01-26-2015

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. There was a motion made and second to approve as read. The motion passed. The treasurer's report is as follows a beginning balance in checking and money market account of \$74,730.20, receipts of \$129,900.42 and disbursements of \$20,428.40 for a checking and money market balance of \$183,415.65. We have four CD's for \$152,900.20 for a total cash and investments of \$336,315.85. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

Zoning-None

Planning Commission-We heard back from Einar about the sign ordinance and there are a few minor adjustments that we need to change.

Heritage Commission – Still working on the resource guide. Thank you to Bill Bruce for putting up the new signs. We are going to have a silent auction for purchasing of the old signs. Bill will bring them into the next meeting. Still need members.

Park Board- No new park activity applications. We want to put up signs by the recycle containers so people understand to put just recyclables in the containers. We are working on plans for the shelter in Wakiondota Park. Brad is working on getting the information to Michael Wozniak that he requested. Bill Webster would like to get started on Valhalla Park in front of his house. Bill should get Dennis Dick to give him and appraisal. We have received a donation from Carol Hedin for \$10,000.00 to pay for the test plot and the remaining of donation to go towards the replanting process. Joe made a motion to accept the donation from Carol Hedin to pay the bill for the test plot and the rest to go to the replanting process. The motion was second. The motion passed.

Friends of the Town Hall-Our meetings and the history center are from 10-12 on the second Saturday of the month. We are having another history fair April 25th.

Roads- The first bridge on Hill Ave. we have a resolution authorizing the county to send an application to the MN DNR for an easement. The motion made and second to approve the resolution. Motion passed. We are doing a lot of brushing on 335th and territorial road. There has not been any snow plowing issues so far.

Old business-none

New business-Attorney update Einar has written a letter for the newsletter concerning the law suit. The attorneys are still working on dates and when the judge will hear the case and decide if it will go to a jury trial. The attorney fees will be paid by each individual party. The attorneys are requesting that residents do not harass the plaintiffs.

We have two CD's in the general fund that are maturing and we should redeem them for 25,000.00 and put them into the general fund. A motion was made and second to approve to have the two Cd's redeemed. The motion passed. We have a CD in the roads fund for \$40,000.00 that is maturing also. There was a motion made and second to redeem the \$40,000.00 CD and put it in the roads fund. We have an \$86,000.00 CD in the roads fund. A motion was made and second to reinvest the \$86,000.00 CD. The motion passed. We will have our budget work shop Tuesday February 3rd at 6:00. There is a resolution to form an absentee ballot board consisting of Janet Bruce, Sue Eisenmenger and Virginia Ruggles. There was a motion made and second to approve the absentee ballot board. Motion passes. Jim abstained from voting. The Goodhue County Association of Township annual meeting is Feb. 7th in Zumbrota at 9:30. The next monthly meeting will be February 17th at 6:00 at the Town Hall.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk