

3-23-2009

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Joan Marshman. Mike Blair was sworn in as supervisor and Tom Gnotke was sworn in as treasurer. There was a motion made and second to nominate Joe Ellingson as the new Chairman. The motion passed. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The treasurer gave the treasurer's report which was approved as read and is as follows.

Checking.....	\$155,836.66
CD.....	\$13,223.92
Total.....	\$169,060.58

Zoning-Tony and Julie Huneke remodel their kitchen. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Tom Johnson is representing Dr. Gary and Rosemary Jacobs who purchased property at 30667 Cty 2 Blvd. Parcel #R32.018.1401 section 18. They are requesting a variance to build a garage within 30 feet of the toe of the bluff. The garage would also serve as a portion of a retaining wall that would aid in preventing the erosion of the bluff. The board's recommendation was to see the planning commission first.

The rock bids were opened.

Holm Bros. \$8.70 per cubic yard of class 5 rock spread and delivered.

Roberson rock and lime \$9.19 per cubic yard spread and delivered.

Milestone \$11.21 per cubic yard spread and delivered.

A motion was made and second to accept Holm Bros. bid of \$8.70 per cubic yard. The motion passed.

Dave and Shirley Sommerfield submitted a bid for \$35.00 per mowing of the play park. A motion was made and second to accept their bid. The motion passed.

Dale Kuchinka submitted a bid for \$1260.00 per mowing of the ditches for 42 miles of Township roads. A motion was made and second to accept the bid. The motion passed.

There were two bids for road maintenance one from Swenke Construction and one from Flueger construction. A motion was made and second to table the award of this bid until the April meeting to further go over the two bids. The motion passed.

There were two bids for paving Poplar Ridge Trail. Aslakson's bids were for 2.5 inches of blacktop \$65,438.82 and for 3.0 inches of blacktop \$78,477.84. Monarch's bids were for 2.5 inches of blacktop \$93,016.67 and for 3.0 inches of blacktop \$111,414.40. A motion was made and second to table the award of this bid to further go over the bids. The motion passed.

Commissions

Planning Commission-Our meetings are the second Monday of the month. We have been working on the ordinance concerning the sensitive areas of the Township and trying to make the language more clear and understandable.

Friends of the Town Hall-We are very happy to have the advertizing curtain back and hung up. It looks very nice. We are requesting volunteer help in maintaining the gardens this summer.

Heritage Preservation commission-We have five openings on a 7 member board. We have five applications for the five openings. Bill Flies has applied for a 3 year term April 2009 to April 2012. Clay Ruggles has applied for a 3 year term April 2009 to April 2012. Kirby Rigelman has applied for a 2 year term April 2009 to

April 2011. Jay Kuchek has applied for a 1 year term April 2009 to April 2010. Laurie Hodgson has applied for a 3 year term April 2009 to April 2012. A motion was made and second to accept all five applications to the Heritage Preservation commission. The motion passed.

The park supervisor position needs to be advertized for bids in the paper. This is a part time position that starts on May 1st and ends on November 1st. The projected work is 1 hour a day five days a week for 150 days. Submit your bids as dollars per day. Bids will be opened at the April meeting.

We are requesting permission to go forward with the project to restore the vistas in front of Eustis's, Webster's, St. Hubert's Lodge and Wooding's. We are going to obtain the advice of Jim Brooks a professional forester. A motion was made and second to approve the restoration of the vistas as long as all state and county regulations are met and with the supervision of a professional forester. All final determinations to be made by the Town Board. The project will be paid for with money allotted to the parks in the Township budget. The motion passed.

New business-People are letting their dogs run in the play park and are not cleaning up after them. So we need to put up signs stating to please clean up after you pets in the play park.

Monarch paving would like to work with us on repairing Territorial road. This will be discussed further after the road tour. The road tour will be Saturday April 11th leaving from the Whistle Stop Café at 8:00 A.M.

There are two keg permits for May. One for Stan Koester May 8th and 9th and one for the Wells Creek Riders May 16th. A motion was made and second to approve both keg permits. The Motion passed.

There was a resolution relating to the storage of spent radiation fuel at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generation Plant and the State of Minnesota. There was a motion made and second to table the decision of passing this resolution until the April meeting. Joan abstained from voting. The motion passed with 2 votes in favor of tabling the decision until the April meeting.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45

Respectfully Submitted
Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk