

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday February 11, 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; Kirk Peysar, County Auditor, and two residents.

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the February 11, 2016 agenda; motion carried.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending January 31, 2016: General Revenue Fund, \$184,688.89; Road & Bridge Fund \$156,830.17; Sewer Fund, 4,852.45; Road Repair (black topping), \$54,470.29; Fire Fund, \$42,397.85; Building Repair Fund, \$143,366.58; Parks & Rec Fund, \$54,161.67; and the Lease/purchase \$62,645.60; 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 January 2016 was \$121.02. Receipts for the month were \$518,596.86. A correction was made to the January disbursements changing the total from \$165,435.12 to \$165,571.02. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the corrected January claims and payroll totally \$165,571.02; motion carried. 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 approve the February 2016 claims and payroll totaling \$93,461.76; motion passed unanimously.

Kirk Payser – Big Sandy Lodge Tax Abatement Deferral – Kirk Payser reviewed the tax abatement agreement between the township and Big Sandy Lodge signed in July 2010. The five year deferral time period was up as of July 2015. The board and Kirk discussed the abatement agreement and the taxes already paid and the process for amounts to be collected. The township is concerned regarding the collection process of the \$8,813.51 that was returned to Big Sandy Lodge pursuant to 2011 for the 2010-2011 tax abatement agreement. It appears that Big Sandy Lodge did not take advantage of the agreement thereafter. All other taxes have been paid in full. Kirk Payser will generate the bill for Big Sandy Lodge's bill for the abated taxes from 2010-2011 generated by the County Auditor's office for the amount due and payable to Shamrock Township. A copy of said bill will be sent to the township for our records.

Kirk Payser informed the board of proposed changes to the voting process and election judge training.

John Brula informed the board that he completed the paperwork required to enroll in electronic deposit through Aitkin County for all deposits from the county to the township.

Correspondence: : Lakes and Pines Newsletter; Twin City Seed Company 2016 price list; Lake Country Power Strictly business February 2016 and Newslines Jan 2016; Lake Country Journal Feb/March 2016 issue; Aitkin County Historical Society newsletter; Minnesota LTAP Technology Exchange Winter 2016; Mark Pawelski emails; USDA Rural Development Update; a flyer from Aitkin County Law Enforcement Benevolent Association donation request

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

OLD BUSINESS:

Road report – Tim Turner reported that they have scraped and sanded as needed, have about ½ salt/sand left; the area has not yet been surveyed; been doing equipment maintenance, the Sterling is

using oil; cut brush and chipped Barret Rd, North & South Puckawana, Floe Addition; cleaned snow out of guard rails and bridge (Bridge Rd); "Yield" sign was installed at the intersection of 201st Ave & 202nd Place; there is large pine tree dead by Herman Ecklund, he said to go ahead and take it down; Tim will check with the power company about removing the tree.

Tim check with Jeff Hooper regarding electronics for clean-up day due to the sign posted at the transfer station, he said that electronics are fine and there will be no change for clean-up day.

Tim also asked what we have heard anything regarding the benches for the ball field dugouts and possibly finding alternative solution if Wayne Floe is no longer able to supply the benches.

498th, 210th and 211th Bob Beaver contacted Tim to inform him that there was nothing new to report,

Aitkin County Land Department – Indian Portage Lots 12 thru 15 Blk 25 – the board was informed that Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner, valued the subject property at \$9,000.

Allen Eld contacted Terry Neff for advice regarding septic cluster systems for Shamrock Township. Terry and Brian Koski plan on attending the March 3rd regular board meeting on March 3.

Employee Insurance – Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approved the employees' medical insurance plans to be switched from individual plans to a group plan; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to recommend the approval of and the signature of the application to allow the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club Fishing Contest on February 13, 2016; motion carried.

Appointed as election judges for March 8th township election were Richard Cox, Judy Haussner, Kathy LaBerge and John Brula with alternates Louise Ortel and Candace Bartel on a motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to pass Resolution No. 2016-3 Appointing the 2016 Absentee Ballot Board for the March election. Motion passed unanimously.

Spring clean-up day has been set for April 30, 2016, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, keeping the same standards and fees as the previous year.

The board will attend the Spring Short course at Breezy Point on March 21, 2016.

The board discussed the variance request by Lake Country Power and had no issue with said request.

The board discussed the conditional use permit requested by Neal Benkofsje for a public storage facility in an area zoned Farm Residential to be located at 18465 Goshawk St., in Shamrock Township. The Board has no objections to the requested permit and recommends that the county rules and regulations be followed.

The board reviewed the request by Grand Timber Bank/Darlow requesting to operate a gravel mining operation, which includes mining, crushing, screening and washing of materials, and a concrete plant in an area zone Farm Residential to be located at 50540 Lily Avenue., in Shamrock Township. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, stating that the board has no objections to the requested permit and recommends that the county rules and regulations be followed; motion carried.

The board was presented with the copies all 2015 permit applications (98) for Shamrock Township provided by Aitkin County Planning and Zoning.

Meeting adjourned 2:18 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Smith
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 3, 2016, REGULAR BOARD MEETING