

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 18, 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 Gordy Evilsizor, Caleb Miller, Janet Suhonen & Jay Suhonen.

The August 21st minutes were read and approved with corrections and a motion from Ben and a second by Don.

Tim & Don went to Kayla Miller's home to swear Kayla in as Township Clerk on September 1, 2023.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Don and a second by Ben showing a General Account balance of \$33,169.12; CDs totaling \$302,908.66; Florence Fire Fund CDs Totaling \$67,442.52; a tax account of \$277,087.11; ARPA Funds of \$110,044.90; and income of \$ 21,053.48. Don made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Ben seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Don made a motion and Ben seconded a motion to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$14,906.85. Motion was approved by all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don reviewed the Fire Report. There were no safety calls for Florence. Tim and Don went to the Ambulance meeting where there was a discussion about the importance of trained personnel. Mike is trying to set up a safety net ambulance to help with safety calls when Life Care is unavailable. Life Care made a presentation at the meeting. November 16th is the next Ambulance meeting. After discussion, it was decided that Florence Township will not give another offer of ARPA funds for education use at this time to the fire department.

Ben stated that they did not have a meeting this month.

The hearing for the Reed case will be held with Judge Stutzman, but there has been no date set yet.

Tim gave an update on the Wiard situation. The tow company took the car away, even though no request had been made. Paul only inquired on price with the towing company. There has been no formal complaint of the Wiard car, so the car was put back in the yard. After discussion, we will leave the situation be at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Kayla explained the combined Early Voting Site agreement that has been proposed by the St. Joseph county clerk. Kayla answered questions as she could and will attend a clerk's meeting at the courthouse on September 25th. Janice made a motion to join in the St. Joseph County Early Voting agreement. Ben seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. All voted yes.

Tim mentioned the need to order a drop box. Kayla read some of the options available, comparing size, capacity, and cost. Janice made a motion and Don seconded to let Kayla handle all transactions to get the Drop Box and pay for it. Roll call vote taken. All voted yes.

There was some discussion about the roundabout that is to be put in on Lutz Road. There was talk of writing a resolution due the problems that could occur because of the roundabout, such as maneuvering farm equipment and water drainage. After some discussion, it was decided to wait for a later time to write a resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim received a letter from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury, saying the corrective action plan was approved and a follow up review was conducted. We do not know if any further action is required. We are waiting for Kyle to respond to Tim's message.

Connie Steffel inquired of the pump in the township hall. She would like to have it. Everyone agreed to let Connie have the pump.

There was also discussion about removing the stove. Caleb Miller will ask Elwood Miller if he wants the stove. Kayla will coordinate pickup, if wanted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gordy Evilsizor announced he is running for Sheriff in 2024. He handed out his brochures, and told us where to find his booth at the St. Joseph County fair.

Janice Jones announced a new book about the history of the downtown buildings in Constantine. It costs \$25. The Heritage Hall at the St. Joseph County Fair has a display of the history of Constantine and the books are available for purchase there as well as the library.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Miller, Clerk