

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday January 14, 2016**

Board Chairman Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present was Supervisors Charles Quale and Allen Eld; Treasurer, John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; road maintenance employee Tim Turner; Bob Beaver, SEH, and two residents

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the January 14, 2016 agenda; motion carried.

Concern was stated that the minutes did not state the full concern of the Big Sandy Lodge tax abatement reimbursement of \$8,813.51 that the township paid back to the lodge in 2010. The minutes from the December 10, 2015, Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending December 31, 2015: General Revenue Fund, \$186,447.58; Road & Bridge Fund \$242,623.45; Sewer Fund, 4,852.19; Road Repair (black topping), \$54,350.52; Fire Fund, \$104,671.91; Building Repair Fund, \$142,628.99; Parks & Rec Fund, \$54,014.26; and the Lease/purchase \$60,677.74; for a total in the checking accounts of \$850,266.64. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$186,324.56; Building final payment CD, \$80,148.38; Sewer Fund CDs' \$90,354.71. Money market interest received in December 2015 was \$151.72. Receipts for the month were \$5,491.56. December disbursements were \$63,368.79. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to pay \$80,000 now and finance the remainder of the cost of the purchase price of the 930M loader for one year. The final payment will be \$91,353.24 payable on January 28, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the January 2016 claims and payroll totaling \$165,435.12; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Lake Country Power December 2015 Newline; Lake Country Power Special Invitation for January 27th meeting; The Mercury; Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District 2015 Annual Report; Tamarack update from Kennecott Exploration; Rinke Noonan Drainage and Wetland Conference info; Aitkin County Association of Townships January 2016 meeting info and October 2015's meeting minutes

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

Bob and Barb Griftzu informed the board that they are on the board of the Aitkin County Rivers and Lakes Fair and wanted information regarding getting a donation from the township. They were informed that that the organization needs to be a 501(c)(3) and needs to submit a letter of donation request to be presented at the annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road report – Tim Turner reported that they have plowed all of the roads 2 times; have plowed and sanded as needed, we have 2/3 salt/sand left; burned brush piles and has rolled the compost pile at the Minnewawa leaf site; 496th Lane /Eagle Nest Rd– we need to fix black top curb in the spring; Equipment maintenance completed – lights on the Sterling; replaced cutting edges, replaced backhoe window; patched fender on loader; Caterpillar contacted Tim requesting a maintenance contract for the new loader for a three years term at a cost of \$9,000; due to the expected low usage hours, the township will perform their own maintenance on the loader

498th, 210th and 211th Bob Beaver contacted Tim to inform him that there was nothing new to report, the area has not yet been surveyed

Aitkin County Land Department – Indian Portage Lots 12 thru 15 Blk 25 – the board was informed that Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner, stated that if the Town Board is interested in purchasing the property, he will have the property appraised

Allen Eld suggested contacting Terry Neff for advice as to possible locations and property to be purchased by the township that would be most beneficial for future cluster systems. Allen will contact Terry to attend a regular board meeting for further discussion regarding this issue.

Employee Insurance – no decisions were made regarding the employee disability insurance

Big Sandy Lodge Tax Abatement – Ron Smith informed the board that in his research he has not found a statute that fit for a lien that would apply to the circumstance of the \$8,813.51 of the tax deferral abatement that the township paid back to the Lodge in 2010. The clerk then sent all the information to the township attorney for his further review; the agreement was also filed with the Aitkin County Recorder. The clerk will contact the County Auditor, Kirk Peysar, to get a list and total for any back taxes paid/unpaid and invite him to the February Regular Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the issuance of a liquor license for Sheri Runke; motion carried.

The board reviewed the life insurance provided to the town board by the township. The life insurance will remain the same as last year.

The Board of Audit/Budget Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2016, at 1:00 pm.

Bob Griftzu informed the board that Willey’s Marine will decontaminate your boat of zebra mussels for free. Three stations were purchased; one is at Willey’s, one is at Farm Island and a portable one which may be on display at The Governor’s Open on Big Sandy Lake.

The Supervisors were provided with the information needed for their Board of Appeal and Equalization Training provided by the county auditor.

The Town Board reviewed and discussed the conditional use permit application for Lake Country Power for an electrical substation. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, stating that the board has no concerns regarding the Lake Country Power conditional use permit and recommends that all country rules and regulations are followed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 2:18 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Smith
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY 11, 2016, REGULAR BOARD MEETING