

12-28-2009

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

Joe Ellingson called the meeting to order at 7:00. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. Mike Blair read the treasurer's report which is as follows checking and money market account \$115,673.25 CD for \$13,381.80 for a total of \$129,055.05. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The fire fund has a deficit of \$9,718.00 so we need to transfer \$6125.00 from the ambulance fund and \$3593.00 from the general fund to bring the fire fund back to zero. A motion was made and second to transfer money from the general fund and the ambulance fund to bring the Fire fund out of deficit and to create one emergency services fund instead of the fire fund and ambulance fund. The motion passed.

Zoning

Joe Ellingson 30163 County Rd 2 build a 10'x18' two story addition on the back of the house. A motion was made and second to approve the motion passed. Joe abstained from voting.

Planning Commission-We are still working on the census. We have 3 requests for new members to the planning commission. Clara Carlson, Jan Bruce and Kristen Tollefson all sent letters of application to the planning commission. A motion was made and second to approve all three applications to the planning commission. The motion passed. Brian Schreiber and Vern Genslinger would like to stay on the planning commission for another term. A motion was made and second to approve another term for both of them. The motion passed.

The planning commission and the Friends of the Town Hall and the Heritage Commission would like to donate up to \$500.00 to the Goodhue County Historical society to do oral histories of Florence Township. A motion was made and second to approve a \$250.00 donation to the Goodhue County Historical society for oral histories with another \$250.00 possible at a later date with a cap of \$500.00.

We would also like the board to consider money in the 2011 budget to update the comprehensive plan.

Friends of the Town Hall- Nothing new our meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00. Lois Holter donated some objects for the Historical center.

Jan Bruce will do the newsletter.

Old Business-Jim Brooks evaluated the cottonwood trees in Old Frontenac and determined that nine out of the thirteen trees need to be cut down and removed by a professional tree service.

The road conditions after the snow falls has not been very good. The intersections need to be cleaned out better. The road maintenance crew has been to told to sand all the roads.

Poplar Ridge Einar Hanson is still working with the property owners to verify total cost.

New Business-Goodhue County is preparing their budget and is wondering if we will have any seal coating projects this year.

Heritage Acres would like to request that Frontenac Station become a quiet zone for the railroads now that all crossings have crossing arms. We would like the Town Boards approval to continue researching what needs to be done to make Frontenac Station a quiet zone. A motion was made and second to allow the residents of Heritage Acres continue researching what is necessary to make Frontenac Station a railroad quiet zone. The motion passed.

Pat Finley would like to open a coffee shop and bakery inside the country Corner antique store. The Township does not have any permits or regulations for this as it is already zoned commercial. A motion was made and second to allow a coffee shop and bakery in the Country Corner store as long as all county and state regulations are met. The motion passed.

It was noted that the sign for Provenzano's on the side of the Country Corner is an illegal sign according to the sign ordinance.

The republican caucus is February 2nd at 6:00 and would like to use the Town Hall.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully Submitted
Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk