

1-23-2012

### Florence Township Budget meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00. Tom presented the 2013 proposed budget line by line. The planning commission line was changed from \$1000.00 to \$2500.00. The Heritage commission was changed from \$500.00 to \$0.00. The General Government line was changed from \$14,000.00 to \$13,000.00. We increased the ditch mowing from \$3000.00 to \$4000.00. The total budget was increased from \$258,300 to \$259,300.00.

### Florence Township Regular monthly meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. The minutes were read from the last meeting and approved as read. The treasurer's report is as follows: Starting balance of \$149,902.18, receipts of \$126,904.40, disbursements of \$10,215.18, total funds in checking and money market account of \$266,591.40. We have three CD's for \$70,291.58 for a total of \$336,882.98. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Zoning permits-Keven Barnum 32211 Lake View Dr. build a new house. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Richard Brostrom 28629 Ridgeview Dr. S. in Poplar Ridge build a garage. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Planning Commission-We are still working on the emergency warning system but are not getting very far. The county had updated their definition of bluff land and to aid the planning commission. The county is discussing the possibility of extending the one year moratorium against silica sand mining.

Jody McIlrath presented the task force report. We have been gathering information on how to write a licensing ordinance to control how the mines operate as a precautionary measure if the mines do come into the Township.

The township meeting is Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00. We have a very knowledgeable panel to answer questions and present the facts about silica sand mining. Some Flower Valley landowners met with the Minnesota land trust which if they put their land in the trust any development will not be allowed and the trust follows any sale of the land.

Heritage Preservation Commission-Art Hamilton is the new Chairman of the HPC as Bill Flies has stepped down from that position but will remain on the commission. We need to have a public meeting for the ordinance revision that will put the Town Hall in the historic district. A motion was made and second to have the open meeting Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at the annual meeting. The motion passed.

Park Board-We are working on by-laws and a governing ordinance. We are working on legal descriptions of each park so we can make a plan for each individual park. Bill Flies has not attended a meeting yet.

Friends of the Town Hall-We have three people lined up to give oral histories and we are working with the Goodhue County Historical society for help with this.

Old Business-There was a motion made and second to pass the resolution forming an absentee ballot board consisting of Janet Bruce, Monica Boege and Virginia Ruggles. The motion passed.

Einar Hanson is still researching the road to David Johnson's property on Ski Road.

New Business-Joe gave the supervisors a Road Contractor Service Agreement to look over and to be discussed at the next meeting.

We have two CD's that come due Wednesday January 25, 2012. A motion was made and second to renew them with Alliance bank. The motion passed. A motion was made and second to purchase two CD's one for \$15,000.00 from the general fund and one for \$85,000.00 from the road fund. The motion passed.

The county has delayed the bridge on Territorial road because they are going to straighten and flatten the road out and new engineering needs to be done.

The planning commission minutes should be put on the township website.

A motion was made and second to purchase a new computer and drop Mediacom internet and switch to Verizon. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk