

3-10-2015

## Florence Township Annual Meeting

The clerk declared the polls closed at 8:00 and called the meeting to order. The clerk asked for nominations for a moderator. There was a motion made to nominate Ben Boege for moderator. The motion was second. The motion passed. The clerk read the minutes of last year's meetings. Motion made and second to approve. Motion passed. Deputy Johnson was here to discuss county issues. The county passed an ATV ordinance. They will be allowed on County roads but riders must get a County permit which is free.

The 2014 audit report was presented. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion was passed.

Mary Boom letter concerning the chloride. She would prefer no chloride on the roads. She prefers calcium chloride to magnesium chloride. She is requesting that no chloride be sprayed on Westervelt Ave. between the state park signs.

There was a motion made to approve the proposed budget for 2016. The motion was open for discussion. We went through the budget line by line. There is a change in the fire contract due to the fact that the fire department bought a new tanker. There was a motion made and second to change the fire contract to \$31,500.00. The motion passed. Bob Kohrs made a motion to eliminate both the fire contract and the ambulance contract. No second. Motion failed. The total proposed budget is \$351,385.00. There was a motion made to approve the amended proposed budget. The motion was second. The motion passed.

### Commission reports

Planning Commission-We are working on a sign ordinance. We need members. We have updated the building permit fees. We have been busy with a lot of building permits.

Historical Preservation Commission-We need members. We have two properties that we are involved with one is the historic district and the town hall. We hope to paint the town hall this year. We replaced the street signs in the historic

district. We are still working on doing the research guide. We are thinking about changing our meeting to the same night as the planning commission.

Friends of the Town Hall-We appreciate all the HPC has done for us. April 25<sup>th</sup> we are having a history fair We will be celebrating 140 years. Our meetings and the history center is open on the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 A.M. To noon. We would appreciate anyone who has any photos to bring them to the history fair. We need volunteers for the gardens.

Parks-We have four parks in the Township. We have spent most of our time on Wakiondiota and Valhalla Park recently.

New Business- Goodhue County Historical Society is requesting a donation. Virginia Oliver made a motion to donate \$500.00. Motion was second. The motion passed. There was a motion made and second to donate \$1000.00 to the County Fair board. The motion passed. There was a resolution for the township to support the non funding of the zip rail. There was no motion made to approve and sign the resolution. There is a petition presented by Jim Keller who lives in the Wurst addition that has 20 signatures on it complaining about the plowing of the roads and the rock put on the roads instead of the sand. Jim Keller made a motion to have sand put down on the road instead of rock and to plow the whole road not half the road. There was not a second. Motion failed.

Old Business-None

Set the gopher bounty. There is a motion made and second to leave it at \$1.50. The motion passed.

Election results- Mike Blair 84 votes, Jessica Dudley 12 votes, write ins Janet Bruce 9, Wayne Heise 1. Treasurer Tom Gnotke 101 votes. Write ins John Wurst 2, Butch Berlin 1, and Jan Bruce 1.

The next year's meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> polls open 4-8 annual meeting to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk