

6-24-2013

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The Treasurer's report is as follows. A beginning balance in checking and money market of \$182,665.97, receipts of \$6,026.08, disbursements of \$21,017.10 for a checking and money market balance of \$167,674.95. We have four CD's for \$151,910.38 for a total cash and investments of \$319,585.33. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Zoning-Gordy Boldt wants to build a garage. He has been to the planning commission. Jim made a motion to approve as presented. Joe second the motion. Motion passed.

Planning Commission- We met with the Governor and discussed the new legislation. The Goodhue County board is trying to extend the moratorium but it must have new public hearing. The comprehensive plan revisions are almost completed including plans to reduce industrial use and to protect the Township for agricultural and sensitive areas. We still have four positions available. The public hearing for the comprehensive plan will be on August 26th at 7:00 P.M. Jim made a motion to approve. Joe Second. Motion passed.

Heritage Commission-Kirby new chair and Virginia Vice chair Art Hamilton is the secretary. We are going to work more on the historical aspect of the Township. We have applied to the State Historical Society for a grant for an architect to inspect the outside of the building. Our goal is to get grant money to get the roof and the siding done.

Parks-We have two requests the first one is to allocate \$400.00 to purchase garlon to treat the buckthorn. Jim made a motion to approve. Joe second the motion. The motion passed. The second request is hire a consultant to provide a park plan design for Valhalla Park. The cost is \$1276.00 for the proposal from McGee and Betts. Joe made a motion to approve the request. Jim second the motion. The motion passed. We need to improve the rip rap around the cross at

the Methodist campus. We are hoping to do it with volunteers. The lawnmower is broke and we need the brush pile burned in the dump.

Friends of the Town Hall-We have had many volunteers help with the flowers in front of the Town Hall and we want to thank them.

Old Business-Our gravel provider is not returning any phone calls. We will give Bruenigs until the 30th of June. The rock for Old Frontenac is still being made.

Monarch will honor the price they gave us two years ago of \$51,000.00 to reclaim and resurface 360th Ave. Joe made a motion to approve the reclamation and resurfacing of 360th Ave. Jim second the motion. The motion passed. Chloride will be put on after the rock is put down and it stops raining.

The territorial bridge design has gone to the state.

Sven Fleischacker's property culvert. The county looked at the problem and gave some recommendations on how to solve the problem. Sven has a bid from Paul Ekblad and would like some financial compensation from the Township. Jim made a motion to supply one load of rip rap totaling \$250.00. Joe second the motion. The motion passed.

Marcene Anderson went to the Heritage Commission and wants to know what is going on with the Otto fence. The Township attorney says the properties are not in the historic district and is not under the HPC jurisdiction. We have sent a letter to the county and have not heard anything. Mike will talk to the county again about the issue.

New Business-There has been a presented for excessive noise issues of motorcycles on the Dan Prebe property. Jotsy Johnson spoke stating that she has lived in Old Frontenac for 25 years and his tired of the noise from the motorcycles. She left after that. Dan Prebe owner of the property has been in Old Frontenac since 1968. He states that he has tried being reasonable with Jotsy on a time frame that would work for her but she does not listen. Rose Kendall lives next door to the Prebe's states that the motorcycles do not bother them and when they have been bad I have called Dan and he has always been considerate.

Tony Vieths lives on the same road as Dan and does not have any problems with the motorcycles. The sheriff deputy spoke and said all complaints made are on record and it is available to see how many calls came in but not who made the calls. Joan Prebe spoke and is wondering why there are not any complaints from any other residents on Westerfelt Ave or the on the street below. Jim made a motion to table the discussion until next month. Joe second the motion. The motion passed.

The Goodhue County public works want us to have design work ready for three bridges ahead. The bridge on Hill Avenue is scheduled for replacement in 2014 if funds are available. We must pass a resolution stating that the Township wants to partner with them and if it is not returned in 60 days they will assume we do not want to partner with them. We will pass a resolution next meeting.

The July meeting will be on Tuesday the 30th at 6:00 P.M.

All Outstanding bills were paid.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted

Susan Eisenmenger, Clerk