

5-29-2012

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called 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 \$122,686.08, receipts of \$530.74 and disbursements of \$6,478.01 for a total cash ending balance of \$116,738.81. We have five CD's for \$170,864.02 for a total cash and investment balance of \$287,602.83. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Zoning-Scott Fairbanks representing Robert Schroeder would like to build a 52x32 foot storage shed. The planning commission has given approval. Joe made a motion to approve and Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Rick Ellingson presented a lot split to make the Town board aware of his intentions. Jim made a motion to accept the acknowledgment of the lot split. Joe second the motion. The motion passed.

Planning Commission-We are presenting an updated members list with phone numbers and e-mails. The sign ordinance has been challenged by the owners of the sign on Hansen's Harbor. They have a State permit for their sign which takes precedence over our sign ordinance so we cannot take any action. Mike Wilson who owns the trailer that the Frontenac Station sign is on will come to our next Planning Commission meeting.

Jody McIlrath gave a report for the silica sand task force. There are three important dates coming up we hope to have our report done by June 20th so we can present it to the Goodhue County Planning Commission on July 16th and August 10th the Goodhue County commissioners will receive our report. The County Moratorium expires in September. We are requesting additional funding of \$1980.00 for Troy Gilchrist for final completion of the document. Mike made a motion to approve additional funding. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

HPC-We talked about a possible preservation day but no dates have been set.

Parks Board -We are requesting to purchase six picnic tables from the parks donation fund, two for the beach, two for the ball park and two for the shelter. We would like to hire sentence to serve to do more brush clearing with the rest of the parks donation fund. Mike made a motion to approve the purchase of six picnic tables and to hire sentence to serve. Joe second the motion. The motion passed. We would like to have Jim Brooks and a logger mark the black locust trees in Vallahalla Park and have them taken out. They will mark the trees no cutting will take place until the Town Board approves. . Mike made a motion to have the trees marked.

Jim second the motion. The motion passed. We would like to have our next meeting on June 18th be a public meeting to discuss the park plan.

Friends of The Town Hall-We have partnered with eight other historical sites in the county with a passport program. Visit each site and have your card stamped after all sites have been visited the individual will be eligible for a grand prize drawing.

Maria would like to bid on painting the Town Hall. She is willing to take the course to become lead paint certified. She will get a bid to us by the next meeting.

Old Business-There were letter presented for the residents who are using the park property for personal use and one for the individual who has rocks in the road right away. Joe made a motion to approve the letters and have them sent out. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Tom will check with the insurance company about hail damage to the roof of the Town Hall.

The sign reflectivity plan has been repealed. Now if a sign is replaced it must be the new reflective material.

The county has staked the road for the new bridge on Territorial Road.

Territorial Road needs to be cleaned up. Jim will see if sentence to serve can do it.

Jim is requesting to attend the County Commissioner's meeting to give a report on behalf of the Township about the changes in articles 12 and 14 that lessen the protection of the bluffs.

New Business-We received an anonymous letter complaining about old cars at 35679 County 5 Blvd. We do not have an ordinance addressing that. No action was taken.

Barney wants to repair pipes on Ski Road, Circle S Road and on Hill Avenue. The Board approved the repairs. Lyle Sommers wants to extend the pipe by his driveway on Hill Avenue he will pay for it himself.

Pat Savage is concerned that Eugene Fritzingler is going to improve the cart path and possibly do damage to the land. Barney is to inform Mr. Fritzingler that he must contact the board before any improvements are made to the cart path.

All outstanding bills were paid

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted-Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk

