

## FLORENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2023

Supervisor, Tim Carls called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Others present were Roger Wittenberg, Paul Osthoff, Janet Suhonen, Jay Suhonen, Josh Shook, Trevor Arnold, and Kevin Kane.

The September 18th minutes were read and approved with a motion from Don and a second by Ben.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Don and a second by Ben showing a General Account balance of \$58,133.25; CDs totaling \$306,962.98; Florence Fire Fund CDs Totaling \$67,442.52; a tax account of \$6,226.67; ARPA Funds of \$110,090.13; and income of \$39,870.98. Ben made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Don seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all.

### PAYMENT OF BILLS

Kayla made a motion and Don seconded a motion to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$21,552.93. Motion was approved by all.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don reviewed the Fire Report. Florence Township had six safety calls this month. Josh Shook and Trevor Arnold gave an update on behalf of the Constantine Fire Department. About half of the Constantine Fire Department lives in Florence Township. Five firemen are going to EMT training. The sale of Fire Truck 421 is temporarily on hold. Constantine Fire Department applied for and received a \$30,000 grant (\$10,000 per each principality). It has been used for equipment, helmets, boots, gloves etc. The recently purchased ambulance is still being serviced. Oct 24<sup>th</sup> is the next Fire Advisory meeting. Nov 16<sup>th</sup> is the next Ambulance meeting. Oct 26<sup>th</sup> is a Road Commission meeting.

Ben stated that the planning commission had a meeting on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Patrick Hudson was present to advise the committee on concerns of commercial solar farms. The committee will go over the details and discuss the next steps.

Tim mentioned the possibility of the county forming a land bank, which would possibly take control of parcels with delinquent tax payments. Janice proposed that Clayton Lyczynskill could come to explain this at the township board meeting and/or the planning committee meeting.

There was discussion about changing attorney offices. Tim will reach out to some other attorney agencies.

We did receive a payment of \$509.00 labeled as Reed garnishment. Janice inquired on the what exactly the payment was for, and we are waiting on Jacob's response. There is a potential court hearing on May 24<sup>th</sup>. There was no update on the Wiard case.

Paul offered a permit for a garage for Robert Dodson. He reviewed the application and approved it.

Roger announced a proposal for all townships to have a combined master plan, essentially a county wide master plan. The cost would be \$3000.00. Townships are required by law to review and update their master plan every five years. The board will review the details of the contract and decide at a later time if we want to agree to the contract.

## OLD BUSINESS

Tim wrote a letter with the concerns of adding the roundabout to send to MDOT.

## NEW BUSINESS

Matt Stutzman with Stutzman Poultry was granted three large quantity water withdrawal permits.

The U.S. Treasury published the 2023 Interim Final Rule which allows recipients three additional eligible uses for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

One of our Fire Funds CD is coming up for renewal. It was decided not to add any more funds at this time.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kevin Kane announced his run for probate judge in 2024. He is a native of Centreville and is gathering signatures for his campaign.

## ADJOURNMENT

Ben and Don made a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Miller, Clerk