FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2022

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, Ben Russell and Allissa Bowers.

The May 16, 2022, meeting’s minutes were read and approved with one change, with motions from Don and Janice.

The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $152,926; CDs totaling $300,637.59; a tax account of $104.29; fire fund of $163,552.81; ARPA Funds of $58,461.15; and income of $8,585.07.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

There was a motion from Don and second from Ben to pay the June bills, in the amount of $42,363.77 from the general fund, vote was taken, all voted aye, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don reviewed the fire report. Mottville Township decided to stay with White Pigeon Fire Department.

Tim stated that the county is emailing an application for the ARPA Funds distributions. Allissa and Tim to fill out the application when it’s received and applying for equipment for the fire department. Don stated they did a walkthrough of all the parks in Constantine. They have a meeting on Thursday to decide what the priorities are and how much they need to spend on each park.

Ben stated they had a meeting and discussed some zoning applications and one main topic of discussion was zoning applications and parcel splits. Specifically, estate parcels, they have not been done according to our ordinances. Paul to discuss further. Roger stated they will have a public hearing in August for the new wording of the fence ordinances. There will be no meeting in July due to the holiday.

Paul reviewed the blith report. Paul to contact Joe about the situation at the Wiard’s. The Sherriff’s Department was exceptional on the day they cleaned up Larry Reed’s place, they sent three officers and a state trooper to help keep peace. Mr. Reed was arrested and the rest of the day went smooth. Tim has received a few phone calls that Mr. Reed is starting back up, Paul had pictures taken and spoke with Larry Reed, and he stated that he is bringing it in on trailers doing the work and hauling it right out. Roger and Paul to keep an eye on it to make sure it stays in compliance. Paul to ask Joe about what needs to be done to get soil samples because there was oil on the ground when he was over there cleaning up. Barry Miller is the executor of the JC Miller Estate. Kyle Harris and Mostrom’s did a survey to do a land split and left Paul out of the loop. Paul put the whole process on hold and was able to get all of the township paperwork caught up and now the process of getting building permits has started.

Kyle Harris and all future assessors, are being directed by the Florence Township Board, to have all land splits and land add ons approved by the Zoning Administrator prior to approving any and all land splits and add ons and filing the appropriate paper work. A motion was made by Ben and seconded by Janice to approve the directive as presented by Allissa, vote was taken all voted aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim has a flyer for bat removal, Tim to call and get an estimate.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim followed up with the St. Joseph County Sherriff’s Department about the disaster relief and as of right now, the board does not know of anyone in hardship.

Allissa has received a few complaints concerning the mowing and grass on the headstones at the cemeteries.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Barry Miller stated he appreciated the board working to get the split all set and was happy they could move on.

Jay Suhonen asked about the Life Care contract. Life Care is still working servicing Florence Township. There is an ambulance in Tri-township has an ambulance and all of Life Care Ambulances can service Florence Township. Jay doesn’t like the way the fire department situation is set up. Tim stated with mutual aid the closet fire trucks will be dispatched to a structure fire.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Ben and a second by Janice to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.; the motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Allissa Bowers, Clerk