

**The Florence Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
Oct. 19th, 2011, 8am**

The Florence Township Trustees held their regular meeting on Wed. Oct. 19th, 2011. It was held at the Florence Township Office Complex located at 11011 Chapel St., Birmingham, Ohio.

The following trustees were present:

John Krumwiede
Raymond "Skip" Halliwell
Orville Saylor

The meeting was opened with the pledge.

MOTION: Motion was made by John to approve the minutes from the following meetings: Special Meeting 9-30-2011, Regular Meeting 10-5-2011 and the Special Meeting Oct. 12, 2011. It was seconded by Orville. Roll call: all 'ayes. Minutes approved.

Old Business

Garage Loan

Resolution: 2011-11

MOTION: Motion is made by John and seconded by Orville to enter into a loan with First Merit Bank for \$160,000 for the purpose of the Garage Project. The term is 84 months. The interest rate is 3.46% with monthly payments of \$2,147.46. The money will be deposited into the Road & Bridge Fund and be appropriated for use. Roll Call: all 'ayes. Motion approved.

Resolution 2011-12

MOTION: Orville made the motion and it is seconded by John to transfer \$106,438.58 of the estate money received in 2009 from the General Fund to Road and Bridge Fund and appropriate for the garage project. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion approved.

New Business

Hydrant Contract with Rural Lorain County Water Authority

Clerk received a new contract proposal for the 8 township hydrants serviced by R.L.C.W.A. option 1 is to keep our current contract in which the township pays \$50/per hydrant for maintenance. Option 2 would be to sign a new contact in with the township would maintain its own hydrants. After discussion, the trustees elect to keep the current contract.

Zoning

Clerk reports Mike Finnegan will resign from the zoning commission at the end of this year.

Skip reports the visibility at the Rt. 113 intersection and Joppa Rd. is blocked due to the property owners items near the road right-of-way. They report this is has been an ongoing problem for years and have not received help from other agencies to aid in fixing the problem. As the problem is worse, trustees' will restart an effort to resolve the problem and call the Erie Co. Engineers office for information.

Trustee Reports

Skip presents and article in the Chronicle Telegram about the Ethical questions surrounding hiring family members in government positions.

Special Guest:

Dan Frederick, architect was present to discuss garage project.

He reports it will cost an additional \$1,898 to make the roof the green color to match the other township buildings.

Trustees elect not to spend the additional money for the roof green.

Architect also suggests upgrading the gates in the garage floor to iron grates. The cost of the upgrade will be \$322.

MOTION: John makes the motion and it is seconded by Orville to upgrade the grates. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion approved.

Architect also says the state requires an exit door every 100'. If someone was on the mezzanine they would be slightly over the 100'. As the trustees are not finishing that portion of the building, they request the Architect to contact the state for an exemption.

Architect received two estimates for soil analysis for septic system.

MOTION: John made the motion and it was seconded by Orville to have the work completed by Norwalk Concrete and not to exceed \$2500. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion approved.

Tim Perez reports patch work was done on Dean Rd. Vermilion Township brought a terra patcher to aid. Tim reports the equipment worked great and we should look at renting it next year.

Tim also reports a ditch and 12' tile is needed at a residence on Garfield Rd. The resident will pay for the work.

MOTION: Motion was made by Orville and seconded by John to adjourn. Roll call: all 'ayes. Meeting adjourned.

General	\$224,325.38
Motor Vehicle	9,523.15
Gasoline	33,052.94
R&B	29,038.74
Cemetery	25,145.80
Fire	40,643.50
Fire Equip	107,170.31