FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2020

Supervisor Gordon Evilsizor, 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, Ben Russell, Don Schrock, and Allissa Bowers. Guests in attendance were Paul Osthoff, Roger Wittenberg, Tim Carls, and Jay Suhonen.

The February 17, 2020, meeting’s minutes were read and approved with corrections, with motions from Don and Janice.

The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Allissa and Don showing a general account balance of $150,633.62; CDs totaling $290,391.00; a tax account of $53,416.58; fire fund of $145,024.57; and income of $72,825.97

PAYMENT OF BILLS

March bills in the amount of $11,716.31 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Janice and Don.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don reviewed the fire report. Don also read an email from Mike Haydon concerning COVID-19. Don reviewed another letter from Mike about the need for a new washer for the gear. The old one is not repairable. Janice made a motion with a second from Don to approve $540 for the purchase of a new washing machine. Gordie took a vote, all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Allissa presented 3 bids for lawn service for the 2020 season. Janice stated that we have been happy with Behrends and Associates, they do a good job. Gordie and Don concurred. Janice made a motion for Behrends and Associates to continue with the lawn care of the cemeteries and the township hall. There was a second from Don, vote was taken, all voted aye. Allissa Abstained. Motion carried.

Jack Coleman was given the floor. Jack stated that he is meeting as many people as possible. He will continue to attend our township meetings and if we have any questions do not hesitate to call him.

Aaron Miller was given the floor. The Governor is declaring anyone who is unemployed due to shutdowns because of the COVID-19 can qualify for extended unemployment. People are also asking by what authority is the Governor making these declarations. There are statues and constitutional laws that give her the right. The legislature is in tomorrow and there may be more information then. The school aid budget is in good position. The huge question for schools is what is going to happen to the number of days required. The idea is to do a general reprieve for the days missed due to the State of Emergency.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2020/2021 budget was reviewed. There was a motion by Janice and a second by Don to adopt the budget as presented. Vote taken, motion carried.

The current budget was reviewed by Allissa. The following amendments are proposed: Supplies and Equipment from $1,000 to $1,100, County Road Commission from $15,000 to 65,000, Printing and Publishing from $800 to $4,800, Cemeteries from $5,500 to $7,750, Constantine Fire Department from $35,000 to $40,000, Accounting Services from $100 to $140. There was a motion from Janice and a second from Don to approve the changes as presented, a vote was taken all voted aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tim Carls mentioned that the PA-116 file cabinet needs to be updated and reorganized according to parcel numbers and not names.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Don and a second by Janice to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Allissa Bowers, Clerk