FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 April 15, 2019

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 Allissa Bowers, Ben Russell, Janice Jones, and Don Schrock. Guests in attendance were Roger Wittenberg, Mike Hoss, Aaron Miller, Tim Carls, and Jay Suhonen.

The March 18, 2019, meeting’s minutes were read and approved with motions from Janice and Ben.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $231,504.84; CDs totaling $239,338.68; a tax account of $141.07; fire fund of $133,228.96; and income of $355.27.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

 April bills in the amount of $9,344.82 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don reviewed the fire report. The Parks and Recreation meeting is Wednesday. The Fire Advisory Board meets on the 23rd.

Ben stated they had the hearing on April 1, 2019, for the Master Plan. There was no public attendance. It was voted to approve the Master Plan and submit it to the Township Board for approval. It was voted to present the text changes to the county for their approval. The attorney is working on the fine schedule. There was some discussion about solar and wind.

NEW BUSINESS

 No new business

 OLD BUSINESS

 Roger was given the floor to present the Master Plan. It is up to this board to approve the plan. Ben made a motion with a second from Don to approve the Master Plan as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Hoss stated there is a group of people that live over on Mom’s Drive that do recreational shooting. Due to his life experience he believes it is not a safe activity for that property. Where does he go from here? Are there any ordinances? Aaron Miller suggested reporting it to the County Sheriff’s Department. Gordie volunteered to call the sheriff’s department and follow-up with Mr. Hoss.

Aaron stated they are in the middle of the budget session. Aaron is chairing the School Budgets. Roads are back up for discussion. The governor has suggested a .45 cent gas tax increase, and the voicemails they have received are filled with outrage. The House Speaker is coming to St. Joseph County on June 14, 2019 for the Lincoln Day Dinner. He would like to find a way to recoup the money that is the sales tax portion of the gas tax.

Tim asked a question about the road commission.

ADJOURNMENT

 There was a motion by Ben and a second by Janice to adjourn the meeting at 7:41

p.m.; the motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Allissa Bowers, Clerk