

6-25-2012

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved with a correction. The treasurer's report is as follows: A beginning cash balance of \$116,738.81, receipts of \$962.38 and disbursements of \$39,934.73 for a total cash ending balance of \$77,766.46. We have five CD's for \$170,864.02 for a total cash and investment ending balance of \$248,630.48. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Gary Ludwig spoke about the complaint about him using the park property for personal use and would like all regulations sent to him.

Zoning- Frontenac Station would like to remove a 500 gallon propane tank and replace with a 1000 gallon tank and a dispensing station. Joe made a motion to approve the 1000 gallon tank and the dispensing station. Mike second the motion. The motion passed.

John Bantley 35850 Whispering Pine Way build a 30x40 foot garage. Jim made a motion to approve and Joe second the motion. The motion passed.

Amanda and Joe Tighe 31144 335th St. build a 1,700 square foot house with a basement. Joe made a motion to approve. Mike second the motion. The motion passed.

Marcene Anderson 28650 Lake Avenue Way presented pictures of Dr. Otto's fence claiming that he is in violation of the Heritage Preservation commission fence regulations. She also stated that they are working on making their light as unobtrusive as possible stating that the light is only on five to six weeks out of the year and only used to light the steps into the house and then shut off. Joe will talk to Einar and see what action can be taken.

Maria presented a bid to the Town Board for painting the Town Hall. She is getting lead paint certified. The bid proposal was tabled until the next meeting.

St. John's Church is asking permission to put a pipe under the alley for a new septic system. Joe made a motion to approve permission for St. John's church to put a pipe under the alley through the road right away. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Planning Commission-Mike Wilson who owns the trailer that the gas station sign is on was at our last meeting. He sent a letter to the board that stated that he was discontinuing his contract with Marathon and was asking to leave the sign up until July 1st 2013. The planning commission will discuss what they would like to have done address the situation at their next

meeting. We are going through ten years of information as it relates to our sensitive areas and protecting our natural resources for updating the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances.

The Goodhue County law Library is requesting all of our ordinances and when we get them all together we will submit them to the law library.

Jody McIlrath gave a report on the silica sand mining task force. There are some important dates coming up July 16th is the public meeting for the final report. August 16th is the meeting for the final review. The moratorium is up in September.

Frank from the Frontenac Station is requesting a renewal for his 3.2 off sale liquor license. Joe made a motion to approve the 3.2 off sale liquor license for the Frontenac Station. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We approved the ordinance that would include the Town Hall as part of the Historic District. There will be a public meeting July 23rd 2012 at 6:45 P.M. at the Town Hall to pass the ordinance to include the Town Hall into the Historic District and also to reestablish the Florence Township parks commission. We are thinking about a preservation day maybe in October in conjunction with the Friends of the Town Hall. We are short members.

Park Board-We had a very good meeting last time it was attended by quite a few residents and we got some good feedback from them. We are going to ask for comments from the HPC and the planning commission for the final draft of the park plan.

Friends of the Town Hall-No report

Old Business-Water issues in the Township. There was storm damage and washouts on 335th and on Circle S road and the Sugar Loaf Road. Barney is requesting 2,000 more yards of rock to repair the roads from the storms. Jim made a motion to approve purchase of additional rock to repair the roads from the storms. Joe second the motion. The motion passed.

The County Board of Equalization denied all the recommendations our board made for Bill Dankwarts property assessments. So questioning why we have a local board of equalization.

The insurance adjuster inspected our roof and said there is not any hail damage to the roof.

Jim was not allowed on the agenda of the County Planning commission for the discussion of articles 12 and 14.

The County has proposed a map of the new bridge and the changes in Territorial Road.

We received an estimate from Monarch Paving for reclaiming and reapplying the blacktop on 360th for \$51,000. The Board pushed the project back.

New Business-The new garden is in and looks very good.

Two keg permits one for Duane Earney on July 7th and one for Kevin Solquist for September 22nd. Both permits were approved.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, clerk