

03-16-2015

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00. There was a motion made and second to designate Alliance Bank and Associated bank as the township official banks. The motion passed. There was a motion made and second to designate the Lake City Graphic as the township official newspaper. The motion passed. Tom and Mike were sworn into office. Mike was appointed as Chairman. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. There was a motion made and second to approve amended minutes. The motion passed. The treasurer's report is checking and money market balance of \$223,130.09, receipts of \$43,621.68 and disbursements of \$12,616.94 for a total checking and money market balance of \$254,134.83. We have one CD for \$86,847.69 for a total cash and investments of \$340,982.52. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

Zoning-Jolene Swanson presented a driveway permit off of Territorial Road. There was a motion made and second to approve the parcel split and driveway permit. The motion passed.

Justin Bohl-build an attached garage at 31526 County 2 BLVD. He has planning commission approval. There was a motion made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Jed Clark-Detached garage 30x40 at 35425 Eagle Ridge Ct. He has planning commission approval. A motion was made and second to approve as long as the siding matches the house. Motion passed.

Dave and Shirley Sommerfield gave a bid of \$40.00 per mowing to mow the play park in Frontenac. A motion was made and second to approve the play park bid. The motion passed. Jon Wiech gave a bid for mowing the ball field and the park by the shelter for \$10.00 an hour to include maintenance on the mower. There is a motion made and second to table the parks mowing bid until next month to check on subcontracting out. The motion passed.

Jon Wiech submitted a bid for parks manager duties including taking care of the docks and garbage removal from the beach and the parks. Joe made a motion to approve from May 1st to November 1st. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

A bid from Dale Kuchinka for \$35.00 per mile to mow the road ditches for 43 miles of township roads. There was a motion made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Rock bid from Roberson Rock and Lime for \$11.00 per yard for class 5 rock delivered and spread.

Rock bid from Bruenig rock \$10.32 per yard for class 5 delivered and spread.

There was a motion made and second to accept the bid from Bruenig Rock at \$10.32 a yard for class 5 rock. The motion passed.

One road maintenance bid from Luhman's construction. There was a motion made and second to approve Luhman's bid for road maintenance. The motion passed. Joe abstained from voting.

Luhman's can also supply the dust control. There was a motion made and second to accept Luhman's bid for dust control. Motion passed. Joe abstained.

Planning Commission we reviewed the zoning permits that you heard tonight. We are short 3 members. We reviewed the Cemstone application to continue using the pit.

Heritage Commission we had a short meeting still working on the resource guide. We are talking about changing the time and night of our meetings.

There was a suggestion to put the old street signs out at the history fair on April 25th and let people have them for a donation and the donations will go to the Town Hall.

Parks We have one park activity plan from Peggy Knudsen to cut down a tree that has fallen down. We approved that park activity application. Carol Overland is here representing Kristin Eide Tollefson. Kristen is requesting that the board

provide funding assurance and adopt implementation protocols and notice requirements as amendments to the Valhalla Park protocol before any more cuts are done. She has concerns that the cutting is not following Minnesota rules 6120.2 regarding shoreline regulations. There is a walk through on March 21st and she is requesting that no further cutting be done until the walk through. Kristen is requesting that the board consider her provisions she laid out in her e-mail. Joe made a motion to table this and give Kristen a chance to come before the parks commission. The cuts that have been funded will continue. The motion was rescinded. Mike made a motion to stop all cutting until the walk through on the March 21st. Jim second the motion. Motion passed.

Friends of the town hall-History fair April 25th the county will be showing the gis site. We are celebrating 140 years. The history center is open the second Saturday 10 to 12:00.

Old business the law suit goes to summary judgement court this Friday March 20th.

New business-roads waiting for things to dry out. The first bridge on Hill Avenue is going to be done this year. The West Florence Trail Bridge is scheduled to be done in 2016 and the second bridge on Hill Avenue is scheduled for 2017.

The annual Road tour will be Saturday March 28th leaving from the Whistle Stop at 8:00 A.M. We are not taking a bus due to lack of attendance. Residents are welcome but must provide their own transportation.

A Cemstone representative came to inform the board that they are hoping to extend the lease for another five years and we want to make sure they have a valid mining permit. The road is breaking down and is in bad shape because the dump trucks. The town board would like to have cemstone pay for some rock to be put down. Joe made a recommendation that Cemstone contribute \$2000.00 for rock. Jim made a motion to table this discussion until the April meeting and we receive more information concerning the reclamation plan for the gravel pit. Mike second the motion. The motion passed.

Keg permit for Renola Stewart for May 23rd. There was a motion made and second to approve the keg permit. The motion passed.

We have received four donations. A \$5000.00 Donation from Bill Webster, a \$5000.00 donation from Ron and Peggy Knudsen, a \$5000.00 donation from Tom and Millie Gagnon and a \$300.00 donation from Brad Stone.

There was a motion made and second to accept all four donations. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk