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

### Commissions

Planning commission-Dan Pahl was supposed to come to our meeting to discuss the splitting of his property and he did not show up. We are still four members short. We discussed the ordinance.

Heritage Commission-The bleachers are up and look good. Clay Ruggles does the scheduling for the ball park and there is a number posted at the park to call and reserve it. The Heritage Commission will sponsor the neighborhood watch program for Old Frontenac.

Friends of the Town Hall-No report

Old Business- Doug Stephens' bid for repairing the roof of the Town Hall was \$300.00. A motion was made and second to accept the bid to repair the roof of the Town Hall. Motion passed.

Rick and Joe Ellingson are going to put a post up so people can not get too close to the Town Hall.

Harry Roberts from the State park presented a parcel of land less than one acre on the end or Westervelt Ave. that is going to be removed from the State park boundaries. This parcel was left out of the previous proposal by mistake. A motion was made and second to approve the proposed changes to the State park boundaries. The motion passed.

Harry also proposed the vacation of Bluff Street blocks 14 and 15. A motion was made and second to have a public hearing at 7:30 on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall depending on receiving the complete legal description of the vacation.

Poplar Ridge update-Greg Radke has at least 50% of the property owners for a new petition and as soon as the attorney gets things done we will continue on with the project.

There were two bids for overlaying the blacktop on Ski Road. Monarch was \$65,000 and Asklakson was \$67,670.00. The Prairie Island Indian Community presented Florence Township with a check for \$65,000.00 to accept the bid from monarch and overlay Ski Road. A motion was made and second to accept the \$65,000.00 from the Prairie Island Indian Community for the overlay of Ski Road to be completed by monarch paving company. The motion passed.

There were two bids for cutting down the cottonwood trees in Old Frontenac. Swenke's bid was \$16,000 for pushing over all the trees but not cleaning them up. Wabasha Tree service's bid was \$1000.00 to \$1200.00 per tree cleaned up. The Board will make a decision next month on the trees that will be cut down.

The County engineer talked to Joe about the bridge on Territorial road and Florence Township's cost will be \$20,000.00 so we need to budget for that in 2011.

Both dumpsters at the community center are still being abused. They were both filled with the debris from a false ceiling. Luke Wurst has only completed 2.5 hours out of the 25 hours of community service he is suppose to perform. Joe will call him and set up some more hours.

New Business-The neighborhood watch meeting for Frontenac Station is September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Virginia Oliver's house.

The value of the community center went from \$200,000.00 to \$451,753.00 and the value of the Town Hall went from \$100,000.00 to \$424,922.00 and that is why our insurance premium increased so much. Joan will call Wenzel appraisal and talk to them about getting a new appraisal for replacement cost.

Joe will call Halpaus electric and see if they will fix the light at the beach.

There are a lot of dog owners not picking up after their dogs at the beach and we should put up signs and bags for the dog owners to use.

Keg permits-Michelle Hough September 11<sup>th</sup> a motion was made and second to approve upon her contacting Joe Ellingson about a Township sponsor. The motion passed.

Dan Prebe for September 19<sup>th</sup> for Jessica Prebe's wedding. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Keith Lewis for September 25<sup>th</sup> for Steven Turnbull's wedding. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

The prepay gas price from High plains is \$1.29 per gallon. A motion was made and second to buy 1000 gallons at \$1.29 per gallon from high plains. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully Submitted  
Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk