

3-14-2018

Florence Township Annual Meeting

The clerk declared the polls closed and called the meeting to order. There was a motion made and second to nominate Ben Boege for moderator. The motion passed. Deputy Johnson was here to talk about the sheriff's office. We are hiring new road deputies. We are changing the entry to the court house. We are starting a drug specific court. The clerk read the minutes of the 2016 meeting. There was a motion made and second to approve as read. The motion passed.

The 2016 audit report was presented. There was a motion made and second to accept the 2016 audit report as presented. The motion passed.

The 2018 proposed budget was read. There was a motion made to accept the budget as presented and is open for discussion. The Heritage Preservation Commission is still working on getting the exterior fixed and would like to raise their budget from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Bill Bruce made a motion to raise the town hall budget to 30,000.00. The motion was second. The motion passed. We have \$39,578.00 budgeted from previous years. There was a motion made and second to reduce the fire contract to \$10,000.00. The motion passed. There was a motion made to use steel siding on the Town Hall. The motion was second. The motion passed with a hand vote. A motion was made and second to approve the amended budget of \$330,770.00. The motion passed.

Friends of the town hall-We have receive donation and we bought the last 10 pages of the display rack. April 22nd history fair. 1-4. We want people to bring family history on neighborhoods.

Planning commission we have several building permits and permits for a solar garden. The town board has sent letters to residents about maintaining property. The new Olympic ski jump and recreation destination. We need members.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We need members. Most of our discussions have been about the exterior of the town hall. We have had concerns about

locust lodge. The home is owned by Anteblian's. We have contacted the county about what can be done about it. We have not heard back. Tom Johnson lives next to the property. He is concerned with the safety of his property from fire.

Parks Commission-we are moving forward with Valhalla park cleaning up the beach, repairing benches and we are working on the dock. We are looking into what can be done with the pavilion.

Old business-Steamboat landing has been awarded to the township. We want to decide what is going to be done with the steamboat landing. Bill Stemper sent a letter concerning the use of the steamboat landing. Thinks that it should be maintained by the park board. Emily Rieter resubmitted a petition that was submitted in September of 2013 that the steamboat landing remain the same and that no new buildings be added. The brush dump is not being very well maintained. It is supposedly going to be burned soon.

New business-None

Gopher bounty set at \$1.50 motion made and second to keep it at 1.50. Motion passed.

Election results 54 write in votes for Jan Bruce, Joe Ellingson 48 votes, Tom Gnotke received 103 votes for treasurer. Jan accepted the supervisor position.

The 2018 annual meeting will be march, 13th polls open from 4-8 annual meeting at 8:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk