

3-28-2011

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Clay made a motion to appoint Mike Blair the chairman for the next year. Joe second the motion. The motion passed. The clerk read the minutes from the last meeting which were approved as presented. The treasurer's report is as follows: beginning balance of \$264,053.22, receipts of \$24,754.11, disbursements \$22,930.94 ending balance of \$265,876.39 two CD's for \$100,000.00 for a total funds of \$365,876.39. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Greg Isaakson from Goodhue County reported on replacing bridge #2624 on Territorial Road. The bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2014. There is federal funding for this project. The Township is financially responsible for the right of way and the first \$10,000 dollars of the engineering costs. The total cost to the Township will be \$20,000.00. Bridge L0572 on Hill Avenue is also on the list to be replaced and we could possibly start the engineering on that bridge at the same time.

The public hearing for vacating the drainage and utility easement on the Rothgarn property was opened at 7:15. Clay made a motion to approve the vacation of the drainage and utility easement. Joe second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bids

Dale Kuchinka gave a bid for mowing the ditches at \$32.00 a mile for 42 miles of roads. A motion was made and second to approve the bid. The motion passed.

Dave and Shirley Sommerfield presented a bid to mow the play park in Frontenac Station for \$40.00 per mowing. A motion was made and second to approve the bid. The motion passed.

Jon Weich's bid for park manager was for \$10.00 a day duties to include checking the dock daily, picking up trash and supervising the mowing of the parks. The removal of logs and trees from the beach and additional trimming and repairs to the dock at \$10.00 per hour.

Brian Schmitz bid for park manager and lawn mowing was \$5,000.00 for a six month period.

There was a motion made and second to accept Jon Weich's bid for park manager. The motion passed.

Rock Bids

Bruening rock products \$9.49 per cubic yard for ¾ inch road rock.

Roberson lime and rock \$10.83 per cubic yard of class 5 rock.

Milestone \$10.36 per cubic yard of class 2 rock.

There was a motion made and second to accept Bruenig rock products bid. The motion passed.

Luhman Construction informed the Town Board that they have bought out Ferrel gas and we may contact them about our chloride needs.

Zoning

The Frontenac Station is requesting permission for a 3.2 off sale liquor license. A motion was made and second to approve the request to the Frontenac Station for a 3.2 off sale liquor license. The motion passed.

Ralph Aesche Germania Street would like to put a 10x18 foot addition on his house. A motion was made and second to approve the building permit for a 10x18 foot addition. The motion passed.

Commissions

Planning Commission-Lowell Noreen has resigned from the planning commission. We are still working with the county on setting a date for a land use management workshop. We will let you know when the date has been set. We are checking with the county historical society to see if there is still funding available to interview residents of Florence Township for history of the Township. We are short 3 members.

Heritage Preservation Commission-No meeting due to not having a quorum. There is a couple that would like to build a new house in Old Frontenac but there was no decision made due to lack of a quorum.

Friends of the Town Hall-We met with Charlie Savage and Bill Webster and Evelyn Kiester and recorded a lot of information from them and are working with the Goodhue County Historical Society on the transcripts of these recordings.

Old Business

Sentence to serve is going to be shingling the community center soon. Their rates have increased but the Sportsman's club will donate the difference to pay for it.

Joan has received funding for the gardens destroyed by the highway 61 project and needs to have the agreement signed. A motion was made and second to accept the Department of Transportation and cooperative landscaping agreement. The motion passed.

New Business-Joe will be the board liaison to the Planning Commission and Mike will be for the Heritage Preservation Commission.

Land Stewardship project is legislation that may weaken Township rights. A motion was made and second to return the card to governor Dayton requesting that he veto this legislation. The motion passed.

A motion was made and second to leave the designated depository and the designated paper the same. The motion passed.

A motion was made and second to approve the fire and ambulance contracts. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk