

3-09-2010

Florence Township Annual Meeting

The clerk declared the polls closed at 8:00 and called the meeting to order. Ben Boege was nominated to be the moderator. A motion was made and second to have Ben be the moderator. The motion passed. Ben then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The clerk read the minutes of last years annual meeting which were approved as read.

The commissions gave a brief report on what they did the last year and what they plan on doing this coming year.

Planning Commission-Brian Schreiber reported that we are still working with the grant from the 1000 friends of Minnesota on protecting our sensitive areas such as the wetlands and the bluffs. We have had several maps produced that help show us the sensitive areas. We are also working on a survey for residents to fill out. We hope to have this done by the end of April. The members of the planning commission are myself, Ben Boege, Rick Janka, Jan Bruce, Kristin Tollefson, Clara Carlson, Vern Genslinger and Lowell Noreen.

Friends of the Town Hall-Our mission statement states that we are dedicated to the preservation and continued use of this building as a government center. We are open the second Saturday of each month at from 10:00 to noon. We will be needing help in maintaining the gardens again this spring and summer.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We have received our certified local government status which includes the whole Township. We are working on signs for Old Town.

Cemetery Board-We had two funerals last year. We still have many lots for sale and we did not raise the price of the lots. We have \$50,000.00 in our account.

Bill Webster-Talked about the DVD that they are putting together with old photos and history of Florence Township. It is going to be called Historic Frontenac. So if anyone has any or knows of someone who has old photographs please contact Bill.

Ben read the 2009 audit report which was approved as presented.

A motion was made to approve the 2011 budget as presented. The total budget was \$275,500. There was a motion made and second to reduce the Fire contract from \$40,000.00 to \$30,000.00. The motion passed. There was a motion made and second to increase the ambulance contract from \$12,000.00 to \$16,500.00. The motion passed. There was a motion made and second to approve the proposed budget of \$270,000.00. The motion passed.

Jim Bryant our county commissioner stopped and thanked us for letting them use our Town Hall for there last Goodhue County board meeting. He said there are some road projects coming up. County road 2 from Bellchester to County Road 5 is due for an overlay in 2011 and County Road 2 from highway 61 to County Road 5 is due for regrading in 2015.

There was a discussion concerning the gopher bounty. A motion was made and second to eliminate the gopher bounty for 2011. The motion passed.

Next years annual meeting and election was set for the second Tuesday of March with the polls being open from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M.

There was a motion made and second to adjourn at 9:15

Respectfully Submitted
Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk