

03-08-2016

Florence Township annual meeting

The clerk declared the polls closed and called the meeting to order. There was a motion made to nominate Ben Boege for moderator. The motion was seconded and passed. Ben led us in the pledge of allegiance. The clerk read the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting. There was a motion made and second to approve as read. The motion passed.

Friends of the town hall-We appreciate the donations and all the help with the history fairs. The Goodhue County Historical society is requesting a \$500.00 donation. The next history fair will be April 24th. There was a motion made and second to donate \$500.00 to the Goodhue County Historical Society. The motion passed.

Planning Commission-We had a productive year. We have updated the sign ordinance. We recently updated the township website. We would like to thank Ben Boege for his long service on the planning commission. We have three members and we need more members.

Parks Commission-We would like to thank Brad Stone and Bill Siewert for their service on the parks. We are continuing to work on Valhalla park. We need members.

Heritage Preservation commission – We are still trying to get the town hall painted. We received one bid for 87,000.00. We had a bid for siding for 19,000.00. We had one bid for 15,000 for painting. The building is listed on the national historical registry. We are not sure if using siding might affect the historical status of the Town Hall.

The 2015 audit report was read. There was a motion made and second to approve as presented. The motion passed.

The 2017 proposed budget was presented. There was a motion made to approve as presented the motion was second. The budget was opened for discussion. We went through the budget line by line. There was a motion made to decrease the chloride to 1000.00 to be used just for high traffic areas. It was noted that there are other townships that do pay for chloride and the use of chloride decreases the need for grading. The motion failed. There was a motion made and second to increase blacktopping to 150,000.00. Motion failed. The city of Lake City is not offering ambulance contract. Tom Gnotke recommends that we change the fire contract to 21,500.00. Motion made and second. Motion passed. The final levy for 2017 is \$324,890.00 which is a decrease of 7.54%. There was a motion made and second to accept the amended 2017 budget. The motion passed.

New business-Bob Kohrs made a motion made to limit comments to 3 minutes at the annual meeting. The motion was second. The motion passed. There is a request from the Goodhue County fair Board for a donation. There was a motion made and second to donate \$1000.00 to the county fair. The motion passed.

Election results Jim McIlraith was reelected 32 votes and Sue Eisenmenger was reelected as clerk with 42 votes.

There was a motion made and second to set the gopher bounty at \$1.50 Motion passed.

The township election will be the 14th of March the polls will be open from 4 to 8. The annual meeting will follow at 8:00.

Meeting adjourned 9:15.

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk