

Florence Township Trustees Meeting Minutes March 18, 2009

Florence Township Trustees held their regular meeting on March 18, 8am at the Florence Township Office Complex at 11011 Chapel St., Birmingham, Ohio with the following trustees present:

Orville Sayler
John Krumwiede
Raymond "Skip" Halliwell

The meeting opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: Orville makes the motion to accept the minutes from the March 4th meeting. It is seconded by John. Roll Call: all 'ayes. Minutes approved.

Special Guests – Representatives from the Health Dept. discussed services and visiting nurse program that they plan to start in April. A nurse will be at the township every three weeks to provide some medical service to residents.

Health Dept. also reports there maybe grant money available to tear down abandoned houses in the area.

Misty reports recommendation from the Trustee to the Zoning Commission regarding Wind Turbines have been submitted to Mary Morog the secretary.

New Business

Letter from Tim Reisterer was read in regarding search for an Executive Director for ECEDC.

Road Inventory needs to be submitted for 2009. Plans will be finalized and submitted to county by March 26th.

Mail Box – There was discussion about placing a mailbox in front of the township office for the town hall and fire dept. Township will currently keep Po Box , but put up a mailbox and have the mail forwarded there pending a decision from the post office's plan to rebuild.

Motion: Motion was made by John and seconded by Orville to purchase a mailbox. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion approved.

Park Grant – Misty Read a letter from Erie Co. Metroparks. They are offering \$500 in grants to use in parks. Township could not find a use for the money the met the requirements of the grant.

Skip reports researching a Junk Car Resolution.

Skip recommends replacing some of the street poles in town. He will have Tim get a price for them.

Citizens Ambulance Board – Due to lack of attendance by some of the Florence Township representatives to the ambulance board, trustees recommend finding a replacement.

Motion: John makes the motion to appoint Jim Carrico for the position. It is seconded by Orville. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion carries.

Richard Johannsen will remain as alternate.

Fire

Bill reports he would like purchase 8 sets for turn out gear.

Motion: Orville makes the motion that Bill proceed with the purchase of 8 sets of turn out gear. It is seconded by John. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion carries.

Bill reports after the Post Office fire, many of the firefighters reported problems with the rubber Boots used by the Fire Dept.. They caused blister and rubbed the skin raw. Bill reports many departments are switching to leather boots. He reports they are about \$200.

Motion: Orville makes the motion to purchase new boots for those fire fighters that want them. It is seconded by John. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion passes.

Motion: John makes the motion and it is seconded by Orville to reimburse any fire fighter that already purchased the new boots. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer reports concern over old township records and cemetery records cannot fit into the fireproof safe or fireproof filing cabinet. Bill reports while the records room is fireproof, there was concerns it would not protect the fragile records from smoke damage or water damage. He recommends the fragile records be stored in a fireproof filing cabinet. Trustees ask the fiscal officer to investigate cost of a fireproof cabinet.

Bill reports one of the Fire trucks will be in Huron Co. on April 18th for heavy lifting training, any necessary equipment that could be used for a fire run would be removed and kept at the fire house.

Bill asks to hire a grant writer to write grants for the fire dept. It will cost \$600. Bill reports this firm has been used in other townships with success and if they fail to receive money they will write the next year's grant for free.

Motion: Orville makes the motion to hire the grant writer for \$600. It is seconded by John. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion carried.

Motion: Orville make the motion to adjourn. It is seconded by John. Roll call: all 'ayes. Meeting adjourned.

General	65,590.53
Motor Vehicle	4,187.66
Gasoline	60,745.34
Road & Bridge	31,726.40
Cemetery	6,540.80
Fire	17,037.59
Fire Equip.	32,609.19
Green Rd,	57,530.00
CD	34229.78