

3-12-2013

Florence Township Annual Meeting

The clerk declared the polls closed and called the meeting to order. The clerk then asked for nominations for a moderator. Ben Boege was elected moderator. Ben then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The clerk read the minutes of last year's meeting which were approved with the correction of Clay Ruggles resignation.

Goodhue County deputy Blue was present and asked for any questions or complaints. There were none.

The 2012 audit report was read. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

There was a motion made to approve the proposed 2014 budget as presented. Bob Kohrs made a motion to not contract with the city of Lake City for ambulance service. The motion failed due to no second. Jim Brooks made a motion to reverse the values for rock/gravel and the values for blacktop. Bob Kohrs second the motion. The motion failed on a hand vote. The 2014 proposed budget was gone through line by line and there was a motion made and second to approve the 2014 proposed budget of \$267,250.00 as presented. The motion passed.

Goodhue County commissioner Jim Bryant was present to give an update on county business. There are no road projects this year in Florence Township. The Territorial road bridge is set for replacement in 2014. The project will be paid with federal money.

Clay Ruggles made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to the Goodhue County Fair. The motion was second by Pat Savage. The motion passed.

Commissions

Planning Commission-Jody McIlrath presented the report stating that there had been some growth in the Township with new homes and improvements. We

have been busy with the frac sand mining issue and writing a new zoning ordinance. Our meetings are the second Monday of the month and we are short members.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We are working with the friends of the town hall on obtaining grant money for the preservation of the Town Hall. We are having a lilac giveaway in April. We are having a preservation day but do not know the date yet.

Parks Commission-We have been working with park design firms on what needs to be done to improve our parks. We are working on removing invasive species. We are working on improving the parks according to the park plan.

Friends of the Town Hall-We are working on several history projects now. We are having a history fair on April 27th.

New Business-Jim Brooks made a motion to ask the planning commission to examine the tax base of two areas. The first area is south of Territorial road and the other is north of Territorial road. The reason is to see if the area north of Territorial road would be better served as a city government and the area south of Territorial road maintain township government status. Clay Ruggles second the motion. The motion failed with a hand vote.

Old Business-A motion was made and second to leave the gopher bounty at \$1.50. The motion passed.

Election results-There were thirty total votes. Jim McIlrath received 27 votes for supervisor and there was one vote each for Rick Ellingson, Rodney Schmidt and Jan Bruce. Tom Gnotke received 27 votes for treasurer with Dean Diercks and Rick Janka each receiving one vote and there was one no vote.

There was a motion made and second to have the township election on the second Tuesday in March 2014 with the polls being open from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and the annual meeting to follow at 8:00 P.M. The motion passed.

There was a motion made and second to adjourn the meeting at 9:45. The motion passed. Respectfully submitted Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk