

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 9, 2009 7 p.m.**

Board Chairperson Nancy Karjalahti called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Charles Quale, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel, road maintenance employee Tim Turner, and property owners Gordon Howe, Jerry Jurek and Rich Biernat.

The minutes from the February 12, 2009 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith. The minutes from the February 17, 2009 board of audit/budget meeting were approved on a motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending February 28, 2009: General Revenue Fund, \$(-3441.09); Road & Bridge Fund, \$282,816.92; Fire Fund, \$63,457.90; Building Fund, \$188,733.57; Sewer Fund, \$4,297.10; Parks & Rec Fund, \$15,642.63; and the Lease/purchase Fund, \$0.00. The Road & Bridge CD's total \$220,239.92; Sewer Fund CD's \$78,850.43; Kirt Properties escrow CD \$5,533.07. Interest received February 28 was \$859.95, other receipts totaled \$19,771.93; disbursements (including transfers to CD's) were \$186,098.12. Total cash and savings balance on hand as of February 28, 2009 was \$856,130.45. Liabilities are the backhoe lease at \$33,879.89 (revised to reflect the payoff amount) and the building bond at \$625,000. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith to approve payment of claims and payroll totaling \$84,309.68; motion carried

Correspondence: Legislative update information from Troy Gilchrist was distributed; 2010 Census Complete Count Committee information, 70-Mile Trail news and notice of change in the long distance phone service carrier were received and will be filed for reference.

Gordon Howe presented concerns about discharge of firearms near his house and garage on 210th Place. The sheriff, the conservation officer and a representative from DNR Forestry will be invited to attend the April 9 board meeting to address this issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report: Tim Turner reported roads were plowed as needed; scraping was done with ice blades. Additional salt (28 tons) was delivered and mixed with sand; 120 yards of sand was purchased from Sandy Lake Sand & Gravel. Brush cutting was done on 469th Street and 189th Avenue. Equipment maintenance was done. The Kodiak snowplow truck is back in service. A road sign inventory was started. The current sign supply will be used until further information is received on the new federal requirements. Mower rental for ditch and right-of-way mowing was discussed. Tim will check with area people who have mowers. The condition of the blacktop roads was discussed. Tim will get an opinion from Anderson Bros. on needed/suggested repairs. Pictures of the cracks in the tennis courts were sent to Anderson Bros. New tennis court nets will be ordered.

Nancy Karjalahti and Ron Smith were contacted by the MN Department of Health regarding levels of cadmium in the old dump site on 503rd Street. After investigating, none was found.

The annual Long Point Place bridge inspection was received from the county engineer's office. Marvin Turner will check on the suff. rate figure. It was noted that the county is planning to replace the bridge over Prairie River on County Road 14 (Lake Avenue) this summer.

Nancy Karjalahti reported that Aitkin Co. Soil and Water and DNR will not allow recycled tire aggregate to be used in wetlands due to the heavy metals that leach from the aggregate. It was decided not to order any of the product.

No new information was available on the gravel pit/gravel crush.

The clerk will check to see if the section of 506th Lane listed in the quiet title action is included in a plat and notify the township attorney.

Lake Minnewawa Association (LMA) has ordered new signs for five public accesses on Lake Minnewawa and will work with the township on putting rip rap at the Indian Portage access.

Radio System: Sheriff Turner will be asked to attend the April 9 board meeting and provide information on the new radio system requirements.

Building: The final walk-through inspection of the maintenance building was done Thursday, March 5, at 2 p.m. The architect will provide the general contractor and the board with a summary of pending issues. The rust on the ceiling was discussed; the architect will consult with the structural engineer on the best procedure to repair and prevent further corrosion. Minutes of the meeting will be reviewed at the April 9 board meeting.

Fire Department: The fire service agreement with McGregor Volunteer Fire Department was renewed for five years on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried. The sub-station agreement with the McGregor Volunteer Fire Department was renewed for one year on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried. The annual fire department report was distributed for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2009-3 allowing for the issuance of off-sale and on-sale 3.2 percent malt liquor licenses was approved unanimously on a motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale.

The annual meeting agenda was reviewed.

The clerk reported the new federal income tax rates will be used in the next payroll payments.

Spring clean-up day was set for Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Attendance at the MAT short courses was discussed. Any newly elected board members should attend the spring short course for newly elected officers. The urban short course is very beneficial to the board.

Ron Smith moved to approve the following claims that were received after the regular claims were processed: Voyageur Press, \$80.54; Willey's Sport Shop, \$171.85 and Sandy Lake Sand & Gravel, \$540.00, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Nancy Karjalahti
Shamrock Township Board Chairperson

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE APRIL 9, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.