

## Florence Township Trustees

### Regular Meeting Minutes

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 8pm

The Florence Township Trustees held their regular meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8pm. 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.

Orville makes the motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2010 meeting. It is seconded by Skip. Roll call: all 'ayes. Minutes approved.

#### Old Business

Clerk reports she received a certified letter from LaVerne Field's attorney. He requests a copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. Warholic from Dave Gulyas, Zoning Inspector. Clerk reports she sent a copy of the letter to Dave and forwarded a copy to Erie Co. Prosecutor's Office.

Laverne submits an additional letter regarding Turbotron. Clerk gave a copy to trustees and Zoning Inspector. Chairman John Krumwiede stated they are working on the situation and issues will not be resolved overnight. He states the Attorney General opinion is contrary to how the township has interpreted the law in the past and the issue needs to be revisited.

Clerk reports damage to a Verizon cable in July of 2009 had not been settled as of yet. The insurance company is handling the issue.

#### New Business

Clerk reports annual report for Bureau of Workman's Compensation is due. Our premium this year is \$17,575.96. She also reports the township underpaid in 2009 by about \$1600 for which they will send a bill.

Clerk received an estimate from Mel Yoder Roofing & Construction to repair several township building that need gutter repair. Trustees will look over bid and decided how they would like to proceed.

Clerk reports there are new reflectivity requirements on many road signs in the township. Township must be in compliance with new U.S. Dept. of Transportation standards by 2015. Tim Perez will provide a list of signs that need to be replaced and will get prices on replacing signs.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources is attempting to designate the Vermilion River as a scenic river. The township has voted in the past to deny support (Resolution 2008-6) for the designation. They were concerned over property owner's rights being in jeopardy. Several residents were at the meeting to express the following concerns:

1. Property owner rights? How does this affect their property?
2. We have EPA, Army Corps of Engineers, Health Dept and Soil and water to monitor best practices for the river. Do we need another government agency to get involved?
3. How can we trust claims that property owner's rights won't be violated, when the designation appears to be "sneaked" in with poor or no notice to residents?

#### Resolution 2010 – 5

**MOTION:** Motion was made by John Krumwiede and seconded by Orville Saylor to **not** support efforts to designate Vermilion River as a State Scenic River. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion carried. Clerk will draft a letter and send it to Erie County Commissioners and other interested parties.

Clerk reports zoning book will be reprinted with most recent changes added. Zoning Secretary, Mary Morog has presented a rough draft of new printing. It will be available for the trustees to review and approve at a future meeting.

Clerk brought up the issue of hiring summer help. Clerk will contact the Ag department at Firelands High School to see if any one there is interested.

Sheriff reports 176 calls in February to the township.

**Fire**

Chief Bill Rennie requests to purchase a new computer for the Fire Department as the current computer is outdated and starting to fail. It will cost about \$500.

**MOTION:** John makes the motion to approve the purchase. It is seconded by Orville. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion approved.

Chief Bill also requests to add Corey Baumann to the Florence Township Fire Department on probationary status.

**MOTION:** Skip makes the motion to add Corey Baumann on probationary status to the Fire dept. It is seconded by Orville. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion passed.

John Reports Vince Sliman will not seek another term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mark Sliman has expressed interest in the position and it at the meeting for an interview.

John makes the motion to go into executive session to interview for Zoning Board of Appeals position. It is seconded by Orville. Roll call: all 'yes. Motion passes.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION:** John makes the motion and it is seconded by Skip to enter back into regular session. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion approved.

**MOTION:** Skip makes the motion to appoint Mark Sliman to the Zoning board of Appeals. It is seconded by Orville. Roll call: all 'ayes. Motion approved. He will fill the seat vacated by Vince Sliman. His five year term will end on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**MOTION:** John makes the motion to adjourn. It is seconded by Skip. Roll call: all 'ayes. Meeting adjourned.

General	\$140,554.59
Motor Vehicle	3,384.39
Gasoline	50,744.80
Road & Bridge	57,743.85
Cemetery	10,140.80
Fire	31,106.43
Fire (Equip)	74,945.75