

9-28-2009

### Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Joe Ellingson. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The treasurer gave the treasurer's report which was approved as presented and is as follows. Checking and money market account \$246,729.16, a CD for \$13,328.39 for a total of \$260,057.55.

Zoning Eric Anderson build a 28x34 foot garage to replace the old garage that was damaged by fire. The lot size is four and half acres. A motion was made and second to approve as long as it is in the same place as the old garage. The motion passed.

Amy Olson-demolish the old house and build a new one in the same place but 12 feet larger to the north and 2 feet larger to the east on County Road 2. They have a ten acre parcel. A motion was made and second to approve the demolition and building of the new house. The motion passed.

Ken Augustine-remodel and demolish part of their house and add an 18x 20 foot addition. They are going to leave the part of the house that was the original post office in Frontenac intact as it is on the national register of historic places. Their plans have been approved by the Heritage Preservation Committee. A motion was made and second to approve the demolition and remodel. The motion passed.

Glen Hartzell on 361<sup>st</sup> Ave. build a 33x60 foot storage shed. His lot is 13/4 of an acre. A motion was made and second to approve as long as all county setbacks are met. The motion passed.

Wynn Von Barga 31592 Vista Path build a 12x12 foot three season porch and 10x10 foot deck on existing house. Also build an unattached garage. A motion was made and second to approve the three season porch. The motion passed. The permit for the garage was not approved until a site plan is presented to the board.

Gerald Goering Keye Avenue is having erosion problems and the department of soil and conservation has drawn up plans for an erosion pond but part of it will go on Township right away. The board requested him to bring the plans to the October meeting to further discuss it.

Paul Ekblad is requesting Township approval to trade one building site from one quarter that does not have any more available building sites to the adjacent quarter. He will permanently lose the building site in the in the one quarter. The county planning commission is recommending this. A motion was made and second to give Township approval.

David Richmond build a new home 1700 square feet and a 967 foot attached garage in Country Park Estates. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

The public hearing vacating Bluff Street was opened at 7:30. A motion was made and second to accept the resolution vacating Bluff Street as presented. The motion passed.

Cindy Smith was at the last planning commission meeting to discuss the possible split of her 48.9 acres. Dave Ender was present to state that he is not in favor of the split as there is not good access to the property.

#### Commissions-

Planning Commission we are still four members short. We discussed the splitting of the Smith/Benway property at our last meeting.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We went over the plans for the Augustine remodel and gave our approval.

Friends of the Town Hall- Florence Township was well represented at the Goodhue County 140<sup>th</sup> celebration. The history center has been having some interesting guests stop by on Saturday Mornings. A map that was left in the Town Hall has disappeared anyone hearing anything about it please let us know. The flag pole light still needs to be replaced.

#### Old Business

Poplar Ridge-The Township attorney Mr. Hanson is missing some reports that need to be completed before the assessment can take place so Poplar Ridge will not be blacked topped this year.

Ski Road update they patching and repair is complete and they are ready to start the overlay.

Duffy Schafer is working on a new appraisal for the Town Hall and the community center because the appraisal done by the insurance company raised our premiums too high.

Luke Wurst has completed nine of his twenty five hours of community service. Joe will talk to him about the remaining sixteen hours.

Kristen Eide-Tollefson reported on the Prairie Island long term nuclear waste storage plan.

New Business-There was a complaint that Brad Petersons burn barrel is too close to his propane tank. Joe will call him about it. There is a pine tree on the corner of Von Blarcum and county Road 2 that is making it difficult to see out onto the road. Joe will call Swenke and have it trimmed.

We had twenty four people at the neighborhood watch meeting for Frontenac Station. Shirley Sommerfield and Justin Thompson have been named block captains. The next

meeting is October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 O'clock at the church. Lisa Lainge and a few people from Staehli Park road were at the meeting also.

Valley Craft won't make another box for the boat landing donations because it is too time consuming.

Wabasha Tree Service's bid for cutting down the cottonwoods is \$450.00 not cleaned up and \$1050.00 cleaned up per tree. A motion was made and second to accept Wabasha Tree Service's bid of \$1050.00 per tree and have the nine dead cottonwoods cut down by the park in Old Frontenac. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully Submitted  
Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk