

4-27-2009

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Ellingson. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The Treasurer gave the treasure's report which was approved and is as follows.

Checking.....\$139,351.63  
CD.....\$13,223.92  
Total.....\$152,575.55

Zoning-Bill McElemury Build a house in Heritage Acres II to be built by RDS builders. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Dr. and Rosemary Jacobs build a garage and retaining wall at 30667 County 2 Blvd. We met with the planning commission and they agreed that it was necessary to help maintain the bluff. A motion was made and second to approve as along as all state and county guidelines were met. The motion passed.

Sara and Paul Freed 33292 County 5 Blvd build a 36x40 ag building. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Gordon Gilsrud Martin St. in Eagle Vista II build a porch with a deck. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Commissions

Planning Commission-We looked at the McElmury property and there should not be any problem as long as the house is put where they say it is going to be. We also looked at the Jacobs property and a retaining wall and garage is necessary to help stop the erosion of the bluff. Our next meeting will be on Hill Ave looking at the Joel Canon property. We have given Mike Wozniak a copy of the sensitive areas ordinance but have not heard back from him. We are still three members short.

The public hearing for the vacation of Lake Avenue as previously recorded was opened at 7:30. There was a motion and a second to accept the vacation of Lake Ave as presented. The motion passed.

Friends of the Town Hall-The flag pole light is burned out and needs to be replaced. We would like to get somebody to wash the windows inside and out as they have not been washed in two years. We are always looking for help the gardens also.

Heritage commission-Our last meeting was Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>. We are reprinting some more resource guides. All applications for membership on the HPC must go through the Town Board. April 7<sup>th</sup> we met with 20 residents regarding the vistas in Old Frontenac. Jim Brooks came on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and went through Vallahala park and along Lake Avenue and along Garrard Avenue and county road 2 from Antelbian's to Knudsen's and marked what trees should be removed and which should be trimmed. His suggestion was to remove 1/3 of the black locust trees and the dead elms and any other dying trees along with box elders and buckthorn. A motion was made and second to approve Jim Brook's suggestions. The motion passed.

The road bids for this year were very close again. There was a motion made to accept Flueger's bid for road maintenance. There was not a second. The motion failed. There was a motion made and second to accept Swenke's bid for road maintenance with the condition that any mistakes made by the maintenance operators will be paid by the contractor. The motion passed with a 2 to 1 vote.

New business- our next meeting will be Tuesday may 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Clay Ruggles submitted an application for park supervisor for \$7.00 an hour working for one hour a day. There was a motion made and second to accept Clay Ruggles' application for park supervisor. The motion passed.

The Frontenac sportsman's club has donated \$1500.00 for bleachers for the ball park.

We need to close the HPC and parks checking accounts and transfer everything into the Township funds. A motion was made and second to have these accounts closed by the next meeting. The motion passed.

Rick Ellingson is requesting a 3.2 malt liquor license. There was a motion and a second to approve. The motion passed with 2 votes. Joe Ellingson abstained from voting.

Goodhue county sheriff Dean Albers was present to talk about a few addresses that overlap with Hay Creek Township and are causing problems with 911 calls locating the proper address. The best solution to the problem is to have the three addresses in Florence Township changed to clarify their location.

The treasurer would like to move the township checking account to a nonprofit community choice 250 checking account and open a money market account that would give better interest and ease of managing the account. A motion was made and second to approve changing the checking account to a nonprofit community choice 250 account and open a money market account. The motion passed.

Old Business-Kristen Tollefson presented a resolution concerning nuclear waste. The Red Wing city council approved this resolution on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009 and would like our support. A motion was made and second that the Florence Township Town board write a letter in support of resolution number 5972 concerning nuclear waste storage. The motion passed.

Poplar Ridge residents are wondering where the black top project is now. There are still questions to be answered such as how much it will cost to prepare the road for black topping and the legal issues concerning the assessment. Joe will talk to the road maintenance for and estimate in preparing the road and to the association of townships for advice on the legal issues.

All outstanding bills were paid  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:30  
Respectfully Submitted  
Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk