

11-25-2013

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 accounts of \$197,849.02, receipts of \$8,633.06, disbursements of \$64,033.97 for a checking and money market balance of \$142,448.11. We have four CD's for \$151,910.38 for a total cash and investments of \$294,358.49. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Zoning-Michael Swanke requesting a variance due to the bluff line setback. New construction in Poplar Ridge planning commission approval contingent on keeping the buffer treeline intact. Joe made a motion to approve the variance. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Michael Swanke is requesting a building permit also after the variance. There is a motion made and second to approve as presented. Motion passed.

Sara Fried-build and animal shelter 20x36. She has planning commission approval. Joe made a motion to approve and Jim second the motion. Motion passed.

Planning Commission- We have sent the sound ordinance to Einar Hansen and he said it was unenforceable. We have reviewed the fee schedule but had to table it because Sven could not attend the meeting and he had done the research. We did some research on road use and damage to the roads that some of the vehicles use on our roads. The board will look at possible road service agreements. Goodhue County passed a one mile limit on cities. They passed the banning of the washing agents used in silica sand mining. They did not pass the one mile from public waters. The planning advisory committee is still trying to pass 1000 feet setback for mining operations from all public waters. Beth Knudsen is going to request to be on the Planning Commission.

Heritage Commission-Mike Blair attended the meeting. They need members. We met with Stuart McDonald architectural firm and they did their assessment on the Town Hall after their report we will apply for more grants. Parks Board-We had four members in attendance. We are hoping to move forward with the proposal from McGee and Betts. Joe made a motion to table the proposal until next month. Jim McIlrath second the motion. Discussion, Jim Reiter is questioning the spending of money for Valhalla Park. He is stating that we do not have any specifics and is concerned that the Township is possibly going to spend \$50,000 on Valhalla park only and that we need to watch what we spend money on. Brad Stone explained that there will be some grants and volunteer work from the community and we have \$3500.00 dollars in the budget and we have another \$5000.00 for the 2014 year. Motion passed to table until next meeting.

Friends of the Town Hall the meetings are the second Saturday of the month at 10:00. We are talking about another history fair in the spring. We are talking about a joint event with the Villa on January 5th 1:30-3:30. Virginia Oliver spent two hours with the architect.

Old Business the plan for the Territorial Road bridge plan is done we need to buy right away from one property owner and we need to give an easement to another.

The road signs in Old Frontenac need something done to them. The Heritage Commission was supposed to get an estimate to replace them.

New Business

Wade Dugstad would like to put a liquor store in the old store. The board suggests that they go to the planning commission next month and then return to us next month also.

December meeting will be kept on the fourth Monday of the month.

We are going to change the board meeting to the third Monday of the month. The parks is going to change to the first Tuesday, Planning Commission second Monday ,Heritage will be second Tuesday. Effective January 1st.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk