

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by teleconference. 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 checking and money market balance of \$500,888.43, receipts of \$4,120.22 and disbursements of \$40,592.08 for a total checking and money market balance of \$464,416.57. We still have the one CD for \$89,357.49 for a total cash and investments of \$553,774.06. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

Zoning-Tom and Nancy Linrud on Whispering Pine Way build a 16x15 attached sunroom. Planning commission recommends approval. Motion made and second to approve as presented. Motion passed.

Doug and Lori Earnest at 34809 Green Street demolish an old garage and replace with a 37x38 new garage. HPC has approved it. Planning commission recommends approval. Motion made and second to approve as presented. Motion passed.

We have two sign permits for Paul Fried on County 5 Blvd. One sign is 10 feet high and 48 square feet and the other one is 8 feet high and 24 square feet. The county has 50 square feet total so we want to defer to the county. There was a motion made and second to table the permits until next month. The motion passed.

We have an application for a new planning commission member from Ed Hruska. A motion was made and second to appoint Ed Hruska to the planning commission. The motion passed.

The waste water engineer spoke with us about the septic study and may need us to help them communicating to the residents.

The planning commission would like to use zoom for meetings instead of just the teleconference call. Unlimited zoom costs \$15 to \$20 dollars a month. The conference call that we use now has a video component that we can try.

HPC-We had a meeting in July we are trying to build our memberships. Todd Avery who has served on the Goodhue County Historical Society board for three years would like to join the HPC. He can be a voting member. We would like to have one person from planning and parks to join the HPC. Joe being the Town Board liaison is eligible to vote.

Parks- We have the kayak rack on the steamboat landing the six spots are spoken for. NPC was here and removed invasives. They will return in the fall and do some woody removal when the trees go dormant. The root structure will not be disturbed so the soil will stay intact. It appears that Bill Flies is responsible for the seawall repair.

Friends of the town hall- no report

Roads-All the rock is down in Old Frontenac. The chloride has been sprayed. The pot holes on Lake View Drive have been repaired.

District 4 meeting is 312-626-6799 582728102 be sure to mute yourself.

HPC donation- from Pamela Miller for \$200.00 a donation to the HPC. There was a motion made and second to accept the donation. The motion passed.

We have another Donation from Ron and Peggy Knudsen for \$500.00 for the cemetery restoration project. There was a motion made and second to accept the donation. The motion passed.

Ron and Peggy Knudsen also want to donate \$650.00 for a for a picnic table for the steamboat landing. The resolution will be addressed next month.

Kathy Kouchich how difficult is it to change bylaws for the committees. We should make the bylaws consistent with all the commissions. Can spouses be on the same committee? We should look at setting term limits for the commissions.

Who do the residents address to complain about a property maintenance issue? Residents should contact the Town Board with any complaints. We send out a letter to the resident asking to clean up the problem. The county does not help us enforcing our ordinance.

HPC does it matter if it is a historic home. How old does a home have to be considered a historic home. It has to have historic significance not the age of the home to qualify as a historic home.

We have been served papers for Barton Street. Our attorney is working on the response.

The treasury has a covid relief fund \$39,500 but it can be only spent on covid 19 and things not in your budget between March and November. Motion was made and second to proceed with the covid relief fund. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid.

The meeting adjourned 7:10

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk